

School Board to hear bond sales proposals

The Morrow County School Board will meet in special session Monday, April 3, to hear proposals from firms specializing in assisting with bond sales. The District is seeking assistance in the sale of the \$4.8 million in building bonds.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the District Office in Lexington.

Library storytime starts for youngsters today

A weekly story session for pre-schoolers, ages 2-5, will begin Thursday (today) at the Heppner City library. The sessions, featuring stories and finger plays will begin at 10:30 a.m. and last approximately 30 minutes.

The story sessions are being arranged by Joy Krein and will continue through the end of the school year.

Personal Property Tax Deadline April 15

Morrow County Tax Collector Elvira Irby informs residents of a change in collection procedure for delinquent personal property tax, including taxes due on mobile homes.

This year, warrants for delinquent personal property taxes will be served by publication in The Gazette-Times, the official newspaper of Morrow County. In previous years the warrants have been served by certified mail.

Mrs. Irby said payments must be received or postmarked by April 15.

Levy election.....

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payers will be assessed about \$10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. That figure includes the building bond issue approved by voters two weeks ago.

Morrow County's rate for the current year is \$7.58 per \$1,000 and by comparison, Umatilla schools require a tax

rate of \$30.54; Milton-Freewater, \$18.14; Pendleton, \$16.88 and Hermiston at \$14.07.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and polling places are Heppner Elementary School, Lexington School District Office, Ione High School, Riverside High School and the County Office Building in Irrigon.

Heppner budget meeting to be held tonight

The Heppner Budget Committee will conduct a public meeting Thursday (today), March 30, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Heppner Budget Officer Marshall Lovgren urges anyone interested in commenting on budget allocations for the coming fiscal year to attend the meeting and express their opinions.

One School Board, four Advisory Committee seats on April 4 ballot

A two-candidate race for the Boardman position on the Morrow County District School Board and four positions on county Advisory Committees will be on the ballot Tuesday, April 4, along with the School District budget question.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations: Heppner Elementary School, School District Office in Lexington, Ione High School, Riverside High School and the Morrow County Office Building, Irrigon.

Statements from each candidate are printed below.

Boardman School District Board Member

Kenneth Broadbent, incumbent—"I have children in school and am very interested in education in Morrow County. The Board has dealt with, and solved, some very hard problems in the last couple of years, especially growth in the North end. The new school building program will, hopefully, solve the growth problem for the next few years. The Board has tried to look into the future and to build for the future. I've enjoyed serving on the Board and want to thank all the people of Morrow County for supporting me."

Larry Leichter—"I thought it was time to have somebody on the Board who wanted to get more of the public to participate in the meetings. Having attended meetings, it seems that public input is more discouraged than encouraged. I think the school budget is a major item on the agenda. If the people could get more involved they could come up with better ideas than come out of the

meetings now. The school bus safety program could be stepped up. I know from experience, since my wife is a bus driver, that some of the buses in this area are not safe for children. I don't think the school budget is too high, but I do feel some of the priorities as far as the budget is concerned are wrong."

Heppner Schools Advisory Committee, Position 2

Frank Pearson—"We have a little girl just starting through school and I'd like to have some influence on her education. Also, I think it's a good way to become more involved in the community."

Heppner Schools Advisory Committee, Position 7

Judy Currin—"I don't have any axe to grind but I have been encouraged to run and I have always been very interested in education in the county. I have five children, the oldest will graduate this year and the youngest is entering first grade."

Steve Peck—"I feel as the school district grows, the need for local voice on the Advisory Committees will grow and grow. We need someone who will speak out on the important issues that directly affect the people from the area he represents."

Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee, Position 1

Earl Trudeau—"I've always been interested in school curriculum and activities. I think we have a long way to go to solve our schools' problems and I'd like to have a voice in the decision-making. We need to come up with the best education we can that will prepare our kids for life later

on."

Two candidates, Mary Martin, running for position 4 on the Ione Schools Advisory Committee, and Francine

Evans, running for position 6 on the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee, were unavailable for comment. Both candidates are unopposed.



The Easter Bunny was mobbed by delighted pre-schoolers as he passed out Easter candy at the Elks sponsored Easter Egg Hunt in Heppner City Park last Saturday morning.

Atiyeh to make campaign stop here

Victor Atiyeh, minority leader of the Oregon Senate, plans to stop in Morrow County next week in his bid for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

A no-host get-acquainted dinner will be held for the candidate in Heppner on Friday, April 7, in the West of Willow at 7:15 p.m. Atiyeh will give a short speech followed by a question and answer period. Ione residents will get a

chance to meet Atiyeh at a breakfast session at 7:15 a.m. at Beecher's Cafe. He will also answer questions concerning his position on different issues at this get-together.

Details of a campaign stop in Boardman have not yet been arranged.

Atiyeh, a Portland businessman, served in the Oregon House of Representatives for three terms and is currently serving his fourth term in the Oregon Senate. He is a past

president of Portland Executive Association and also served as president on the Columbia Pacific Council. Atiyeh ran unsuccessfully against Bob Straub for governor in 1974.

"We want to encourage everyone to meet Victor

Atiyeh while he is in the county," said Don Peterson, Morrow County chairman of the Atiyeh for Governor Committee. He asks persons interested in attending the scheduled dinner or breakfast to call him at 422-7136.

HHS scoreboard bonds are now available

Some 250 bonds to be used in a fund raising drive to replace the basketball scoreboard in the Heppner High School Gymnasium were distributed to Chamber of Commerce members Monday.

The \$10 bonds can be purchased from most Chamber members or through the high school. The bonds may also be purchased in the form of a tax deductible donation and recognition will be given to each donor on a donor board to be located in the gymnasium.

The high school is attempting to raise \$2,500 through the bond sales to purchase two new scoreboards—one for the northwest corner of the gym and one for the southeast corner—with one of the scoreboards providing team and individual foul information in addition to the score, time and quarter.

The bonds will be repaid by halftime drawings at both the varsity football and basketball games. Names of three bond holders will be drawn at each game until all the bonds are repaid.



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Notice to tax payers

Residents are reminded that payment of personal property taxes, including mobile homes, is due by April 15, 1978.

Taxpayers are also informed that a change in procedure of collection of delinquent personal property taxes is being made this year. Warrants for delinquent personal property taxes will be published in The Gazette-Times, the official newspaper for Morrow County, instead of warrants being sent by certified mail as in previous years.

Elvira Irby
Morrow County Tax Collector

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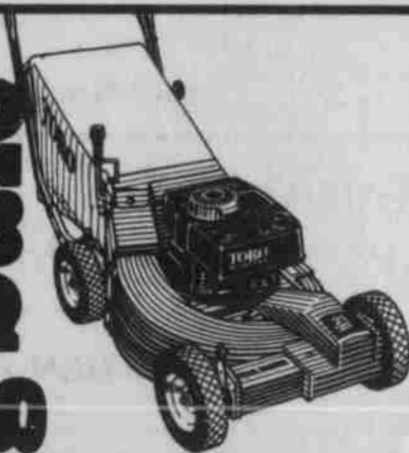
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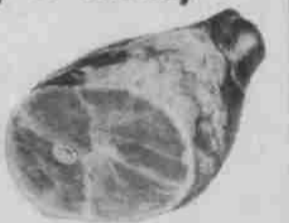
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