

Committee formed to promote voter approval

A citizen committee has been formed to promote voter approval of the District 509-J school levy request which will be on the ballot September 16. Wanda Buslach and Guff Thorpe are Co-Chairman of the "This Time, Think of the Kids Committee," which is composed of school supporters from Madras, Metolius and Warm Springs.

The committee was formed after the District 509-J School Board unanimously agreed to put a \$3,229,175 proposal before the voters at its August 11 board meeting. Approval by voters will provide nearly one-third of the funds needed by the District for its existing instructional program and normal maintenance and operations.

"There are more than 2,000 good reasons for voters to support our schools," said Wanda Buslach. "These reasons are our lucky kids who need a solid, basic education if they are going to succeed in this world and be able to contribute to our community. They are our future."

Guff Thorpe, who is also school board chairman, agrees that greater community support is needed for local schools. "We like to believe that our schools are doing a pretty good job of educating children," he said, "but our schools need more dependable support from adults

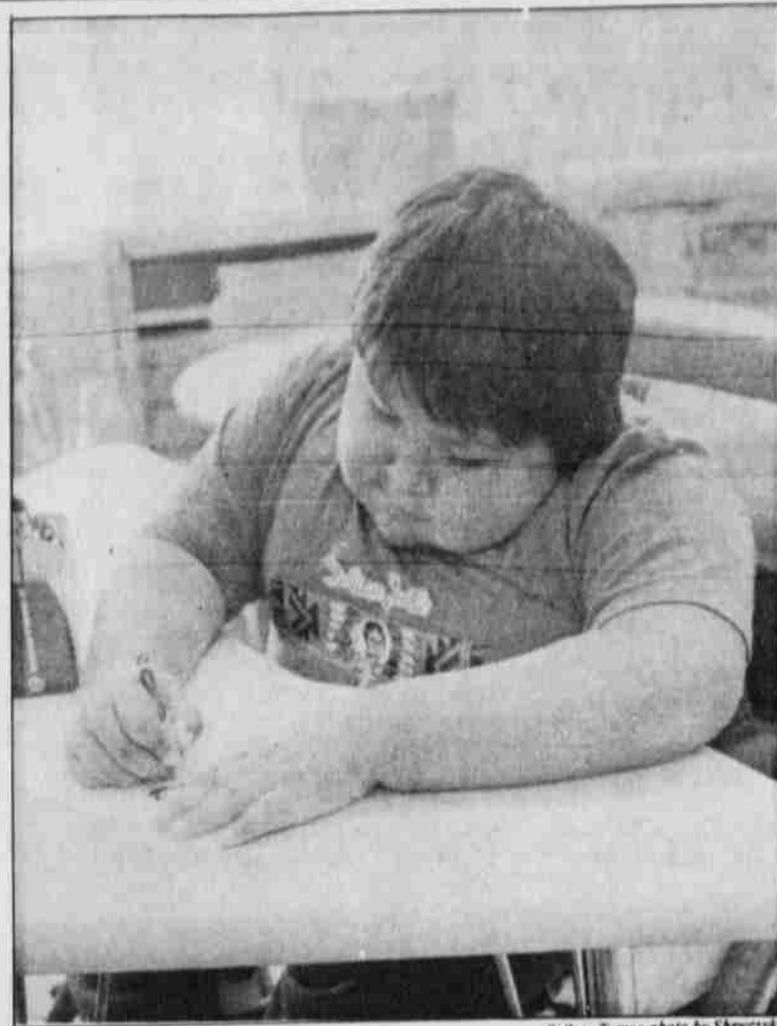
in order to keep programs going or to improve them. We don't have a very consistent record of school support in this District. Schools have had to ask two or three times before voters have approved adequate funds for a responsible educational program. This has been a costly process in terms of educational efficiency, District planning, staff work loads and teacher morale. Our "This Time, Think of the Kids" committee is working to build better understanding of how important our schools are to our community."

Buslach and Thorpe said the Committee will attempt to reach

every citizen in the District 509-J school district with more information about the District's needs before the September 16 election.

Other members of the Committee include: Ginger Morrison, Treasurer; Pat McConnel, Hand Specs; Doris Laver, mailings; Jane Westergaard-Nimocks, Evaline Patt, Burma Share signs; Ron Bruton, endorsements; Chuck Roberts, reader boards; Marie Glenn, Jay Binder, Russ Kaiser. "Saturation Saturday."

For more information about the Committee, or if you would like to help, contact Wanda Buslach, 475-6210 or Guff Thorpe, 475-2519 or 475-6348.



Warm Springs Elementary first grade student Albert Stahi colors similar characters during class his first day of school.

Involvement in activities encouraged

Freshmen are very strongly encouraged to take part in school activities and athletic programs. Experience has shown that the student who is involved in club, class, music, art, athletics, etc. is rarely a potential dropout. These students tend to succeed and that is really the way to start high school—involved and succeeding.

This fall finds fewer staff changes than any year in the past twenty. We have one half-time replacement for Janet Railsback who moved to the Vancouver area this summer. Joan Batson will be our new home economics teacher, replacing Janet. Joan has a strong home economics background, having raised three children of her own, and much experience in cooking, sewing, family living and economics as it related to the home. Joan has taught high school home economics in Arizona for three years in a school about the size of Madras High School and one with about 50 percent minority students.

It is very encouraging to note that for the 1985-86 school year, the number of student suspensions from school because of discipline and attendance problems shows a dramatic drop from the previous year. In addition, attendance figures for the 1985-86 school year are considerably improved.

Many feel that this positive change at school is a reflection of increased standards of behavior that parents are expecting from their children at home and at school. It has always been difficult for the schools to expect behavior standards that are not adhered to at home. School personnel are pleased and the community has every reason to take pride in these positive changes.

Senior color portrait deadline for yearbook portraits is Halloween. If you have a senior who has not yet had his/her picture taken, it needs to be done soon, as photographers need at least six weeks to process the pictures.

"I can" attitude stressed

by Ed Roley

A seed will not produce a flower until it breaks its shell and begins to push aside the earth which covers it. Children's lives will produce great things when they break their self imposed shells of negative thinking, and push aside the thoughts that hold them back.

This thought is particularly significant at the beginning of the school year as it represents what our teachers know is the key to opening students to the joy and satisfaction of learning. There is no limit to what students are capable of accomplishing if they develop the habit of thinking positively.

One might ask, "What happens at the Warm Springs Elementary School to help students develop positive attitudes towards learning and also themselves?"

We have a number of programs designed to deal with this major stumbling block in the path of our students education.

The Self Managers and Hall Monitor Programs along with citizenship awards in every room at the end of each month encourage the

development of responsible behavior. They have proven to be effective and there is reason to believe they will continue to be so. The Positive Change Program is a school-wide effort to focus on proven effective teaching techniques with the emphasis on positive motivational techniques. There are also attendance awards at our monthly school assemblies which are helpful in reducing the number of absences and tardies.

These programs help kids push aside the negative thoughts which cover their potential.

The only difference between children who are successful and those who fail is that one thinks in terms of I can—the other in terms of I can't. That's why it's vital to our success as a school to have students who are in the habit of thinking well about themselves and others. It's also the explanation of why we have such an emphasis on the positive.

If you have questions about this or would like to know how you might help, please call or visit the school. Concerned parents are always welcome.

Further your education

If you are 18 or older you can further your education at our Learning Center. You can enroll anytime and leave when you reach your goal. Complete high school, improve spelling, math, English skills, reading, writing or prepare for a G.E.D. Learn how to read, speak and write English as a Second Language.

Classes available include:

- Adult Basic Education (ABE)—free.
- General Educational Development (GED)—\$10/term.
- High school completion (HSC)—\$20/term.
- English for speakers or other languages (ESL).

Books are an additional charge. Morning classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Afternoon classes are from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

To register: Drop by Old Boys Dorm upstairs between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until September 19th, 1986.

Registration booth at Tribal Administration building Tuesday, September 16, 1986 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For more information about any of the classes call us at the COCC Center at Warm Springs 553-1428.

Fact sheet published by 509-J school board

To all adults living in Jefferson County School District 509-J.

Dear friends, neighbors and fellow taxpayers,

We, whom you have elected to serve on the local school board, have recently reviewed the record of annual school operating levy elections. Since 1976, local citizens have passed 10 and rejected 8 operating levies, and rejected six other school measures.

It is clear to us that we have not adequately informed citizens about school priorities, projects, and problems or needs. That is why we have requested this Fact Sheet of

questions and answers about the upcoming September 16th levy election to be sent to all mailable households in the District. We hope it will answer key questions about the funding of local schools to educate more than 2,000 local children.

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fact sheet of questions and answers

1. What is the specific proposal District 509-J voters will be asked to approve on September 16th?

The school district board of directors is requesting a one-year levy of \$3,229,175. This is a reduction of nearly half million dollars from the levy requested by the Board last May.

2. What will the operating levy provide for our local students' education?

Nearly 1/3 of the District's instructional program, of its normal maintenance and operations, and of its instructional supplies rely on levy passage. Levy approval will allow the school district to maintain instructional programs at the same level as last year. The levy would not provide any increased or new programs.

3. What have the school administration and school board done to reduce costs or to increase efficiency in school operations?

Since 1980, the District has eliminated 1/2 administrative staff positions, almost 4/5 full-time teaching positions, 1 maintenance position, and two high school elective programs. Also, custodial and aide hours have been reduced, and food services operations have been centralized. This year's budget committee cut over \$200,000 from the proposed budget. Programs affected by these cuts include athletics, maintenance, new equipment, food services and pupil transportation.

Recently, the District applied for and received a grant from the power company for energy saving modifications. This will save taxpayers an estimated \$16,000 on the District's annual electric bills.

4. Why was the levy reduced by nearly half a million dollars after it was rejected last May?

Reduction of the proposed tax levy was neither a result of last year's levy failure nor of cuts in the budget. The levy reduction was due to savings from the previous year and from the receipt of late payments of prior year's property taxes.

5. What is the biggest single problem facing our local schools?

The biggest single problem seems to be the District's inability to achieve consistent support for public schools by a majority of local voters. For the past ten years, it has frequently taken two and sometimes three elections before a majority of voters will approve a school operating levy. Uncertainty about funding reduces efficiency in staff planning and in cost control, and has a negative impact on morale and on student educational programs.

6. What will happen to our local public schools and students' education if voters fail to approve the September 16th levy?

If the levy is defeated, the School Board will have to resubmit it on the November 4th ballot. The School Board's responsibility is to provide an adequate educational program that meets state and federal standards. The Board cannot adequately educate local children with 1/3 of the instructional budget missing.

7. If voters turn down the September 16th levy request, won't that force the School Board to reduce the budget?

No. The budget committee and the elected school board have worked long and hard together to submit a levy to the voters that will fund a responsible, adequate educational program. The budget only maintains current programs. There are no new teaching positions, administrative positions, or educational programs in the 1986-87 budget. Further cutting will erode the

District's ability to provide basic education for more than 2,000 students.

8. Won't the state bail us out if voters reject the September 16th levy?

No. When the local voters say "No," the state says "No" and schools close when they run out of funds to operate. Sandy Elementary School District experienced school closure last year when voters rejected a levy for operating the schools. Sandy Elementary is only the latest of nine school districts that have been forced to close their doors for part of the school year due to levy failure.

9. What will the levy cost me?

The operating levy of \$3,229,175 will cost me no more than \$10.91 per thousand dollars of assessed property value. This past year's school levy tax rate approved by the voters was \$9.54 per thousand dollars of assessed property value. At the \$10.91 rate, the school property tax increase on property valued at \$75,000 would amount to less than 30¢ a day for one year only. If your property is valued at more or less than \$75,000, the increase would be proportionately more or proportionately less than that.

10. Is there a tax exemption for retired people living on fixed incomes?

Yes. Homeowners 62 years of older may delay paying property taxes on their residences. Apply through the County Assessor at the County Court House.



Half the fun of going to school is socializing. Madras High students gather in the hall before classes begin, to talk things over and to see who's new in school.

COCC community education offers variety

Graphic Arts Workshop-\$21.—Design and produce your own graphic art work, stationary, Christmas cards, note paper—\$8 materials fee to instructor first class. Comingore, Mon. 6:45 p.m. to 9:45 p.m., September 25, 1986 to November 13, 1986. Madras High School printshop.

Microwave cooking-\$8.—Marsh, Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. October 6 to October 27, 1986. 4-H Kitchen.

Aerobic Exercise-\$16.—In three weeks you'll feel a difference. In four weeks you'll see a difference. In five weeks others will see a difference. Look and feel great! Barney, Tuesday and Thursday, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., September 23, 1986 to November 13, 1986. Grade School.

Auto Tune-Up and Repair-\$28.—Fix-up your pickup or car under an expert eye. Work with

tool and equipment at the Tribal Garage. Lydy, Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., September 24 to November 13, 1986. At the Tribal Garage.

Microwave Cooking-\$8.—Save time! Prepare and sample easy nutritious meals. \$6 food fee to instructor first class. Marsh, Monday 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., October 6, 1986 to October 27, 1986. 4-H kitchen.

Shorthand Review.—October 1986, to be arranged call 553-1428 for more information. College Preparation.

Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Math 100-\$86.—For students who are preparing for College. Meets Monday and Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Old Boys Dorm. From September 22, 1986 to December 10, 1986. Instructor Carol Robart. Book fee approximately \$27.

College English Prep.—For stu-

dents who want to brush-up on English skills before going to College. Meets Thursday 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Old Boys Dorm. From October 2, 1986 to November 20, 1986. No cost to student. Instructor Jayroe Thomas.

Warm Springs school sets open house

Family and friends of students of Warm Springs Elementary are invited to attend an Open House on Monday, September 15. We will be meeting in the gym at 7:30 p.m. for a short assembly. Afterwards you will have an opportunity to visit the students' classrooms and meet the teachers.

Students are welcome to attend with their parents or guardians.

Education meeting set Sept. 15

The Tribal Education committee will hold a public meeting Monday, September 15, 1986 at the Agency Longhouse at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda for the evening will entail the Community Learning Center, 509-J District tax levy,

higher education guidelines, federal programs, employee training and the election of members for the Johnson O'Malley committee.

Tribal members are invited to attend the meeting. If you have concerns or are in one of the programs, your input is welcome.

Kester places first in race

Sixteen-year-old John Kester has been riding a winning circuit since he won first place in the Pi-Ume-Sha Endurance Race in 1985.

Since that time Kester has worked hard to obtain a jockey's license and has been riding for Raylees Farm in Vancouver, Washington. The farm is owned by Roland Ferguson.

This year Kester won the feature race at the Redmond track and a race in the Prineville para-mutual. He, also, finished first in two races at the Tillamook Fair and has won numerous other races.

Kester's latest achievement, however, is his best. Kester finished first in the Chief Joseph Appaloosa Futurity race at the Oregon State Fair in Salem winning a purse of \$10,000. Kester receives ten percent of the purse, the remainder going to Truckles Queen's owner Barry Crutchfield.

5. What is the biggest single problem

On the road much of the time Kester will finish high school through tutoring and at night once the race season is over. During the day he trains horses and works at keeping his weight at 109 pounds. Visits at his home in Gateway are short.

Kester will be riding in Salem followed by races at Portland Meadows and, then, will compete at Longacres in Seattle.

Attention boxers

Those persons between 10 and 35 years of age interested in boxing, need to sign a waiver at the Community Center.

Practice begins Thursday, September 4 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Community Center boxing room which is located in the basement. For more information contact Elliott Lawson at 553-1765 or Gerald Smith at 553-1546.