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## School Board to review extra-curricular policies

The Morrow County School Board has decided to review and possible change the district's eligibility requirements that determine whether athletes and other students may participate in outside the classroom activities.

Under the urging of newly appointed board member, Paul Sumner, the board agreed Monday night to form

a committee which will study minimum grade standards required before students may

participate in sports, music and speech.

The district presently follows guidelines put down by the Oregon Schools Activity Association (OSAA) which say that "an eligible student is one

who is enrolled in school, attending regularly and doing passing work in four full and regular subjects, and who,

during the immediately preceding semester, completed passing work in four full and regular subjects."

Students who do not meet these requirements are not permitted to participate in sports or certain other extra-curricular activities. If ineligible students compete, their school may be barred from post-season sports play and other activities.

Sumner suggested to the school board that perhaps the OSAA guidelines weren't

tough enough for the school district, and he asked that the board review the rules and set a district-wide eligibility policy.

The school board agreed to review the rules, and board

Chairman Kenneth Broadbent appointed a committee of himself, Sumner, board members Jean Bennett and Irvin Rauch, all the school district principals, and three as yet unnamed parents to be chosen by the board members.

The committee will meet on Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Riverside school.

In other business, the school board appointed Bob Stevens to another 3-year term on the budget committee, and accepted Paul Sumner's resignation from his layman's position on the budget committee. The board also learned that committee member

Francine Evans does not wish to be appointed to another term on the budget committee.

The board also heard from Superintendent Matt Doherty, who said a recently drilled 60-foot well at Columbia Jr. High, Irrigon, was producing good water at 200 gallons a minute. He said a pump would be installed soon.

Doherty also told the board that he expected a metal bus barn to be finished soon at Boardman. He said the building will be shipped to Boardman and will take 30 days to erect.

## Health Center named in lawsuit

A \$351,681 wrongful death suit has been filed in Umatilla Circuit Court against the Morrow County Mental Health Center.

The estate of Lou Anne Roth, who lived on Blackhorse Rd. near Lexington filed the

suit July 24.

Also named in the suit is a Umatilla County psychiatrist Dr. Richard Johnson, and the Eastern Oregon Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center.

According to the Morrow County District Attorney's

office, the suit alleges that Dr. Johnson was working for the Morrow County Mental Health Center when he allegedly prescribed a drug to Lou Anne Roth which caused her to have a cardiac toxic reaction which resulted in her death.

## Rodeo riders compete for prizes Fri., Sat., Sun.

Quite a few prizes will be on the line Friday, Saturday and Sunday as riders, ropers and steer wrestlers and others compete in the 1980 Morrow County Rodeo. Events begin Friday night, August 22, at 7 p.m., when rodeo competitors from Morrow County only will go after two saddles, buckles, boots,

cash and other prizes in 11 different entries.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 23 and 24, beginning at 1:30 p.m., contests will start in the open rodeo events.

Winners here will receive cash, spurs and a trophy for best all-around cowboy.

In Morrow County only events, entries must have

lived within the county for one year. Prizes include: a watch from Peterson's Jewelers, spurs from Fullerton Horse Trailers, Buckles and boots from Gardner's Mens' Wear, a gift certificate from Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, \$50 cash for the all-around Cutsforth award, and two fine highly coveted saddles, one from

Kinzua Corp for the winner of the calf roping, and one from Morrow County Grain Growers for best all-around.

Events in the county rodeo will include calf roping, steer roping, cow riding, senior barrels, breakaway and team roping.

In the open rodeo, events include bareback, team rop-

ing, saddlebronc, bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, barrels and breakaway, races and pee-wee barrels.

The open rodeo events begin each day, Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the rodeo arena on the fairgrounds in Heppner.

## Jernstedt says pressure 'tremendous'

State Senator Ken Jernstedt said in Heppner Monday that the pressure during the recently completed state legislative session was "tremendous."

"We had pressure from everywhere," Jernstedt said in reference to the legislature's efforts to make up a \$204 million shortfall in revenues for the current budget. Referring to a famous quote from WWII, Jernstedt said, "Never have so many descended on so few."

"It was a no-win situation, because we couldn't make everyone happy."

Jernstedt told the chamber of commerce that he was very pleased, however, with the work of the legislature. He said the law makers did several things to make up the short fall in the state budget.

One, he said the state will require earlier payment of taxes from small businesses and some insurance companies.



Jernstedt talks with Justine Weatherford during Heppner visit

Two, the state will cut back through a sort of freeze on hiring new employees, and three, the legislature cut expenditures by about \$104 million.

Jernstedt said the reason for the shortfall was a downturn in the lumber and tourist industries, and faulty forecasting by economists.

"Economists have the same

relationship with the economy as weather forecasters have with the weather," he said in explaining the faulty revenue projections.

## Voters to decide tax base

Voters this November will decide on a tax base for the Morrow County School District.

At a meeting Monday night, the board of directors voted to present a new base of \$4,694,615 to the voters for approval.

Presenting the tax base is required by Oregon law, and one board member said that was the only reason he voted in favor of presenting the new base.

Irvin Rauch moved that the board present a tax base "according to ORS" for the \$4,694,615, but "I want it (the motion) to say that because I'm against it," he said.

Superintendent Matt Doherty recommended the amount the board should present to the people for a new base.

He said next year's estimated budget is \$6,259,487, and of that, 75 percent or 4,694,615 will come from local taxes.

The present tax base for the district is \$588,510.

## Sludge discussion August 21

A meeting of the East Central Oregon Association of Counties will be held on Thursday, Aug. 21, at 10 a.m. at the Hermiston City Hall and Council Chambers, 295 East Main St. in Hermiston.

Business includes discussion of the Morrow County sludge dumping proposal.

## Be on the lookout for home improvement deals

Morrow County Assistant District Attorney Annetta Spicer says area residents should be on the lookout for home improvement salesmen who may be operating in a "Williamson Gang" style.

"It's been several years since they (the Williamson Gang) were through here," says Spicer, "so we may be due for another visit."

The Williamson Gang is a group which comes into a community offering low

priced siding, roofing and other improvement jobs. They do little or no work before leaving town with the victim's money. If any work is done it is usually of poor quality.

Spicer says several people, including herself, have been

called by such salesmen in the past several weeks, and she advises anyone who receives a call to get all the information they can, and if the information appears suspicious, contact the sheriff's department.

## Three turn in ballot petitions for city spots

So far three persons have turned in petitions to have their names on the ballot in November for election to the Heppner City Council, Mary McCabe reports.

Joyce Winter, Cliff Green and Ron Forrar all have submitted petitions.

All three are now serving on the council. There are a total of four council seats and the

mayor's chair up for election.

At present no one has turned in a petition for the mayor's position, a two-year term.

Joyce Winter, appointed recently to fill a vacancy, has

filed for the only two-year term on the council.

Candidates have until Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 5 p.m. to have their petitions into city hall.

## New associate psychologist hired for Morrow County

Ms. Alison Lockwood Turner has recently been hired to fill the associate psychologist position at Morrow County Mental Health Service.

Ms. Turner replaces Mr. Larry Gordon, who resigned in May. Ms. Turner is a native Oregonian who received her B.A. in psychology from Willamette University and her M.S. in counseling psychology



Ms Alison Lockwood

from the University of Missouri at Columbia.

"Ms. Turner brings a wealth of experience and training in the mental health field to Morrow County," said a county spokesperson. She has worked with the chronically mentally ill in transition from institutional to independent living. She has also worked with correctional agencies

and offenders, multiple handicapped and emotionally disturbed children, mentally retarded adults, elementary school children, and community residents seeking counseling.

Ms. Turner is especially interested in marriage and family counseling and Child-

dren's Services. She is experienced in clinical assessment of both children and adults.

Ms. Turner and her husband Paul, will make their home in Boardman, where she will be primarily responsible for mental health services in North Morrow County.



Asleep in the saddle

Here's one small fairgoer who just had to take a break. Josilyn Evans, 2, takes a break from fair activities Sunday to catch a nap in Grandpa Royal Raymond's lap. The show goes on, however, as this Friday, Saturday and Sunday is the Morrow County Rodeo.

## Firewood theft on the increase

People caught cutting firewood, fence posts or poles on private and public lands without permission or permit will be prosecuted, says Assistant District Attorney Annetta Spicer.

Spicer says the problem has increased just recently with numerous private property owners complaining of theft of wood.

"We had three complaints in one week," Spicer told the Gazette-Times last week.

"And that's a large number."

She said, in one instance, a bundle of cut poles was broken open and the wood cut up.

"Property owners want to make it known they don't want their wood taken," she said.

She added that anyone found guilty of cutting wood illegally is subject to a Class A

misdeemeanor, which carries a penalty of a maximum \$1,000 fine and one year in jail.

People who want to cut wood should check with the US Forest Service for permits, and maps of available areas, says Spicer. She said the permits are available at the Forest Service office in Heppner 24 hours a day, seven days a week. "The permits are free," she adds.

## High school students urged to check schedules

All high school students are encouraged to come to the school during the week of Aug. 25-29 to check their schedules and pay fees, says high school counselor Michele Portmann.

## Port signs contract

The Port of Morrow signed a contract last Thursday, Aug. 14, with Reid-Strutt Inc., Portland, for construction of a sedimentation basin at the Port's waste water treatment system near Boardman. Total cost of the basin is

\$209,056, and is part of a larger \$500,000 expansion project to the treatment system.

The project is expected to take 90 days to complete.

The Port took the action at a meeting in Boardman.