

School counselors serve many

School counselors wear many hats, the school board learned at its September meeting.

The concerns about school counselors crystallized last year when the district was having trouble getting an approved budget. Assistant Superintendent Chuck Starr told the board. Because we continue to hear questions about what counselors actually do, they have put together a brief presentation for the board, he said.

Riverside High School counselor Mike Wetherell works primarily with career guidance, making students aware of high school graduation requirements; admission requirements for college, the military, and the work force. He oversees an advisor/advisee program at the school which assigns each student to a certificated staff person. More students are taking better academic programs because they work it out with an advisor, he said.

High school counselors have the additional responsibility of helping students find financial aid. Parents must submit a financial aid statement, and many refuse to fill out the forms, lone counselor Del LaRue said. Students and parents need to be aware of the process, Wetherell said.

With tough economic times, more students are applying for less available money.

Ross Leman, elementary counselor at Sam Boardman Elementary and A.C. Houghton said he works with new students as a group and as individuals, conducts parent conferences which include administrators, attends workshops, serves as a liaison between the schools and outside agencies, monitors student attendance, has set up a program of peer tutoring where sixth graders work with younger students to help them in math and reading, oversees detention, the lunchroom, and has playground duty.

Linda Frederickson of Columbia Junior High points out that counselors also maintain student records, screen students for the alternative learning center, and help children learn to control their anger. She puts together personal education plans for students with extra needs at the junior high level. "When students are searching for their own identity it is necessary to provide experiences to develop their self-confidence," she said. Group counseling lets the adolescent be an instrument in helping himself and others.

Counselors try to resolve conflicts between students and staff, students and other students, and sometimes between students and parents, Heppner Elementary School Counselor Brenda Weygandt said. Counselors are teachers, but also specialists in affective education. Because life skills can be taught, counselors teach kids to accept one another, be responsible, and depend on one another. Kids also need to know who they are, what they want, and how to get what they want without stomping on someone else, she said.

Students with good self-esteem, do well in school, Weygandt continued. Sometimes we help build a student's self-esteem so he can excel in academic situations.

Students may be referred to counseling by a teacher, a principal, or a parent who doesn't understand what is happening with his child. Most kids, however, request counseling themselves, especially group counseling, she said. We have had more requests for groups, such as one we did last year with junior high boys trying to quit chewing tobacco, than we were able to serve.

Because of the nature of counseling and because the problems involved are difficult to deal with, some people may tend to be wary of counselors, Weygandt said. It's part

of human nature to deny a problem or to blame someone else so that you don't have to deal with it.

Bill Leman, elementary counselor at Sam Boardman and A.C. Houghton Elementary schools said that some parents seem to be concerned that counselors are stepping into the parent's roll. We always visit with parents upfront and explain that only happens in cases where parenting is not done by the parent, he said.

Of course, when parents request that we don't work with their child we respect that, Weygandt said.

Frederickson pointed out that all counselors have had workshops teaching them what specific behavioral indicators to look for. An interview with the child usually confirms the suspicion.

The law is very specific requiring a person suspecting an abuse to report it, the assistant superintendent said. The law also guarantees anonymity to the person reporting the abuse.

Look for ballot in Monday's mail

Registered voters who do not receive their vote-by-mail ballots by October 23 should contact the Morrow County Clerk's office at the Courthouse in Heppner, Clerk Barbara Bloodworth has announced.

Ballots for the November 3 special election will be taken to the post-offices Friday, Oct. 16 for delivery on Monday, Oct. 19. "The law allows us to issue replacement ballots to voters who do not receive their ballot by mail," Bloodworth said.

One measure is on the ballot, an initiative requiring voter approval of the siting, development and operation, of a solid waste landfill used to receive garbage imported from outside the county. The measure states that such approval could be made only at a general election.

Ballots must be returned to the Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, the official election day.

One in four bag buck

We only had one bull elk and one doe to salvage during general deer season, district wildlife biologist Glen Ward said. Hunters were careful with fires and most asked permission to hunt.

About one in every four hunters successfully took a buck for a 20% success rate, he said. Yearling bucks comprised 80% of the kill.

In the Heppner area, hunter numbers were down by 30%, he said, probably because deer have returned to some areas that were closed to hunting last year.

Waterfowl and pheasant seasons open Saturday, Oct. 17 and the outlook is good, Ward continued. The northern flights of waterfowl haven't moved in yet from Canada, he said, but when the weather turns colder, we can expect numbers comparable to last year.

Who taught the deer to read?

It seems a herd of about 20 deer (including five bucks) has moved into Cutsforth Park, caretaker Charlene Papineau reports.

Buck season has been in full-swing and the campground filled with hunters, but just prior to the season's

October 3 opening, District Wildlife Biologist Glen Ward posted "Safety Zone" signs around the park.

A recently-completed trailer pad area was seeded to clover, but the four-legged scholars have grazed it off right next to the hunters' campers, the caretaker said. Each evening the deer came into the park to feed, and each morning puzzled hunters comb the park perimeter hoping to fill their tags.

Did the deer read the "Safety Zone" signs, or perhaps the park rules which prohibit discharging firearms within park boundaries?

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

October 6 - 12		
High Low Prec.		
Tues.	76	45 0
Wed.	85	49 0
Thurs.	76	36 0
Fri.	66	32 0
Sat.	66	33 0
Sun.	68	39 0
Mon.	73	35 0

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Oct. 13	
Soft White	
Oct.	\$3.13/3.15
Nov.	\$3.17/3.19
Dec.	\$3.21/3.23
Jan.	\$3.25/3.27
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Property tax statements going out

Taxpayers of Morrow County will soon be receiving their annual tax statements, the assessor's office has announced.

The Morrow County Tax Collector plans to send the statements out on October 14. The tax payments, as always, are due by November 15. Due to a recent law change every taxpayer, including those whose lender pays the taxes, will receive a tax statement in the mail. An insert included with each statement will explain this change. Taxpayers with questions about who is to pay the taxes should contact their lender, the assessor's office said.

Most homeowners will notice that their statements do not reflect any payment made by the State of Oregon, Assessor Greg Sweek said. The reason for this is that the Homeowners Property Tax Relief Program ended on December 31, 1987 and was not reinstated by the 1987 Oregon Legislature, he explained. This change means that most homeowners will notice an increase in the net taxes due on their statements.

This year, due to some value declines and increased budget amounts, the tax rate is up approximately 10 percent, the assessor said. The actual change in rates varies

from down five percent in lone to an increase of 17 percent in Boardman, he continued. Morrow County's value declined by \$30.8 million for a net total of \$848,036,100. The reasons for the decline are the drop in farm-use values, lower utility values because of pending appeals, a generally negative trend in market values, and lowered values from the reappraisal cycle, Sweek said.

Planning Commission to hear requests from Boeing, Arco, Heppner Transfer

By Avon Melby

Another hearing on Boeing's Zone change application will be held Monday along with a conditional use permit request for a new loading building and permits for two wells to be dug in south Morrow County.

Morrow County Planning Commission will hold the hearing at 7:30 p.m. at the city council rooms in Boardman.

The Boeing application is for a zone change on 14,000 acres of land it leases from Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. Dean Seeger, county planner, said this permit is different from the one approved a couple of years ago for the antenna range testing site which Boeing now has in operation south of I-84 on a portion of the Veterans land. That was a Limited Use Overlay, this is an application to re-zone the land.

A hearing was held in Heppner on the Boeing application recently. After testimony is taken at Monday's meeting the planning commission will make a recommendation to the County Court at the November 4 or November 11 meeting. The county court makes the final decision.

Seeger said "They (Boeing) don't have a specific use in mind. They just want to change the zone."

Heppner Transfer, owned by Russell Oil Co., has applied for a conditional use permit for a new building at the south side of the Boardman Exchange.

Arco has applied for two permits for two exploratory wells in South East Morrow County.

Decisions on the last two applicants' requests will probably be reached at the planning meeting, Seeger said.

Tidewater completes application

Tidewater Barge Lines has completed its application for a permit from the department of environmental quality for its proposed solid waste landfill at Finley Buttes. Tidewater representative Ed Glenn announced. Copies of the application will be on file in each of the five communities of the county for review by all interested persons, he said. The application includes detailed technical data and the proposed design details.

Tidewater invites public comment on the completed application which may either be forwarded to Tidewater Barge Lines, 6 Beach Drive, Vancouver, Wa 98661 or delivered at a hearing to be con-

ducted by the Department of Environmental Quality at a date yet to be announced, Glenn continued. Copies of the application can be reviewed at the following locations: Irrigation Planning Dept at the Morrow County Annex, Boardman City Hall, Lone City Hall, Lexington Schools Administrative office, Morrow County Clerk's office Courthouse, Heppner.

Heppner urban growth area platted

By Avon Melby

Land south of the Bobby Angell property owned by the Corps of Engineers will soon be platted for possible homes, Deene Seeger, Mor-

Fair and Rodeo Queen named

Missy Schoonover has been named 1988 Fair and Rodeo Queen. She was a princess on the 1986 court.

The new queen is the daughter of Lawrence and Sharon Schoonover and has lived in Lexington most of her 18 years. She is currently attending Walla Walla Community College and majoring in psychology in

order to be able to work with mentally and physically disabled.

She has been active in 4-H and barrel club. Her hobbies include riding horses, swimming, and working with people.



Missy Schoonover

row County Planner told Heppner City Planning Commission Monday.

Seeger said the land, which is in the city's urban growth boundary, was now available from the Corps for either the city or the county to accept. Since it is not adjacent to city land the county will determine the "holding capacity" for future development, and present it to the Corps by November 4 because the Corps is now listing it as "surplus land". There is also another section just above the cemetery and below the Angell property, which may go to the cemetery for future expansion if the Cemetery Board is interested, Seeger said.

In regular business at its monthly meeting Monday the city planners:

-Granted a variance application for setback requirement on a carport at 255 N. Court street to Tom Huddleston. It was contingent on using non-glare roofing on the carport.

-Granted a variance application to allow a revolving sign at Cal's Service Center at 327 N. Main to applicant Cal Sherman.

-Approved a conditional use permit to allow a new double-wide mobile home at 425 Linden Way, to Verna Brinda. Location is in a commercial zone so needed the conditional use permit. The mobile will be set on cement on a permanent foundation which includes a car port.

Yearns for home after LA quake

Former Heppnerite Lynn Dee Devin is anxious to move back home, her mother, Maureen Howard, reported.

Devin who lives in Los Angeles was at home when the October 1 earthquake there reached 6.1 on the Richter scale of ground motion. She was not hurt, her mother said, but was told to stay off the freeways for awhile so she couldn't go to work. Devin works on the 24th floor of a downtown Los Angeles office building. After she went to work, her mother continued, all employees were sent home until the building

could be inspected for safety. The earthquake left cracks in the walls, Howard said.

Through the quake and after shocks, Devin was not hurt, and no damage was done to her apartment, though things were knocked off the walls and messed up somewhat, her mother said.

Devin has lived in Los Angeles six months. She is a longtime area resident and 1981 graduate of Heppner High School. Since then she graduated from Oregon State University and worked at Hermiston and Albany before transferring to California.



Whoops! Lexington City Hall will be repaired soon, Fire Chief Bill Sheirbon said. A Friday morning insured accident knocked the front corner loose from the cement block building. The structure is believed safe enough for storage of the fire truck and equipment on the City Council side, he said. The back-up fire truck is parked outside the building. He did not know if the council would hold meetings in the building before it is repaired.

City of Lexington owns the building shared by the city and the fire department. Mayor Bob Taylor was unavailable for comment.