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MCEA District Representative Lori Longway-Vince (center) is among teachers picketing the Board Meeting Monday

Both sides accused the other of getting kick-backs, with the teachers saying that Blue Cross would give money back to the Board, and the Board implying that Oregon Education Association (state-wide teacher's union) would get a kick back when insurance was placed through the company of their choice.

The teachers also say that Blue Cross would not give as many benefits as their present company. On salaries the teachers want a larger increase in salaries at the upper end of the pay scale, for teachers who have been in the

district, and the School Board wants more money in the lower levels to attract new teachers to the district. Both sides say this would increase the quality of teachers in the district.

Fair share, or the stipulation that all teachers have to pay money into the union, is also a sore spot, with the Board saying that the district should not be obligated to withhold the money from all teacher's paychecks. "We're just asking that we have 100 percent participation, we're not asking that everyone join, just that they pay dues," said teacher Steve Brownfield.

Teachers and citizens present were also upset that the Board hired a professional negotiator this year, and asked the Board to explain why this was necessary. Brownfield noted that in the past neither side had professional negotiators, and were able to work things out for themselves.

Board member, Jerry McElligott, responded that the professional negotiator was necessary because of the complexity of the issues, and announced when asked by teachers that the negotiator cost the district \$7,500 plus expenses.

If a settlement is not reached Thursday night, and the teachers decide to strike they cannot do so before March 5, the end of the 30 day "Cooling Off" period. They must also give the district 10 days notice of their intent to strike; the last day of the notice may coincide with the end of the cooling off period.

"If there is a strike," board member Bill Doherty said, "the schools will remain open."

## File for March 25 election

The following people have filed for positions on the Morrow County School Board and school district advisory committees which will be up for election March 25.

The School Board at large position vacated by Keith Nelson's resignation has been filed for by: Mary Lou Carlson, Regina Coles, Joe McElligott, Burke O'Brien, and Frank Pearson.

The Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee position No. 1 has been filed for by Sue Proudfoot and Richard Ladd. Incumbent Paul Tews has not filed so far.

Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee position No. 5 has been filed for by incumbent George Miller.

Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee position No. 2 has been filed for by incumbent John Jensen.

Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee position No. 3 has been filed for by incumbent Harley Sager.

Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee position No. 5 has been filed for by incumbent Peggy Fishburn.

No one has filed for School Board position No. 1 currently held by Joe Stevens of Boardman.

Position No. 5 of the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee held by Sue Gibson has not had anyone file for election.

Filing deadline for the above positions is February 19, 1986. The special election will be held in Morrow County Tuesday, March 25.

## Hotel renovation Grant approved

Senator Eugene Timms (R-Dist. 30) called The Heppner Gazette-Times last Wednesday to confirm that the city of Heppner had been awarded a \$500,000 Block Grant to use for the rehabilitation of the Heppner Hotel for senior citizen housing.

A press release from Gov. Vic. Atiyeh also confirming that Heppner had been approved for the Oregon Community Development grant cautioned, however, "The awards are conditional upon receipt of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development. Oregon's allocation has been temporarily held back because of the Gramm-Rudman budget balancing act and proposed deferrals of allocations."

Receipt of the Block Grant is also contingent upon approval of a \$600,000 loan applied for through the state Housing Department's Elderly Housing Finance Program, reports Rick Craiger of the Oregon Department of Intergovernmental Relations. It's important to remember, too, that the Block Grant funds are dispersed as the costs are incurred. The entire amount is not paid in one lump sum.

The Department of Intergovernmental Relations selects projects to receive funds and watches to make sure that the project is successful rather than turning the whole thing over to three or four active local people who are told to do the best they can with the project.

Craiger continues that his department has managed the block grant program for four years now and is solely responsible for selection of projects. Six staff people representing different areas look at all proposed projects and rate them on a point system based on objective information. The Heppner project ranked No. 5 of the five housing projects approved. The department received 22 applications for housing project grants. It is significant to note, however, that it is the only project for which the entire amount requested was approved. The other approved projects are for rehabilitation of individual homes for low income families, but in the case of the Hotel, it was not possible to choose to do only 20 homes instead of 30. The other housing projects to receive approval are located at Coos Bay, Dallas, Seaside, and Vernonia.

In the Heppner project's favor is the fact that it will provide the only low income elderly housing available in three counties, Craiger said. The project may provide an alternative for people who leave the area when they "are no longer able to take care of the farm."

Meg Murray who has been doing a lot of the work locally on the project said that with the receipt of the Block Grant the project's future "looks hopeful." Tom Meeks, senior loan officer of the state housing division will make an on site inspection of the building Wednesday, Feb. 19 which is also a good sign,

she says. The Housing Division will be able to form an opinion sooner than if the inspection were scheduled several months from now. They already know the history, the building plans, the financial aspects of the project and that the economic need is here, she said.

"It's exciting," concluded Timms, "because this type of project could help a lot of rural communities if it works here, it may be good for other areas also keeping people in the area where their home is."

## Clerk explains voter registration changes

Voter registration laws have recently undergone a major change and Morrow County clerk Barbara Bloodworth urges voters to familiarize themselves with these laws in order to avoid problems at election time.

Day-of-election registration, which has been in effect in Oregon, has been eliminated. In addition, any person wishing to register in the last 11 days before an election must do so in person, rather than by mail. Prospective voters will also be required to provide some evidence of residence before being allowed to register.

Bloodworth stated that the new rule is welcomed by County Clerks.

"The new rules will help us to more effectively identify those who are qualified voters. We have always encouraged a rule like this because it has always been a tough job determining in such short time whether a person was really a resident."

The County Clerk denies that the publicity over voter registration in Rajneeshpuram was the sole reason for the change, but she does acknowledge that the Wasco County situation brought the issue into focus.

"The Rajneesh situation brought the issue to a head, but the County Clerks have encouraged the rule change since 1980. We used to have a 20 day cut-off for any registration, and we would like that again. The rule was changed in 1979 because it was felt that some people were being excluded from the voting process."

The new rules state that a prospective voter may register in the period from 11 days before the election to a period one day before the election by appearing in person at the Clerk's Office or other designated station. The applicant can then "prove" his residency by either bringing a signed statement from another registered voter attesting to the applicant's residence, or by providing one of a list of fifteen "Indicators of residency." Those indicators include a broad scope of items, ranging from a driver's license to a bank statement. The offered piece of identification must include the applicant's name and current address.

Voters can still register by mail at any time, provided that the registration card is received in the Clerk's office at least 12 days before an election.

While the new system does not affect long-term absentee voters (students, servicemen, etc.) Bloodworth advises voters not to wait until the last minute to check their status.

"Anyone who has not voted in the last two years is sent a 'purge card' in the mail," stated Bloodworth. "Those people are not considered registered to vote any more unless they send their 'purge card' back to the Clerk's office. People who were sent a purge card and ignored it and then show up to vote on election day will not be allowed to vote as they are no longer registered to vote."

The Clerk's Office urges voters who are in doubt of their status to call in advance at 676-9061.

"If you anticipate a problem, or are unsure, come in anytime and we will deal with it," concluded Bloodworth. "All it takes is a telephone call and we can help."

## Soroptimists name Citizenship winners



Kimberle Wright and Alex Lindsay

Kimberle Wright and Alex Lindsay have been named recipients of the Heppner chapter of Soroptimist International Citizenship Award. First place winner Wright will receive a \$150 award and second place winner Lindsay will receive a \$100 award.

The award is paid directly to the winner to use however they deem necessary to further their education. The award is based solely on citizenship: community, school, church, and family activities, said a Soroptimist spokesperson. The applications do not ask for the student's grades or financial need.

First place local winner will compete with 23 other local winners for a \$250 district award. One district winner will compete for a \$1,250 regional award. A national federation award is also presented.

Kimberle Wright is the daughter of Ken and Judy Wright, Heppner. She plans to attend Mt. Hood Community college for one year and then transfer to Bassist, a Portland fashion school where she will concentrate on retailing.

Alex Lindsay is the son of Larry and Corrine Lindsay, Lexington. He plans to attend Oregon State University and major in microbiology.

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ea. \$7,500	\$6,000				
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