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Letters To The Editor

Same opportunity

To the editor:

In recent letters to the editor, some mention was made concerning the fact that no fee is collected from seniors from Ione who ride the bus and attend the senior meal site in Heppner. We would like to explain the reason for this.

It was decided at the July 15, 1981 Morrow County Senior Citizen Advisory Committee that "transportation is free to those who ride to the meal site."

In the past, meals were taken to Ione from the Heppner meal site and the senior citizens from Ione had their meals served to them at

the Ione United Church of Christ. It was decided by the Morrow County Senior Citizen Advisory Committee that the monies used to deliver meals to Ione be used to offset the cost to bring Ione and Lexington residents to Heppner to attend the meal site. This also gives them the opportunity to share in a county program. It's only fair that if Heppner senior citizens can ride the bus to the meal site at no charge, the seniors of Lexington and Ione should have the same opportunity.

Respectfully,
The Heppner Senior Citizen Meal Site Committee

Why 'no'?

To the editor:

The 1982-83 operating levy was defeated by 29 votes. Three of five communities rejected it. The fact that the overall margin of defeat was small should not cloud the fact that three communities did not pass it.

The budget committee is trying to analyze the reason for the "no" vote. No one appeared at the public hearing to testify or protest. Zero knowledge was gained from that. The proposed defeated budget was only 3.37 percent higher than last year's. The school budget showed an 11 percent increase and Blue Mountain Community College showed a six percent increase. Both the school and B.M.C.C. budgets passed with commanding ease. So, percent increase in spending apparently was not a factor. The tax rate for the proposed defeated budget was to be 17 cents per thousand dollars of assessed evaluation cheaper than the current tax rate now.

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Historical Soc. meets

By DELPHA JONES

The Morrow County Historical Society Board of Directors met for a quarterly meeting Monday at the Bank of Eastern Oregon conference room in Heppner.

The group looked at old pictures of early county road construction and pictures of the 1903 flood. The pictures will be hung in the Morrow County Courthouse courtroom. Other business included:

— board members voted to purchase eight folding chairs to be donated to the museum.

— reports are being prepared on several area century-old farms which will be honored this fall.

— a letter was read from a George Wash. woman concerning her ancestors from this area.

— research material is being gathered on early Morrow County mills and the society is searching for information on the old Burgoyne mill at Lexington.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisler, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hayes, Barton Clark, Harold Becket, Rachel Harnett, Sue Vinson, Barbara Bloodworth, Helen Currin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Peck, Ruth McCabe and Delpha Jones.

being paid. The fiscal year 1981-82 rate is \$4.39 per thousand and the proposed tax rate with the Portland General Electric tax off-set would have been \$4.22 per thousand. So high tax rate is apparently not a factor.

Elections are too costly to use them to play guessing games between budget committees and voters. The budget committee needs to have accurate information in order to know how best to achieve voter acceptance.

The county is required by law to submit a request for a new tax base this year. This is going to be done in May. It is hoped that the voters will adopt the new proposed tax base. It will be for a reasonable amount to keep the county operable.

Warren H. McCoy
Eldon E. Padberg
Chris Lovgren
Donald McElligott
Terry Thompson
Dorothy Krebs
The Budget Committee

Obituaries

Willard (Bill) Steelman

BOARDMAN - Willard (Bill) Steelman, 61, of Boardman died at his home on April 6, 1982.

Mr. Steelman was born February 17, 1921 in Salem, Missouri and lived in Heppner, the John Day Valley and Baker before moving to Boardman two years ago. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 10 at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. Burial was at Hermiston Cemetery.

Mr. Steelman is survived by his wife, Clara Lee of Boardman; four sons: Willard B. Jr. of Edmonds, Wash., Kenneth of Boardman, David and James, both of Ione; a daughter Glenda Colvard of Ione; two brothers: Joseph Steelman of Pendleton and Henry Steelman of Kilgore, Texas; five sisters: Maude-line Hayes, Goldie Hagen and Imogene Southards, all of St. Louis, Missouri, Bessie Ternes and Virginia Black, both of Salem, Missouri; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother Doyle Steelman, and his parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Cancer Fund, Burns Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Ann Spicer reported that Jerry Stefani, 32 of Ione pleaded guilty to First Degree Criminal Trespass in Morrow County (Heppner) Justice Court last Wednesday, April 7. Spicer said proceedings were stayed for one year and Stefani was ordered to pay court costs of \$78.16.

In other news, Spicer reported that Earle Alexander Barton, 31 of the Walla Walla State Penitentiary went before Morrow County Circuit Court on Friday, April 9 on a Habeas Corpus proceeding. Barton was challenging Oregon's duty to return him to Washington to face escape charges. Spicer said Barton was ordered to be returned to Washington.

On Wednesday, April 7, Leland Shippentower, 27 of Pendleton failed to appear on charges of alleged Felony Driving While Suspended. Spicer said a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Health Dept.

Friday, April 16 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, April 19 - scoliosis screening, A.C. Houghton Elementary School, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 20 - free blood pressure clinic, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21 - Exclusion Day and free blood pressure clinic, Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 3 to 4 p.m.

Friday, April 23 - Lexington office closed. Vacation.

Tuesday, April 27 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Irrigon county offices, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, April 30 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Seventh-day Adventist Church slates program

Nellie Sjoren, wife of pastor Ginner Sjoren of the Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church, will tell of her experiences in Norway during World War II at a program at the church on Saturday, April 17 at 6 p.m.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at Heppner handled the following cases during the past week:

John Louis Britt, Lexington - Failure to Change Address on Operators License, \$6 suspended fine.

Rick Gerald Rea, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (73 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

Douglas Allen Holland, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (72 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

Jay Arthur Coil, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (70 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

Richard Robert Schmidt, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (73 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

Paul Dean Fortenberry, Heppner - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (88 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$34 fine.

Slide show slated at Heppner Nazarene Sun.

The Rev. Floyd Wilks, pastor of the Nazarene Church in Heppner will show slides and items of interest from his recent trip to Costa Rica on

Sunday April 18. The program will be held at the Nazarene Church in Heppner at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend, said Wilks.

First Christian Church schedules film series

A new film series, featuring family expert James C. Dobson, Ph.D. will be shown at the Heppner Elementary School multi-purpose room on Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. for seven consecutive weeks, beginning on April 21 and running through June 2.

Entitled "Focus on the Family," the series presents seven of Dobson's most popular presentations, all of which were filmed at family life seminars, said the Rev. Donald Shelton, pastor of the First Christian Church in Heppner.

Titles of the films are: "The Strong-willed child"—April 21; "Shaping the Will Without Breaking the Spirit"—April

28; "Christian Fathering"—May 5; "Preparing for Adolescence," Part 1: "The Origins of Self-Doubt"—May 12, and Part 2: "Peer Pressure and Sexuality"—May 19; "What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women," Part 1: "The Lonely Housewife"—May 26; and Part 2: "Money, Sex and Children"—June 2.

The series of films is being sponsored by the First Christian Church of Heppner, located at 295 N. Gale St. For more information, call 676-9209. "The Community is extended a very warm invitation to come and join us for these enlightening films," said Shelton.

The nineteenth century had its Eval Knievel in Jean Francois Grandet, nicknamed Biondin, who could walk on stilts on a tightrope across Niagara Falls.

Road Report

The Morrow County Public Works Department has released the following work report for the week ending April 9:

Roads bladed this past week were: No. 827 and the Clark Rice Beach Road.

Graveled and bladed were: Belle Ranch Road, Barlow Canyon, Nolan, Keck Canyon and Fuller Canyon Roads.

Pot holes were patched with cold mix on: Big Butter Creek, Olson Road, Paul Brown Road and Social Ridge.

In the North End of Morrow County sand blows were removed from Patterson Junction Road and Eighth St. - Irrigon. The material was used to fill in wash outs on the same roads. Cold Mix patching was done on the Irrigon Ordinance Road and Patterson Junction Road. Gravel was spread and brush cut and burned on Oregon Avenue.

Construction will begin on the Clarks Canyon Bridge next week. The structure will be replaced with an all steel and concrete bridge. Traffic will be detoured for approximately four weeks.

School Lunch Menus

Ione Schools

Thursday, April 15 - turkey chop suey over rice, pear and cheese salad and milk.

Friday, April 16 - vegetable beef soup, bologna or peanut butter sandwiches, pickles, crackers, dessert and milk.

Monday, April 19 - chicken fried steak with gravy, buttered corn, bread and butter, dessert and milk.

Tuesday, April 20 - beans and wieners, fruit salad, hot rolls, dessert and milk.

Wednesday, April 21 - cow boy macaroni, tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit and milk.

Heppner Elementary School
Thurs., April 15 - tax day lunch

Fri., April 16 - pork and rice casserole, hot vegetable, fruit, bread and butter, milk.

Mon., April 19 - macaroni and cheese, green beans, fresh vegetables, kitchen bread, pear halves and milk.

Tues., April 20 - chili and crackers, cheese sticks, cinnamon rolls, fruit and milk.

Wed., April 21 - fish stick sandwich, French fries, vegetables, gelatin, milk.

Public Meetings

Monday, April 19 - Morrow County School Board, district office, Lexington, 8 p.m.; Ione Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, Fire Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.; Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, April 26 - Morrow County Planning Commission, Courthouse, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, Fire Hall, Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28 - Morrow County Court, County Building, Irrigon, 9 a.m.; Heppner Public Library Board, Library, 8 p.m.

Hospital Notes

Patients admitted and discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner over the past week included:

Helen Dyer, Heppner - admitted April 5, discharged April 7.

Amanda Duvall of Heppner - admitted April 7, was still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, April 12.

"Talk sense to a fool, and he calls you foolish."
Euripides

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County sheriff's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls and cases during the past week:

On April 5, Dallas Denise Kinnard, 19 of Eugene was issued a citation for Violation of the Basic Rule by a Boardman Police officer.

On April 6, David Roy Moss, 20 of Pendleton was arrested by a Boardman Police officer for allegedly Driving While Suspended. Moss was also arrested on two Pendleton Police Department warrants for an alleged Improper Right Turn and Illegal Possession. Moss posted bail and was released.

On April 7, Jeffery Steven Simmons, 19 of Boardman was arrested by a Morrow County sheriff's deputy for allegedly Driving While Suspended. The theft occurred between April 7 and April 8.

On April 11, Mark Anthony Plant, 26 of Boardman was arrested by a Boardman Police officer for allegedly Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Plant was lodged at the Umatilla Police Department.

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