

Letters to the Editor

Two semester system will shorten college summer employment

To the Editor:
How many people are aware that the State Board of Higher Education has ordered all seven state universities and colleges (OSU, OIT, etc) to convert from the traditional school year of three terms to a two semester system starting in late August of 1989?

I appeared in person before the Board at its December 18 meeting and requested that they call a halt to all semester conversion activity until June 30, 1989. There has been limited input accepted from faculty and students. No public hearings were held by the board. At the present time, I know that at least 31 Legislators are in agreement with the request to postpone conversion activity.

The Chancellor's office has assured the Board and the Education Sub-Committee of Ways & Means that there are no costs involved in switching to semesters. That is a very flawed claim. There has to be tremendous expense involved, both in budget dollars, and in lost teaching time, as the Professors completely rewrite every course by this June.

Most community colleges are not planning to convert to the semester system for various reasons including costs. Yet the 1987 Legislature was

assured that the conversion to semesters would only be done in cooperation with community colleges. The fall semester beginning in late August will have a very adverse effect on students who need to earn their college money by working in tourism/recreation, agriculture/food processing, timber and construction related activities. Not only will the students be adversely affected, so will the natural resource related businesses who have need of employees only for the summer season which extends beyond Labor Day.

The 11 members of the State Board of Higher Education should

reconsider their position. There is no conclusive evidence that changing to semesters will improve the quality of education. It will reduce by at least one-third the number of courses a student can take in a four-year period. There will be complications and costs galore if the conversion is allowed to proceed.

If you are concerned about the change, or want more information, please write me at 27070 Irish Bend Loop, Halsey, OR 97348.

Sincerely,
(s) Liz VanLeeuwen
State Representative
District 37

School Board met January 18

The Morrow County School Board met January 18 at Sam Boardman Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. The Board approved the following action:

-the hiring of Tenna Schneider as a bus driver in Boardman. She will continue to drive an a.m. run;

-approved hiring Jack Baney as custodian at A.C. Houghton. He will be assistant custodian through the month of January and will become head custodian on February 1;

-they also approved the resignation of Jim Ackley from his position as music teacher at A.C. Houghton and Columbia Junior High.

The board heard an appeal from Bruce Ford and Curtis Perkins for a reversal of the board's decision regarding their children attending Echo schools. A motion was approved to reconsider the attendance decision regarding the Ford and Perkins children attending Echo schools and to allow the Perkins children and Ford children to continue to attend Echo schools without Morrow County School District requesting

basic school support and with no liability for tuition to Echo.

The Superintendent gave an update on asbestos requirements.

Under unfinished business, the board accepted bids from Dan's Ukiah Service for the 1979 Pontiac and the 1967 International.

Under new business, the board was told that the new "Parental Leave law" requires us to grant up to twelve weeks of unpaid leave to employees for the birth or adoption of a child.

They also approved hiring Ray Prindle as assistant custodian at A.C. Houghton Elementary, effective February 1, and;

-accepted Mary Lou Carlson's resignation from the Board.

The next regular board meeting will be February 16, 7:30 p.m. at Lexington.

An Executive Session was held on collective bargaining matters and the Superintendent's evaluation and contract. The Superintendent was offered a three-year contract.



County Agent's Corner
By Morrow County Ag Agent
Fred Lundin

On Tuesday, February 2, OSU will hold its annual wheat seminar at the Lone Grange. The morning will focus on Conservation Compliance, and the afternoon session will cover the Russian wheat aphid, triticale, and a review of STEEP.

The program starts at 8:45 a.m. and the \$4 registration includes lunch. The speakers include Betty Lissman, state ASCS conservation specialist, Russ Karow, OSU Extension agronomist, and Don Wysocki, OSU soils specialist.

Those with commercial pesticide licenses should try to attend the two day recertification short course being held in Pendleton at the Red Lion on February 3-4. The topic is "Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Toxicology of Pesticides".

Growers with an interest in rapeseed may be interested in attending the "PNW Canola-Rapeseed Conference" on February 29 and March 1 at the Hanford House in Richland. The conference is supposed to take a practical approach to marketing. With rapeseed prices up above \$5.10, it becomes an attractive crop to grow.

If you have a satellite disc, there is a teleconference being offered on February 9, from 5-7 p.m. on "Stored Grain Management". The University of Minnesota and Oklahoma State University are cooperating to provide this teleconference and it can be viewed on Westar 4, Channel 19.

This program will address the management of stored grain and is directed at farmers and professionals

involved with any aspect of stored grain management.

Anyone wishing more information on any of the above may call the Extension office at 676-9642.

If herbs appeal to you, consider turning a sunny window sill into an herbal mini-garden this winter.

"Thyme, savory, basil and chervil, can be grown in small flower pots or a window box," said Fred Lundin, Oregon State University Extension Agent. "Then harvest what you need to add the finishing touch to a salad, soup or sauce."

Basil planted from seed will germinate in about 12 days. Chervil germinates from seed in 12 to 14 days. Other herbs, such as thyme, are best started from a growing plant, and chives should be started from a clump of bulbs.

Grow sage, lemon balm and rosemary from stem cuttings, Lundin said. Take the latest growth or the upper part of older stems. Cut

them into three or four sections, making sure each section contains leaves or leaf buds near the upper end. Insert one-half to two thirds or their length into a box or bowl filled with four or five inches of clean moist sand.

Cover the plants with a glass lid, leaving a half inch opening for ventilation. Shade the plants on sunny days.

Roots should develop in two weeks, and within four to six weeks the cutting should be ready to pot.

Heppner Hotline

By Joyce Breeding 676-5305

--Sara Adkins' son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crismon from Pendleton came through Heppner and took Sara to Portland to spend the Christmas holidays with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Time was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Crismon and Florence and Susie Hosley.

--Mary Goheen spent the recent holidays in Hawaii. Her group really "lucked out" as they were between heavy rainstorms and floods and enjoyed perfect weather.

Four days were spent at the world famous Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Christmas Eve they were guests at a Champagne Cocktail reception and dinner hosted by the hotel manager. Entertainment was provided by the Hawaiian Children's Choir.

Christmas day they went to Maui where they stayed at the Inter-Continental Wailea Resort for two days. The next visit was to the big island of Hawaii and a stay on the Kona Coast which is built of lava from the old inactive volcano Mauna Loa. There they saw the tiny St. Benedict's Painted Church and visited the "Arizona" memorial and the Punch Bowl Crater where over 30,000 of our Nation's war dead are buried. The last day they were invited to a Luau. Each person was presented with Shell leis.

--Joyce Breeding took Sara Adkins and Adelle LaTrace to Pendleton to see their eye doctors.

--The Senior meal site has been

Gonty elected chairman of Merchants Committee

Ed Gonty, owner of Gonty's repair in Heppner, has been elected chairman of the Heppner Merchant's Committee for 1988. Gonty will replace David Sykes, who has served as chairman for the past two

years. The committee met last Wednesday and planned out the year's promotional events, and discussed last year's promotions.

Joyce Holloman was re-elected treasurer of the organization.

Water supply outlook in Morrow County is bleak for 1988

Water shortages will occur in Morrow County this year unless extremely heavy precipitation occurs. Spring and summer streamflows are forecast to be much below average. Precipitation was well below normal in December and is only 41% of average for the water year. The precipitation was very light this past fall. During August the precipitation was only 23% of normal, September 11%, and October 0%. This has

resulted in the soil moisture being very dry.

Precipitation for December was: Ukiah, 2.14 inches, 99% of average; Heppner, 0.52 inches, 31% of average.

The Madison Butte SNOTEL reported .9 inches of water in the snowpack, which is 27% of average.

Forecasts of streamflow, assuming normal weather conditions for the rest of the season are as follows:

FORECAST

Stream	1000's of	% AVG	Period	AVG 1000's of
Butter Creek near Pine City	5.2	45	Mar-July	11.6
Rhea Cr. near Heppner	4.4	47	Feb.-July	9.3
Willow Cr. at Heppner	4.4	47	Feb.-July	9.4
Rock Creek above Cayuse Canyon near Condon	8.9	45	Feb-July	19.8

This information was provided by the Heppner Field Office of the Soil Conservation Service.

DOCTORS ON WEEKEND CALL AT PIONEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

January 30 & 31 Dr. Wenburg
February 6 & 7 Dr. Thiessen
February 13 & 14 Dr. Thiessen
February 20 & 21 Dr. Williams
February 27 & 28 Dr. Williams

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Instructor Theda Lowe

Feb. 6th 10:00 Crochet Class \$15⁰⁰
Instructor Pat Scott
1:00 Serger Demonstration FREE
Instructor From Ron's Sew & Vac
3:00 Serger Demonstration FREE (Repeat)

Feb. 13th 9:30 Crochet Class (2nd Session)
Instructor Pat Scott
1:00 Making a Sweatshirt \$10⁰⁰
Instructor Marty Mitchell

Feb. 20th 9:30 Tole Painting \$15⁰⁰
Instructor Molly Day
1:00 Counted Cross Stitch with Waste Canvas on Sweatshirts
Instructor Mycal Gaudin

Feb. 27th 9:30 Tole Painting (2nd. Class)
Instructor Molly Day
1:00 Sweatshirt Applique \$10⁰⁰
Instructor Jamie Allen (Repeat in case you missed it in Jan.)

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