

Port of Morrow issues 4.5 million in bonds

The Port of Morrow Commission passed an ordinance providing for the issuance of Port Revenue bonds in the principal amount of \$4,585,000. The meeting was conducted April 14 by a telephone conference call after the commission's regular meeting on April 13. Bob Miller, Port Manager met with Doug Courson, Bond Council, at the office of Lindsay, Hart, Neil and Weigler in Portland to sign the bond purchase agreement. Also present was a Scott Clements of

Seattle Northwest Securities, the underwriters for the project. Clements said the original estimate of savings resulting from this refunding was \$320,000. The accumulated net savings actually realized was over \$440,000. Clements added that "the Port was able to accomplish this financing quickly and effectively with a broad market response because of the strong management history of the Port Commission and staff." Miller announced that he is very

pleased with the broad base support for the Port issue. "I believe this shows that there is public confidence in Columbia River Ports once their story is told." The Port Commissioners determined that it was necessary to refund the bond in order to restructure the Port's debt, achieve a debt service savings, and to construct improvement to its industrial waste disposal system. The Port of Morrow realized an accumulative savings by refunding eight prior bond issues dating back to 1974.

Port of Morrow hears Tourism proposal

The Port of Morrow met on April 13. Fred Lundin, representing the Morrow County Tourism Committee presented a proposal for placemats. The theme is to "Stay Another Day" in Morrow County and the mats would be sold to area restaurants. The Commission thought the idea was a good one but wanted until the next meeting to consider it.

The committee moved to sell to Umatilla Electric Co-Op for a nominal fee the land necessary to expand their Blalock Sub-Station. Special note was made of the effort UECA was making on agri-nomics and other areas of economic development for our

region. A motion on painting the water tank at well No. 2, was made; donate to Oregon Business Week, one scholarship to each high school in Morrow County, of \$200 each for a total of \$600.

Judge Louis Carlson asked Bob Miller for a meeting regarding inter-governmental relations. The Port of The Dalles sent a letter asking if they could use the Operating Engineers training school for a project with the duration of one year. Request denied. Senator Packwood wrote a letter to Bob Miller thanking him for responding to the Umatilla National Forest Management Plan.

Boardman Council lack quorum

By Ed Glenn
The Boardman City Council couldn't muster a quorum last week to receive the partial payment made by Locke Enterprises, Inc., on the Knudson Commercial Park LID. Locke Enterprises, Inc. acquired ownership of the park last spring in a three-way deal between it, American Guarantee Life and the city. That deal envisioned a payment of \$150,000 from Locke Enterprises to the city on July 1, 1988, to clean up a prior default by American Guarantee and to provide the city funds to pay Bancroft Bonds issued

in the city's name for development of the park.

No payment was made by Locke Enterprises until early last week when \$10,000 was delivered to City Attorney M.D. Van Valkenberg. In the meantime, the city has had to borrow funds from Inland Empire Bank to make the bond payment last fall, some three months after it was due.

In the absence of the quorum, Mayor Art Kegler passed the partial payment on to the budget committee. No action was taken on any further collection efforts.

D.A.'s Report

The District Attorney's office at the Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Gerald Paul Coons, 36, Benton County Washington Jail, appeared for Change of Plea and entered guilty to Burglary in the First Degree on April 22 before Judge Ralph Currin. Pre-sentence investigation was ordered by the court.

Darrell Pete Hottel, 21, Hermiton, appeared for Arraignment of the charge of Driving While Suspended and Driving Under the Influence, before Judge Ralph Currin on April 22. Entry of Plea is set for May 6.

John Samuel Williams, 24, failed to appear for arraignment on the charge of Forgery in the First Degree and Theft in the Third Degree, on April 22. Judge Ralph Currin ordered a Warrant for the arrest of the defendant.

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Tillicum Fashion Show held for scholarships



Laura Erickson models her prom dress.

By Joyce Hensley

The latest in fashion wear was paraded at Riverside High School April 16 for the benefit of raising funds for scholarships.

Street attire and sportswear were displayed at the Boardman Tillicum Club's annual brunch and style

show, entitled "April Showers". Young ladies also modeled gowns they will be wearing at the forthcoming Junior-Senior prom.

Two college-bound Riverside graduating seniors will be awarded \$250 each to help towards their schooling from the funds raised through the style show and other fund raisers.

The Tillicum Club, organized in 1945, is a Boardman ladies organization. "We are committed to supporting the community," said Pat Flug, Mistress of Ceremonies for the fashion show.

The children's library, now combined with the City library, was started years ago by the club and the annual Easter Egg hunt for the community children is a Tillicum function. "We had 213 children looking for eighty dozen eggs this year," said Flug.

The Boardman Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Technicians are also given support by the group. "If there is a special need, we try to meet it," she said.

Bereaved families are ministered to by the ladies. "We take meals into their homes to lessen their burden," said Flug.

The club members also raise revenues by catering to various functions throughout the year. For information concerning the Tillicum Club catering service, call president, Kelly Barrick, 481-7382.

Fashions for the style show were



Pat Flug

from Burnham's Department Store, silk flowers for decoration were donated by Boardman Pharmacy, potted plants were donated by L.P. Nursery, also for decoration, and trays were donated by Kegler's Sentry Market.

Boardman budget committee approves budget

By Ed Glenn

The Boardman Budget Committee approved a budget last week which includes \$68,505 to pay development bonds related to the Knudson Commercial Park LID. The payment is necessary because the owner of the Park has paid only \$10,000 of a \$150,000 payment due last July.

The approved budget dropped a plan for a full-time fire chief and capital improvement program that would have added an economic development fund for promotion of the city. It also adds about \$1.42 per thousand to the tax rate over the budget proposed last month.

Locke Enterprises, Inc., owner of the commercial park, made its \$10,000 payment just before the budget committee meeting last week together with a letter saying the balance would be paid in 60 to 90

days. Committee chairman Don Russell, was of the opinion that they should assume that Locke Enterprises would not pay, "and then if they do, it will be just like Christmas, a little bit early."

In considering other alternatives to paying the development bonds with taxes, John Prag, local real estate broker, ruled out a new bond issue. "The city's bond rating has been wrecked by this default," he said.

The approved budget calls for a tax rate of \$8.92 per thousand dollars of assessed value compared with \$9.90 last year and \$7.55 for the city manager's proposed budget without provision for the bond payment. Since the tax amount is still within the city's tax base no election will be required.

Students to attend Writing festival

Students from grades 4-12 were selected locally for their outstanding writing ability. Each participant has prepared a special piece of writing to share with other students at the Festival.

The Morrow County School District students who will join over 900 students from 125 school districts throughout the state are: Tony Becket, Heppner Elementary; Sherry Bingham, Heppner Junior High; Carmen Britt, Riverside High; Kim Burke, A. C. Houghton Elementary; Andrea Cumbie, Columbia Junior High; Travis Greenup, Lone Middle School; Joseph Larsen, Sam Boardman Elementary; and Lana Schmidt, Heppner High School.

Chaperones will be Kevin Fry from Riverside High, Teresa Kolbasowski from Sam Boardman Elementary, and Linda Shaw from Heppner Elementary.

Students and teachers will also participate in workshops conducted by professional writers and outstanding teachers from across the state.

The Oregon Writing Festival, which is co-sponsored by the Oregon Council of Teachers of English, the Oregon Department of Education and the University of Oregon, is

organized to recognize and encourage Oregon students and teachers for their efforts to improve writing.

Morrow County School District is sending eight students to the Fourth Annual Oregon Writing Festival, a day-long workshop conference on Saturday, May 7, at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Remember it is unlawful to park in a space reserved for Disabled persons unless you have a decal for that purpose.

Nelson and Governor promote Oregon products

Mike Nelson of Baker joined Governor Neil Goldschmidt in San Francisco last week promoting Oregon Products.

Nelson, a Baker real estate agent and candidate for State Representative from House District 59, which encompasses Baker, Crook, Grant and Morrow counties, is vice-chairman of the Oregon Tourism Council.

"I am on the Oregon Tourism Council to see that Eastern and Central Oregon are well represented when special promotions like this are made," said Nelson. "A great deal of money and jobs are created from these shows, and I want to see that we get our share."

The San Francisco promotion features the opening of the "Oregon: Discover the Gourmet Side" food festival at Neiman-Marcus in San Francisco, and the launching of Oregon's tourism campaign in California.

Neiman-Marcus, a catalog and thirteen department store chain, will present the best in Oregon specialty foods and wines from April 15 through May 1.

In addition to the promotion, Nelson will be visiting California businesses and tour planners and travel agents to make sure they know what can be found in Oregon east of the Cascades.

"California is the sixth largest economy in the world today," said Nelson. "The mission will bring all the good things in Oregon to that important market."

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