

School dist. superintendent discusses alternative programs

By JUDY MILLER

A March 19 meeting of the board of the Morrow School District held at the Columbia Junior High in Irrigon was attended by not one new challenger for current school board positions to be voted next Tuesday, Mar. 27.

Retiring Superintendent of

Schools Matt Doherty discussed a need for alternative programs to benefit children who for social reasons or because of psychological problems are unable to fit into main stream school programs. Doherty said money for aides to help in special training for those youngsters

was available for one year through Chapter 1 funds. Such a program is in process at Columbia Junior High school and at A.C. Houghton Elementary, both of Irrigon, he said, but one was needed at Sam Boardman Elementary as well. "There are probably 35 students who can benefit from such a program in high school and junior high," he said. Such a program currently offered in The Dalles is spoken of highly by teachers and juvenile authorities, he said. The board will review the proposal.

Next Monday the consolidated school boards of Morrow and Umatilla counties will meet in Pendleton sharing mutual concerns, Doherty said.

Talking recently to eleven different groups and scheduled to meet with several more before the March 27 school budget election, Doherty said the only negative budget feedback he has received was from folks in Heppner after the Heppner High School band did not appear as scheduled to play in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. No explanation was given for the missed performance.

In considering the amount of tax base they will need to request from voters for the upcoming fiscal year, the board approved a plan that provides for an increase of six percent in the current tax base during each of the two years following the tax base election. The plan would allow for some variation such as five percent increase the first year and seven percent the second

year. The board agreed to place the request on the May 15 primary ballot.

Awards of three of the four used buses auctioned by the school district March 6 were made to Northridge Church of God, with high bids of \$927.77, \$727.77 and \$527.77. The remaining bus was bought by Eric Dick, bidding \$1,069.69.

Concerning proposed work on the park facility at the head of the lake behind the new Willow Creek Dam in Heppner, Doherty said there are a number of people in south county who are skilled in laying underground sprinkler systems. He said the proposed baseball field could probably be produced without much of a money outlay, but with in kind trade for skills. Concern was expressed by board members that a definite schedule be negotiated for the Heppner High School baseball team to practice and play at the completed game area.

An explanation of bus driver training courses initiated by the district for all drivers of vehicles which carry students was presented by Jim Bier, Heppner High School principal. Bier, acting as district coordinator, described a vigorous program of physical exams, on road testing and extensive classroom and first aid training. Stiff standards of additional classroom training and biyearly physicals for those drivers 18 to 24 are required to renew licenses, he said. In addition, yearly physicals and EKGs are required of those 35 and over, said Bier.

Bier also has been successful in setting up a van driver

program. Sixteen drivers have completed van training in Heppner, said Bier. In response to board questions, Bier stated that bus and van drivers may not exceed 13 hours driving at any one time.

"We have a five and one-half million dollar budget in busing," Doherty said, "we manage it by distributing the effort."

Resignation of Riverside High School art teacher Greg Glasgow was reluctantly accepted by the board.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is given that on March 27, 1984, there will be a Special Election in all of Morrow County, Oregon for the below measures and candidates. Please note that all voters will not vote on all candidates listed below. All registered voters of Morrow County will vote in their polling places as listed below:

Combined Boardman.....
Greenfield Grange
Ione City Hall
Combined Irrigon
North Morrow Annex
Lexington
Morrow Co. School Office
Combined Hardman-Heppner
Neighborhood Center
The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Pursuant to ORS 255.095.

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participated, but none achieved the ranks of the Ione schools," said Doherty.

Saturday, Mar. 24 candidates seeking to replace Matt Doherty as district superin-

tendent will be interviewed in a closed session at the district offices in Lexington. All board members will participate in the meeting.

Ione woman to assume duties as editor of G-T



Sandy Holtz of Ione will assume the duties of editor of the Heppner Gazette-Times next week. Presently typesetter at the G-T office, Holtz has worked for the Gazette during three different periods for a total of two years.

She replaces Patti Allstott of Heppner, who has accepted employment at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner.

Holtz, 35, graduated from the University of Oregon in 1970 with a B.A. in English. She taught English for one year at Ione High School in 1970-71.

She and her husband, Elmer, have five children at home: Jim, 11; Brian, seven; Gregory, six; Brenda, four; and a foster son, Eric Cook, 16.

IHS student submits winning fair theme

The Morrow County Fair Board met March 12 at the annex building in Heppner to consider themes for this year's fair, reports Ruby Munkers, fair secretary. Students from Heppner and Ione high schools submitted theme ideas, and the winning selection, "Progress-The Ticket to Success," was sent in by Kierin Doherty of Ione.

The fair and rodeo queen's coronation will be held this Saturday, Mar. 24, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall in Heppner. The event will

begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. (see related story). A dance will be held at the fairgrounds beginning at 9 p.m. Music will be by Firelight.

Plans for this year's fair are now being made. Munkers said. Entertainment for Family Fun Night has been contracted, and revisions for the premium book are being sent to the printers.

Anyone wishing to use the fairgrounds should make arrangements with Munkers at 676-9474 or 676-5028.

Underground Evangelism rep. to visit Heppner

Marvin Sporleader, a representative of Underground Evangelism, will be visiting the Heppner Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, Mar. 25, announced the Rev. Floyd Wilks, pastor. In conjunction with Sporleader's stop in Heppner, the film "More than Conquerors" will be shown. The film will be shown at 11 a.m., Wilks said.

Filmed mostly on location in various communist countries in eastern Europe, the movie deals with the problem of reaching the unevangelized

millions of the communist world, Wilks said.

According to the Underground Evangelism, one pastor who viewed the film commented, "How can we in the West remain silent when through this film we have witnessed the sacrificial faith of those Christians who live under the power of state atheism? This dynamic portrayal of revival under the most dire circumstances is certainly a challenge to believers throughout the free world."

SAMPLE SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT MORROW COUNTY, OREGON TAX LEVY OUTSIDE THE TAX BASE

Tuesday, March 27, 1984 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mark a Cross (X) or a Check Mark (✓) in the voting square before the word "YES" or before the word "NO" for the answer voted for.

QUESTION

SHALL MORROW COUNTY LEVY \$2,655,862 OUTSIDE THE TAX BASE FOR ALL COUNTY OPERATIONS DURING FISCAL YEAR 1984-85?

PURPOSE

The purpose of this levy is to provide funds to balance the Morrow County operating budget which includes: General Fund, Road Fund, County School Fund, Cities portion of Road Funds, Fair & Rodeo Fund, plus, the Morrow County Hospital, Clinic, and Ambulance budgets for 1984-85. The tax base for 1984-85 is \$464,578. The total levy will be \$3,120,440. The tax rate for County operations will be approximately \$3.90 per \$1,000 valuation.

☐ YES, I VOTE FOR THE TAX LEVY

☐ NO, I VOTE AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

SAMPLE SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT Held in Morrow and Umatilla Counties, Oregon

Tuesday, March 27, 1984 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mark a Cross (X) or a Check Mark (✓) in the voting square before the word "YES" or before the word "NO" for the answer voted for.

QUESTION SUBMITTED TO LEGAL VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICT TAX LEVY OUTSIDE THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION

PROPOSAL: SHALL BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY \$3,190,237 OUTSIDE THE TAX BASE TO FUND 1984-85 COLLEGE OPERATIONS?

EXPLANATION: Because the college has no tax base, the total levy is in excess of that authorized under Section 11, Article XI, of the Oregon Constitution and must be approved by the voters each year. This request provides funds for 1984-85. The increase over the preceding year is due to increases in the cost of materials, services, telephone, electricity and salaries. To help offset these increases, the college reduced other expenses, including administrative positions. Funds are included for a full-time foreign language instructor and matching funds for the Small Business Assistance Center. The \$3,190,237 levy request is all eligible for state property tax relief. The estimated tax rate is \$1.44 of true cash value, exclusive of bond debt principal and interest levies for capital construction. The rate of \$1.44 per \$1,000 TCV is an increase of \$0.03 over the current year's levy.

☐ YES, I VOTE FOR THE LEVY

☐ NO, I VOTE AGAINST THE LEVY

Mark a Cross (X) or a Check Mark (✓) in the voting square between the Number and the Name of the Candidate voted for

DISTRICT DIRECTOR Position No. 3 Four Year Term ending June 30, 1988 (Vote for One)

101 ☐ JOE B. GREEN
102 ☐ FRANKLIN A. HUBBARD

DISTRICT DIRECTOR Position No. 4 Four Year Term ending June 30, 1988 (Vote for One)

103 ☐ KEN W. DAUBLE
104 ☐ DR. MIKE ELSBERRY
105 ☐ PHILLIP W. HOUK

DISTRICT DIRECTOR Position No. 6 One Year Term ending June 30, 1985 (Vote for One)

106 ☐ GEORGE L. ANDERSON

SAMPLE SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT Morrow County, Oregon

Tuesday, March 27, 1984 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mark a Cross (X) or a Check Mark (✓) in the voting square before the word "YES" or before the word "NO" for the answer voted for.

ONE YEAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

QUESTION

SHALL MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY \$4,796,414.00 OUTSIDE THE TAX BASE FOR DISTRICT OPERATION DURING 1984-1985?

EXPLANATION

The district has authority to levy only the tax base of \$742,978.00. This sum plus non-tax revenues is not adequate to operate the schools. It is necessary to submit to the voters a request in excess of this tax base in the amount of \$4,796,414.00 to finance the district operation.

If this measure is approved, \$3,810,724.00 of the taxes levied in the 1984-1985 fiscal year is eligible for partial funding by the state. However, \$985,690.00 of the taxes will be totally financed by the local taxpayers.

Reasons for the increases are increases in employee benefits, increased staff - relieve classroom overloads, increases in the cost of replacement and maintenance due to the universal inflation which affects purchases of all goods and services and major reductions in non-tax revenues available in the previous year.

☐ YES, I VOTE FOR THE TAX LEVY

☐ NO, I VOTE AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

Mark a Cross (X) or a Check Mark (✓) in the voting square between the number and the name of each candidate voted for.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR Zone II 4 Year Term (Vote for One)

107 ☐ DWAYNE M. CARROLL
108 ☐ BRYAN H. TIMMS

DISTRICT DIRECTOR Zone V 4 Year Term (Vote for One)

109 ☐ ROBERT P. MAHONEY
110 ☐ FRANK PEARSON

DISTRICT DIRECTOR Zone VI - At Large 4 Year Term (Vote for One)

111 ☐ WILLIAM JAMES DOHERTY
112 ☐ MELVIN J. STREGE
113 ☐ PAULINE J. WINTER

BOARDMAN-IRRIGON ADVISORY COMMITTEE Position No. 4 1 Year Term (Vote for One)

114 ☐ JOHN WENHOLZ
115 ☐ MARY LEE WILSON

BOARDMAN-IRRIGON ADVISORY COMMITTEE Position No. 1 3 Year Term (Vote for One)

116 ☐ MARY LOU CARLSON
117 ☐ MARY C. MICHAEL

BOARDMAN-IRRIGON ADVISORY COMMITTEE Position No. 6 3 Year Term (Vote for One)

118 ☐ GEORGE KENNEY

IONE-LEXINGTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE Position No. 4 3 Year Term (Vote for One)

119 ☐ JULIE NELSON

HEPPNER-LEXINGTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE Position No. 1 3 Year Term (Vote for One)

120 ☐ HELEN M. RIEHL
121 ☐ DEAN K. ROBINSON

HEPPNER-LEXINGTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE Position No. 2 3 Year Term (Vote for One)

122 ☐ E. GEORGE KOFFLER

HEPPNER-LEXINGTON ADVISORY COMMITTEE Position No. 7 3 Year Term (Vote for One)

123 ☐ JEAN M. BRAZELL

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