

Board hears report on school lunch increases

Susan Tolar, principal of Sam Boardman elementary school, reported to the School Board January 19 that school lunch revenues could be increased by \$18,229 to \$45,575 by raising the price of lunches by 10¢ or 25¢ each.

The increased revenues hold true only if the same number of people continue to purchase lunches after prices are increased, she said. "It is likely that some portion of the community will discontinue lunch purchases if prices are raised, especially if raised by 25¢; so we cannot be sure of the amount of revenue which might be generated."

Tolar made no recommendations and the Board took no action on the report. She also told the board that the district served 247,144 meals during 1986-87 at a cost to the district of \$1.69 each. The district charges 50¢ per meal for children in grades one through six and 65¢ per meal for children in grades seven through 12. Adult meals cost \$1 each. The district also offers free and reduced price lunches for which it receives federal reimbursement.

"My personal feeling," she said, "is that we need to move toward charging adults the full cost and not

subsidizing their meals."

The board also heard suggestions from Dean Mason, Boardman, about how they might promote the school budget prior to the next levy election.

In other business, the board: -heard that the district must return \$1,300 of federal forest fees to the county treasurer. The district's share is less than expected.

-approved bond renewal for the deputy clerk.

-heard that it is not possible to have a tax base election in May, 1987.

-heard that candidates for the board may pay a filing fee or file a petition for election.

-heard that the district has received good responses to the request for architect proposals to study additions to some of the district's schools.

-accepted the results of the January 13 special levy election.

-approved resolutions adopting the

budget, making appropriations, approving debt service, and levying ad valorem taxes.

-hired Sarah Rucker as the business teacher at Lone High School for the remainder of the school year.

-hired Grace Sandlin as assistant custodian at Riverside High School.

-approved a special field trip request for an Lone Schools music group to Portland State University.

-heard that the district is in compliance with State Minimum Standards. School Supt. Doyle McCaslin told the board that the staff is collecting data necessary to meet the hazardous material plan and is budgeting for adequate staffing for special education, the two areas where the district needs to improve.

-heard that the first budget committee meeting will be February 9, 7:30 p.m., at Lexington.

-held an executive session on personnel evaluation. No action was taken following the session.

Heppner city budget to stay within 6% of tax base

By Avon Melby

City of Heppner will not ask for voter approval of a levy to operate its 1987-88 budget. The proposed budget is within the amount the city can receive in tax money by using the six percent increase allowed on its tax base.

City Administrator Marshall Lovgren said the main reason the city could get by without a vote was because there was a larger than expected cash carryover from the current budget.

Total needed for next year was given as \$177,313, to support a budget of \$1,951,890. He said valuation of the city now is \$26,474,960. He noted the tax rate for the present budget is \$9 per \$1,000 of true cash value.

Under the new budget city employees will receive a 1.2 percent salary increase. It is based on the Portland Consumer Price Index.

The budget committee made several changes, mainly cutting funds proposed in some areas to gain more funding for future rebuilding and paving of streets. State and county money is received each year for streets, and the state comes in periodically to make major construction such as it did on Gale Street about 10 years ago. The city has to have some money to help pay for these major construction projects.

Cuts of \$2,500 from car expense in the police fund, and \$1,500 in water fund were made along with others. This allowed \$4,892 to be

added to the \$25,000 already in the budget for street paving. Committee members felt this would be enough to refinish three blocks of city streets. General street repair done by the city crew comes from money in a different fund.

An addition made by the committee was \$2,000 for the new Neighborhood Council.

The budget may be inspected at city hall. It will be adopted by the city later; the date will be published.

Still time to file for March election

Terms of two school board members are ending July 1. There will be an election to fill them on March 31. Filing deadline for the positions is February 19.

Neither Jerry McElligott, who fills the lone position, or Randy Hughes, who holds the Lexington one, had indicated if he will run to retain the position.

Candidates for the offices may file a petition or pay a filing fee, to get on the ballot. They must live in the area represented by the office they seek. Petitions may be obtained at the school district office in Lexington or the County Clerk's office at the courthouse.

Candidates for other positions up for election March 31 may pick up petitions at the County Clerk's Office. The February 19 filing deadline is the same. Positions up for election include:

Port of Morrow-two 4-year directors and one 2-year director.

Boardman Rural Fire District-two 4-year directors.

Boardman Cemetery District-one 4-year director.

Boardman Park and Recreation District-three 4-year directors.

Heppner Cemetery Maintenance District-one 4-year director.

Heppner Rural Fire District-two 4-year directors.

Heppner Water Control District-three 4-year directors.

Irrigon Cemetery District-two 4-year directors.

Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District-two 4-year directors.

Irrigon Park and Recreation District-two 4-year directors.



Hoop Shoot winners

Heppner Elks "Hoop Shoot" winners for 1987 are (Front row L-R): eight and nine year-olds Bryan Broderick (lone) (13) and Jenny Krein (Heppner) (10); ten and eleven year-olds Kevin Payne (Heppner) (17) and Jannie Cupps (lone) (4); twelve and thirteen year-olds Richard Pettyjohn (Heppner) (16) and Kari Morrison (lone) (11).

lone principal Dick Allen and Hoop Shoot coordinator Dave Gunderson stand behind the winners who will compete in Hermiston Saturday, Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m. The contest will be held at Aramand Larive Jr. High. Winners from this contest compete at Corvallis for the state championship.

Lamb-Weston names manager for Boardman plant

Steve Jenks has been named operations manager of Lamb-Weston's Boardman potato processing operations and will co-ordinate the integration of the newly acquired facility into the company's Pacific Northwest production network, according to Sam Lowman, Vice President of Manufacturing for Lamb-Weston in Portland.

Prior to his new assignment, Jenks was manufacturing manager of the company's American Falls, Idaho, potato processing facility, and was actively involved in the company's recent major renovation of the facility. Before that position Jenks was corporate industrial engineering manager at Lamb-Weston's headquarters in Portland.

Lamb-Weston, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Amfac Foods, Inc., and one of the country's largest manufacturers and marketers of frozen potato products, recently acquired Gourmet Brands from the UI Group and its potato processing facilities at Boardman.

Good news for U.S. wheat farmers

There's good news for American wheat farmers, says Oregon Congressman Bob Smith (R-2nd Dist.). The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has decided to make up to one million metric tons of American wheat available to the Republic of China under the export enhancement program.

Undersecretary of Agriculture Daniel Amstutz tells Oregon Congressman Bob Smith this could mean

the sale of \$100 million worth of wheat in a market where, up to now, wheat has been uncompetitive.

"Anytime American producers can make good on an opportunity to break into a market the size of China, we should jump at the chance," Congressman Smith says.

For sometime Smith, a ranking member of the House Ag committee, has been pressing the department to open up the export enhancement program to the Chinese.

That program, developed as part of the 1985 farm bill was designed to combat subsidies offered by nations or cooperatives like the European Economic Community. It creates similar subsidies for certain commodities to targeted countries, in this instance making American wheat prices competitive.

State estimated tax coupons mailed

The Oregon Department of Revenue will mail instructions and payment coupons for filing 1987 estimated personal income tax returns to about 160,000 taxpayers on January 16.

The mailout will go to taxpayers who filed estimated tax returns in 1986. Oregon estimated taxes must be paid for most people who expect to owe \$100 or more in state income tax when they file their 1987 returns. Three categories of taxpayers may have to pay.

Self-employed persons who don't have taxes withheld from their income.

Wage earners who don't have enough state tax withheld.

People who have taxable income not subject to withholding, such as pensions, dividends or interest.

Quarterly payment due dates for 1987 are April 15, June 15, September 15, and January 15, 1988.

The estimated tax payments should be mailed separately from any other return. The first-quarter 1987 estimated tax and the 1986 personal income tax both will be due April 15, but are mailed to separate post office boxes to speed processing of returns.

For the moment, the wheat sale bonanza will not be shared by Oregon farmers because of the existence, in very small proportions, of a fungus which grows on Oregon white wheat. The Chinese will not buy Oregon wheat for fear that fungus would spread. Congressman Smith says if the Chinese were to simply consume the wheat rather than plant it, the disease would not spread. Authorities say the fungus is found in less than one percent of Oregon shipments and is not harmful. Research to eradicate the problem continues.

Smith says this sale will help open up the Chinese market to more American wheat. "I predict it will only be a matter of time before Oregon itself will reap the rewards of this massive new market for our own wheat."

B.M.C.C. classes to start

A second session of Blue Mt. Community College Classes will begin in Heppner in February.

A CPR class will begin the first week in February.

Beginning the second week in February new sessions of Dance to Fitness, Beginning and Advanced Aerobics, an Introduction to Computer Data Bases will begin.

For more information about individual courses or to register for a class call BMCC Co-ordinator Marsha Sweek, 676-5039.

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County Agent's Corner

By County Ag Agent Fred Lundin

A good rule of thumb to keep in mind when pruning shade trees is to prune from the bottom up instead of from the top down. Shade trees rarely need topping, but often need heading up, that is, removing lower limbs so you can walk underneath them.

Topping a tree not only creates an unsightly tree, but severely weakens it, making it susceptible to diseases and insects. It is usually better to let shade trees grow to their normal height and shape, removing only those limbs and branches which make traffic around the tree difficult.

Occasionally, trees are planted beneath power lines or telephone lines. In such cases, let the power company or telephone company deal with the problem. The obvious solution, of course, is not to plant trees beneath power or telephone lines. In fact, when planting trees, consider their full genetic potential and place them accordingly.

It is also beneficial to remove small branches and "buggy whips" which tend to grow inside the canopy. These will not thrive because they get too little sun. Remember crossover branches and old stubs as well.

When pruning a shade tree, it helps to imagine yourself as a ten year old boy who wants to climb the

tree, and remove those obstacles which make that difficult.

Prune branches off flush with the limb it comes from. Do not leave a stub since it won't heal over. Painting over the wound is optional. There are some excellent pruning paints available at a nursery. House paints are not recommended. They are often either ineffectual or toxic.

Shade trees which are properly pruned when young rarely need much pruning as mature trees. When a young tree is well established (about two years) begin to prune for future shape.

Remove dead or dying branches. Correct a V-crotch. These are weak and are often the site of a split. If it is possible to do so without ruining the appearance of the tree, remove one of the members forming the V.

Remove the multiple leaders. Most trees should have only one leader.

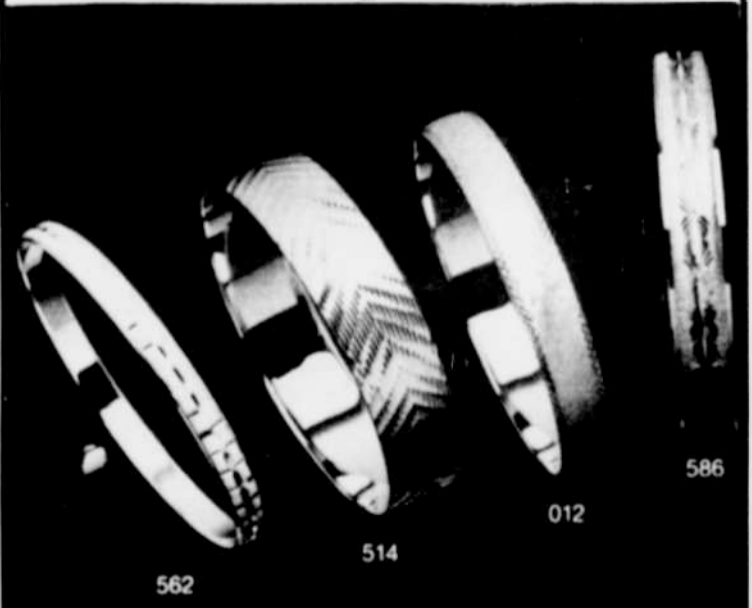
Choose side branches with wide angled crotches spaced well on the tree.

Prune no more than one-third of the top in any year. Overpruning weakens the tree too much.

Finally, stop by the Extension office for a bulletin on pruning shade trees.

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