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School Board says Schools close Dec. 31 unless levies approved

The Morrow County School Board Monday night voted to continue operating all of the district's schools with all of the current programs until December 31 when the district expects to run out of money. "Keeping kids in school is what we're here for," School Superintendent Doyle McCaslin told the Board. "As long as we can hold schools, it is unforgivable to do otherwise."

If voters approve the two school levies September 16, the board said, the district will be able to keep the schools open the full year. If the levies fail the district will close schools when it runs out of money December 31. Schools will remain closed until a levy passes providing money for the district to operate. Both a \$5,140,000 special one-year operating levy and a \$473,786

three-year serial levy failed to gain approval of voters in the August 12 election. Both levies again will be on the September 16 ballot, a decision the school board made at its July meeting. The district could not operate all the required and co-curricular programs it now runs with less tax money than that, the board said. At Monday's meeting the board

also considered these other options if the levy fails again: calling the budget committee back to suggest further budget cuts; not purchasing an additional bus; suspending all non-required programs on a schedule to begin with co-curricular activities October 15, kindergarten November 15, and kindergarten December 15 in order to cut costs and keep schools operating past the December 31 anticipated closure date. After discussion, each alternative was eliminated and Board members emphasized that the whole amount the two levies would raise is needed to run the district's schools with the quality of programs voters expect for the coming school year.

The Board also discussed several reasons why they thought voters rejected the levy in last week's election, including that voters lacked understanding of the budget, that they didn't believe the board's judgment that this much money is needed to keep the schools open, and that voters still had bad feelings about the way district administrators handled contract negotiations with teachers.

Because the district has had trouble getting a budget passed, administrators proposed a plan for school advisory committee members to contact all registered voters in the district before next year's budget is proposed and ask each his concerns about operation of the schools, find out what questions he would like to ask, determine what he likes best about the district's schools, and ask what the district might do to help change his vote. Advisory committees throughout the district, though some were reluctant, accepted the proposal unanimously, the superintendent reported.

In other business, the board: -hired the following certificated personnel: Carl Seese to a social studies and language arts position at Columbia Junior High in Irrigon; Robert Briggs as fifth grade teacher at Heppner Elementary School; Ann Thomas-Heddle to the junior high language arts position at Lone schools; Bill Hudson to the Advanced Science teacher position at Heppner High School; Ross Lemen as a counselor at A.C. Houghton and Sam Boardman Elementary schools; and Nancy Blum as a speech-language specialist for the north end schools.

-approved the following extended duty contracts: Steve Wicks - head baseball coach at Heppner High School; Jeff Dehne - head boys basketball coach at Riverside High School in Boardman; Charles (Stan) Talbot - assistant boys basketball coach at Riverside High School; Clair Costello - assistant football coach at Riverside High School; Cindy Sumner - dance team advisor at Heppner High School; Bonnie Ball - cheerleader advisor at Lone High School; Jim Ackley - chorus at Columbia Junior High; Linda Shaw - academically talented coordinator,

current landfill fills up. They approached Tidewater Barge Co. with a proposal for transporting garbage up the Columbia River to a landfill in an area with little rainfall.

The garbage would be compacted into 1 1/2-ton cubes and loaded into containers which are in turn loaded onto barges and transported up the Columbia River. Three barges per week would be off-loaded at the Port of Morrow. Two trucks, making approximately 75 round trips per week, would take the containers to the landfill where the bales of garbage would be unloaded and placed in the landfill then covered with two feet of topsoil as required by the Department of Environmental Quality.

The landfill would meet all DEQ requirements, Johnson said. In addition, we have decided that the site must be away from irrigated farm

land, and must not require going through Boardman or a residential area, or require travel on heavily traveled county roads. The first site under consideration is 10,000 ft. west of the Boardman Airport at the

end of Six-Mile canyon on Boeing property. The second proposed site is east of Bombing Range Road on Navy property two miles North of the Oregon Trail crossing. The third site is east of an irrigation pond on property belonging to Larry Lindsay.

The only reason the county should allow anyone to bring garbage in is the surcharge the Port would receive when the cargo comes across the dock and the money the county would charge for use of the landfill, Johnson said. Clark County is now paying \$17-34 per ton to get its garbage to a landfill. Tidewater's proposal to bring garbage up the Columbia would cost Clark County about the same amount, he said.

The landfill sites Clark County is using now are expected to be full in two years. The three landfill sites being considered would each have a 20-year use expectancy. Tidewater would replace the existing ground-cover, range grasses, when closing the landfill.

Brahma dents Mercedes

A bucking Brahma bull named Savage pushed its way through the east gate at the Morrow County Rodeo grounds Sunday afternoon.

The gate, a rodeo committee member explains, must be left unlocked so that an ambulance can get into the rodeo arena if necessary. Two years ago a bull bumped open the same gate and was loose for a short time.

Savage headed for the parking lot and managed to dent the back fender of Lee Ansoategui's 1981 Mercedes.

The "pick up crew" for stock contractor J. Rattray Rodeos roped and "freight trained" the Brahma. Larry Coops and Dwayne Johnson both roped the bull a rodeo committee member explained because a 1200 pound horse cannot pull an 1800 pound bull. Roger Johnson pushed the animal from behind. Freight training, the rodeo committee member explained, is the only way to handle a loose bull without someone getting hurt.

Congressman to visit Heppner

Congressman Bob Smith will be in Heppner September 5.

The Republican Central Committee is planning an event which will allow voters to meet and talk with the candidate.

City council positions open

By Avon Melby

Election of city officials will be held at the general election in November, filling vacancies in city government of all three South Morrow County towns.

At Heppner, position of mayor and five council spots are open. Mayor Cara Cogta has not yet filed to continue in the office she has filled for two years, but has not ruled out filing to continue. The position pays \$2,124.

Filing to date for two council positions of two terms each are Terry Denton, incumbent, and John Hempel, administrator of Pioneer Memorial Hospital who has lived here one year.

No one has filed for any of the three open four-year terms on the council. Filing deadline on all offices is Aug. 29 at city hall.



Left to right: Marshall Lovgren, Jerry Hollomon, Cliff Green, Martha Doherty, Birdine Tullis, Vi Wilgers, Bob Kahl,

Groups co-operate to beautify Main Street

A recently completed Main St. Beautification project and off-street parking lot was the joint effort of many local organizations which required co-operation from owners of the property between the Heppner post office and The Shoe Box.

The project was a chance for organizations to prove to themselves and to the community that all could co-operate and get something done. Bob Kahl, one of the organizers said. The beautification project suggests "the game of Monopoly because we went past the Chamber and collected

\$200 then built the Boardwalk and Park Place," he quipped.

Organizations, individuals and businesses which donated supplies include: the City of Heppner, Coast-to-Coast, Heppner Garden Club, Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Kinzua Lumber, Lott's Electric, Morrow County Grain Growers, Morrow County, and Pettyjohn's Building Supplies.

The following individuals and organizations donated services: Bonnie Campbell, City of Heppner, Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, Heppner

Economic Development Corporation, Heppner Garden Club, Heppner Lions Club, Heppner Merchants Committee, Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Everett Keithley, Ray Miller and Miller and Sons, Tom Riehl of R&W Drive-In, and Soroptimists of Heppner.

Property owners Scott and Jeanie Adkisson and Buzz and Kathleen Lynch agreed to this use of their property and Shorty Peck agreed to display an antique plow and cement mixer at the site.

County Court rejects bids

Morrow County Court last Wednesday rejected both bids for a pickup advertised for the Morrow County Weed District. One bid exceeded the cost allowed by the county budget and the other pickup bid failed to meet all the specifications set by the weed district.

Weed Supervisor Jim VanWinkle was advised to make some of the specifications optional with an additional, separate price, and advertise again for bids.

In other business, the Court: -heard an update on the progress of the Courthouse renovation project

from County Architect Bob Smith. The county architect also discussed traffic flow problems at the North Morrow Annex with the commissioners.

-heard a presentation from Mel Waite of SAIF, the county's workmen's compensation insurance company. Waite recommended that the county develop a safety committee of volunteers to work with department supervisors in developing a safety program.

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A good will sling

Fair Board members challenged area business people to a Cow Chip Toss last Thursday at the Morrow County Fair.

The Chamber of Commerce had voted at its August 5 meeting to postpone its regular Tuesday meeting to Thursday during fair week in order to have lunch at the fairgrounds and show their support for the annual all-county event. The Fair Board reciprocated the good will gesture with a challenge. Rules were informal but the excitement of competition-or the scent of nature's frisbees-filled the air.

Chamber members proved that they were good sports and willing to try "slinging the bull" literally for a change.

Winners of the event received a free ticket to the Saturday evening barbecued chicken dinner.

Those who made the distance and actually directed the bull through the hoop were School Supt. Doyle McCaslin, Ag Agent Fred Lundin, and Chevrolet dealer Ron McDonald. All of Morrow County now knows who leads the list of bona fide "bull slingers."



From left: Merlyn Robinson watches "Sure Shot" Costa, "Ace" McDonald lets go, Fair Board member Charley Daly describes the action, and Board Member Merlyn Robinson holds the bag while "Hurler" McCaslin selects his chip.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

	August 12 - 18			
	High	Low	Precip	
Tues.	85	55	.0	
Wed.	91	58	0	
Thurs.	99	54	0	
Fri.	92	50	0	
Sat.	88	53	0	
Sun.	91	57	0	
Mon.	93	52	0	

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tues., August 19		
Soft White		
Aug.		\$2.72
Sept.		\$2.74/\$2.76
Oct.		\$2.78/\$2.80
Nov.		\$2.82/\$2.84
Dec.		\$2.86/\$2.88
Jan.		\$2.90/\$2.92
Barley		
Aug.		\$70
Sept.		\$71
Oct.		\$72
Nov.		\$73
Dec.		\$74
Hard Red Winter		
Ordinaries		\$2.74