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Budget responsible

The proposed school budget for next year, the one voters will be asked to decide on Tuesday, is a good example of sound, responsible school financing, and one which holds the line against inflation. For these reasons it (both 'A' and 'B' ballots) should be approved.

With the inflation rate up in double digits now, (who keeps track anymore?) bringing expenditures in under 10 percent as the administration and budget committee have done, is not exactly remarkable, but at least responsible. Employee demands, supply increases and all the other expenses which go along with running a \$6 million school district all take their toll and force the budget up each year, and the administration has shown restraint in putting together the proposed budget. It is by no means a "pie in the sky" request.

What could be a stumbling block for many county taxpayers, however, is the amount of local property taxes it will take to support next year's proposals. School Superintendent Matt Doherty has stated many times that the district is expected to be short on state and federal support, forest fees and cash-carry-over when it begins its new year in 1981-82. What this adds up to is if the district wishes to maintain its present level of school activities and programs, it must shoulder more of the cost in providing them.

But when you do some comparison shopping you find that Morrow County even with a proposed tax rate of 9.17 is still quite a bit lower than our neighbors. The Hermiston school district in Umatilla County had a 1980-81 rate of 11.87 per thousand of valuation, (the lowest in the county), and Echo school district had 23.36 (the highest).

The Morrow County School budget is not fat, and when voters go to the polls next Tuesday they must decide whether or not to keep the level of education they have. We feel they should.

Evening aerobic dance classes postponed

The evening BMCC Extension aerobic dancing courses, both beginning and advanced, will be postponed one week, says BMCC area coordinator Nancy Brownfield. Instructor for these classes, Joyce Hughes, had a baby March 13.

Brownfield says there is still room for enrollment in some classes, such as tile painting, golf and tennis. Registering for these classes should be done as soon as possible, says Brownfield.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., March 30 - McChicken sandwiches, tater tots, salad, fruit.

Tues., March 31 - Sloppy Joes, lettuce salad, corn, dessert or salad bar.

Wed., April 1 - Cook's Choice

Thurs., April 2 - rice and gravy, rolls, cabbage salad, fruit crisp or salad bar.

Fri., April 3 - tacos, shredded lettuce, cheese sticks, cold tomatoes, cake.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Budget request reasonable

To the Editor:

The budget request for Morrow County Schools which is to be voted upon on March 31 represents a 9.9 percent increase over the previous years budget.

When we consider the current rate of inflation, the increase does not seem to be unreasonable.

The district educational program is important to all of us here in Morrow County. In view of our very favorable tax rate which is far below many of our less fortunate neighboring districts, I do not see any reasons for reducing our support of our schools.

Morrow County young people deserve the same opportunities as those in other districts throughout the state.

I am aware that the budget committee and the districts local advisory groups have already made large reductions in the original budget proposal.

I am concerned that any further reduction in the school district budget would directly affect the schools offerings to our students. This is something that shouldn't happen.

Our support for the school is very much needed.

Tad Miller

Yes on school budget

To the Editor:

Voters who will vote on the Morrow County School District budget this year will be asked to vote on both an A and a B levy.

The district is required to split its budget request, because the state provides homeowner relief for only a portion of the money the district will need to operate the schools. The district must vote on the amount the state will partially fund and the amount that is totally funded locally on different ballots.

Last year the district was able to avoid two ballots by using up its cash carryover to offset the B levy. This year's loss of revenue from sources such as basic school support and Federal Forest fees along with very little carryover money makes a B levy necessary.

If the district is to continue its present level of quality education, voters must approve the entire levy. I urge you to vote YES for schools on March 31st.

Ken Broadbent
Chairman
Morrow County School Board

Use our county road crew

To the Editor:

I am writing a response to Eric Anderson's proposal for a crash program. As a county resident and a Road Department employee, I agree that we need to invest in some major improvements in our road system. However, contracting out the improvement work is the worst solution.

When county work is contracted out, our county tax dollars are being spent for some big corporation's profits. We don't really need to spend our tax dollars for corporate profits.

Mr. Anderson alleges that the county crew has "little expertise" for resurfacing paved roads. This simply is not correct. Our Morrow County crew is experienced both in construction and resurfacing of paved roads.

We can do the job if we are given enough men and adequate equipment to do the work.

Mr. Anderson also says, "County crew is unionized. Let's not enlarge it." This blatantly anti-union attack is not a rational or reasonable consideration for voting on any issue. I would urge my fellow taxpayers to ignore such narrow-minded prejudices.

I would further point out that "yellow dog" contracts, which prohibit the unionization of workers, are illegal in this country. Therefore, Mr. Anderson cannot guarantee that any contractor who may be hired by the county will be non-union or will not organize a union.

Finally, I would point out that there are a number of firms which will lease or rent heavy equipment. I certainly would recommend that the county consider leasing the necessary equipment.

Finally, I would urge all of you to remember that our county roads do need major improvements. Our county workers in the crew are able to do the job if we are given enough employees to do the work, and it will cost less than contracting out because the county doesn't require a profit. Let's get the job done efficiently and effectively with our county road crew.

Louie Eng,
Shop Steward

Lexington

JUSTICE COURT

Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases over the past week:

Rick Jerald Rea, Box 363, Heppner, (vehicle owned by Morrow Machine and Manufacturing, Inc., P.O. Box 318, Boardman, \$65 bail forfeited;

Lloyd Harrison Humphrey, 424 S. 9th St., St. Helens, hunting prohibited methods (with an unplugged shotgun) - \$39 bail forfeited;

Michael William Judd, P.O. Box 566, Lexington, exceeding maximum speed (67 miles per hour in a 55 mph speed limit) - \$22 fine;

Terry Dan Fife, 1501 2nd St., Umatilla, exceeding maximum speed (64 mph in a 55 mph speed limit) - \$34 bail forfeited;

Craig Howard White, Box 6707, Bend, violation of basic rule (36 mph in a 25 mph designated speed) - \$18 fine;

Janice M. Risner, P.O. Box 221, Hansen Apt., Heppner, failure to perform duties of driver involved in accident - \$155 fine;

Christen Peter Jorgensen, P.O. Box 141, Main St., Ione, no Oregon driver's license - \$55 bail forfeited;

Andrew James Gorman, N. Hwy. 74, Heppner, violation of basic rule (37 mph in a 25 mph designated speed limit) - \$18 fine;

John Martin Carnes, P.O. Box 134, Tehachapi, exceeding maximum speed (65 mph in a 55 mph speed limit) - \$8 fine;

Michael Alexander Kitchen, Pine Creek Ranch, Drewsey, Ore., defective equipment - \$6 fine;

Curtis Arthur Briggs, P.O. Box 661, Heppner, open container of liquor in vehicle (beer) - \$29 fine;

Robert Allen Plovhar, 375 W. Union, P.O. Box 224, Heppner, expired vehicle license - \$6 fine suspended;

Linda Lee Hager, 296 N. Court St., Heppner, exceeding maximum speed (64 mph in a 55 mph speed limit) - \$8 fine.

Sew-and etc. club start record books

By KRISTEN GREEN

The Sew-and-etc. club started their recent meeting by doing record books. Club members have been working on sewing projects since the beginning of the year and now are working on cooking skills. Club member Kimberly Hughes has been working on patchwork.

COMPARATIVE TAX RATES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN UMATILLA & MORROW COUNTIES 1980-81 SCHOOL YEAR

Helix	17.56
Pilot Rock	13.27
Tum-A-Lum with Union High	17.60
Echo	24.52
Umatilla	15.00
Hermiston	13.03
Ferndale with Union High	18.16
Umapine	19.45
Pendleton	15.28
Weston-Athena	16.81
Milton-Freewater Schools	15.91
Stanfield	21.55
Ukiah	23.94
★ Morrow County	8.07
Proposed 1981-82 rate (Approx.)	9.17

The teachers of Morrow County & other concerned citizens feel that this alone is reason enough to support the 1981-82 budget.

VOTE YES ON BOTH THE A & B BALLOTS

This information provided by the Morrow County Education Assoc., & co-sponsored by the American Assoc. of University Women

Obituaries

Hillard William Brown

TOLEDO, OREGON - Hillard Brown - Hillard William Brown, 72, of Toledo, died at his home on Tuesday, March 22.

He had been a resident of Toledo since 1965, coming from Heppner where he had been a school teacher and administrator.

Mr. Brown was administrator at the Mary Harrison Elementary School in Toledo before his retirement seven years ago.

Since moving to Toledo Mr. Brown was active in Toledo's Elks Lodge No. 1664, their Rotary Club, chamber of commerce, city council and planning commission. He was also a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and a member of the National Retired Teacher's Association (NRTA).

Survivors are his wife, Lucille, of Toledo; two daughters, Virginia Brown, German, and Beverly Craig of Salem; two brothers, Robert of LaGrande and Richard of Grant's Pass; a sister, Judith Crockett of Myrtle Point; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 28, at 2 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Toledo. Interment will be in Toledo Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to the Rotary Lincoln County Foundation.

Dean Stout

MARSING, IDAHO - Word has been received here of the recent death of Dean Stout, of Marsing.

Mr. Stout was born in Heppner on Jan. 28, 1927, the son of James and Vada Hiatt Stout.

He attended Heppner and Hermiston elementary schools and West Linn High School.

A veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Stout was a carpenter for 27 years in the Portland area.

In March, 1979, he moved to Marsing, Idaho, where he owned and operated Stout's Snake River Aviaries until his death.

He was a member of several bird associations.

Military graveside services were held at Vale Cemetery, Vale, Oregon.

Mr. Stout is survived by his wife, Evelyn, of Marsing; his mother, Vada Stout and a sister, Anita Stout, both of Tillamook; and a brother, Ted Stout, of Riggins, Idaho.

Contributions may be made to the Cancer Society.

Randy James Schaffer

BOARDMAN - Randy James Schaffer, 30, of Boardman, died in an accident at Simplot Farms in 3-Mile Canyon Friday, March 20.

Mr. Schaffer was born July 2, 1950 in Seattle, Washington. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Gene Christian, of Klamath Falls, and his father, Jeff Schaffer, of British Columbia.

Private cremation services were held Saturday, with Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, in charge of arrangements.

BIRTHS

Benjamin Aaron McElligott - A son, Benjamin, was born to Nancy and Peter McElligott, Ione, on March 20, 1981, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Benjamin weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. He joins a brother, Brian, at home.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don McElligott, Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wade, Condon. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hiatt, Portland, Mrs. Lester Wade, Portland and Mrs. Dorothy Rintoul, Tigard.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner over the past week include:

Cleo VanWinkle, Heppner, admitted March 16, discharged March 21;

James Campbell, Lone Rock, admitted March 16, discharged March 17;

Wilma Willis, Heppner, admitted March 17, discharged March 20;

Opal Key, Heppner, admitted March 18, discharged March 20;

Richard Sherman, Heppner, admitted March 20, discharged March 22;

Nancy McElligott, Ione, admitted March 20, discharged March 22; and

Lois Hunt, Lexington, admitted March 20, discharged March 21.

Patients receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, March 23 were:

Neola Mackey, Ione, admitted March 19; and

Paul Bailey, Heppner, admitted March 20.

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