

## Boardman Council adopts budget

By Ed Glenn

Requiring a tax levy of \$50,000 less than last year, the Boardman City Council adopted its 1988-89 budget during the regular session last week. While holding the line on pay raises and eliminating one patrolman, the budget does provide for \$68,000 to repay a short-term loan used to make bond payments on the Knudson Commercial Park LID. Locke Enterprises, Inc. acquired the property a year ago and had agreed to make a payment of \$150,000 to the city by July 1, 1987. The LID was already in default with additional payments on the bonds coming due in October, 1987 and April 1988. Locke Enterprises has paid only \$10,000 on April 19 of this year and

the city has had to borrow to make the bond payments. In anticipation that no further payments will be received, the budget includes funds to repay loans taken to date. City Manager Larry Dalrymple said the city plans to borrow again this October and then include funds in the next year's budget to repay the loan. That procedure would continue for four more years until the bonds are retired. Dalrymple added "including the LID funds, the city's tax rate will be \$8.35 per thousand compared with \$9.90 for the current year. \$2.59 per thousand is the LID portion." The council took no action on foreclosure or any other collection action against Locke Enterprises. Nor

did it set a date when such action might be taken. In other action the council: -renewed a garbage collection franchise with Sanitary Disposal and adopted a new fee schedule increasing the basic 2 can curb service from \$5.50 to \$6.25 per month; -accepted Pat McClintock's resignation from the budget committee and appointed alternate Roger Cash to the vacancy; -approved three stop signs in the Boardman Marina Park, which replace the removed "speed bumps"; -renamed Columbia Court, Donovan Court and Columbia Drive, Allen Drive to avoid confusion with Columbia Boulevard.

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## Pair arrested on Boardman burglary charges



Photo by Joyce Hensley

Boardman officers in uniform and plain clothes search for evidence in a recent "Hitchin' Post" arson case.

By Joyce Hensley

Stolen automotive accessories spotted mounted on a pickup truck owned by James Howard Starke Jr., 19, Irrigon, led to the arrest of Starke and Rocky Rodriguez, 21, East Columbia Avenue, Boardman. Vandalism and the theft of batteries, stereos and tools June 4 from Rod's Automotive, 495 East Columbia Avenue, Boardman, and the vandalism and theft of automotive accessories about June 6 from a 1977 Ford pickup belonging to R.E. Moore, resulted in several indictments being handed down from the Grand Jury for the pair, according to Boardman Chief of Police Steve Cearley. Both have been charged with first-degree criminal mischief, first-degree theft, second-degree burglary, reckless driving, and

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amounted to approximately \$3,000, according to Rod's Automotive. The loss from theft and vandalism to the Moore's pickup amounted to \$1,033. The arrests were the result of the Boardman Police department, the Irrigon Police department and the Morrow County Sheriff's department working together.

## Local businessmen urge Port levy

By Ed Glenn

An entourage of local businessmen descended upon the Port of Morrow last week and urged the Port Commission to consider a tax levy to keep the Lamb-Weston french fry plant in operation. Art Kogler, Boardman Mayor and local grocer led the group in asking for a committee of Port Commissioners and businessmen to study the levy request and other alternatives. John Prag, Boardman realtor, pledged the local committee's support for a tax levy if the Port were to propose one. Acquired by Lamb-Weston a year ago, the Boardman french fry plant is now one of seven plants and because of higher production costs at the Boardman plant, it is being used as a "swing" plant. That means the Boardman plant runs only as sales require, while the other six plants are running at capacity. Since last year, the Boardman plant has laid off more than 400

employees and has cut hours for the remaining employees so that hourly payroll is now at an annual rate of only 34% of payroll just a year ago. The Port of Morrow supplies water and effluent disposal services to the plant and its cost of these utilities that was under consideration. The Port charges both a gallonage rate and a flat "capital improvement" fee of about \$34,000 per month. Because of the capital improvement fee, the plant's effective water rate goes up even though usage has been going down. Kogler suggested that a \$400,000 tax levy would retire that capital improvement cost and put the plant in a competitive position. He added that "an employment commitment would be appropriate" in exchange for relief from the capital improvement cost. "Consider it economic development wherein it may be a lot less expensive to keep an existing

plant going than try to attract a new one," he said. The commissioners agreed to meet with the group this week to further discuss the proposal. The Port did reduce the water/effluent rate from 75 cents per thousand gallons pursuant to rate reduction negotiations with Lamb-Weston, and further agreed to study a graduated rate that would give some incentive for reduction in usage. In other business, the commission: -purchased pipe for expansion of the effluent system to two new center pivots not previous part of the disposal system; -directed Port Manager Bob Miller to prepare an ordinance to prohibit discharge of firearms in the developed portion of the Port property; -heard a report that the container terminal traffic was down in May, but that expectations were still high that Pendleton Flour Mill usage would increase over the summer.



By Jim VanWinkle, Weed Supervisor, 676-5452

Before man settled in this area, grasses and other native vegetation grew so thick and in such balance that plant life not native to the area could not gain a foothold. But as settlers replaced nomadic Native Americans, fencing and overgrazing quickly thinned native grasses, allowing weeds to take hold. Movement of hay and other feeds containing weed seeds established infestations where none existed before. Noxious weeds have been spread by deer, elk, domestic livestock and birds over ever-widening areas. They hitchhike on vehicles, clothing and other equipment of hunters and backpackers. They accompany pipeline, roadway and utility right-of-way workers over long stretches of land. Not only are noxious weeds tough and persistent, they have abundant reproductive capacity. Many are deep-rooted, so that even if their tops are killed, they can regenerate from root segments that remain viable deep in the soil. Many are prolific seed producers. Most are perennials. What this means, is that, no matter how effective the control method, if it is employed for only one season, the weeds will be back in a year or two, seemingly springing up from nowhere. Also, for really effective control, we must deal with them on a broad regional basis-not just where they're easy to get at, but wherever infestations are scattered in patches over rough, inaccessible terrain. If you would like to become involved in saving our land from noxious weeds, please feel free to contact Jim VanWinkle, Morrow County Weed Supervisor, 676-5452.

## 1st annual Iceberg Meltdown contest in Irrigon July 2

July 2, 1988, the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce will unveil the biggest ice cube you've ever seen. Multi-colored and set in the sun...how long will it take to melt?

You will have until 6 p.m. on July 2 to buy your chances to win one of over 20 prizes being awarded for the closest guess. The newly formed Irrigon Chamber of Commerce needed money to start their organization and came up with an "Iceberg Meltdown" contest. Pick up your entry form at any Irrigon business.

The "Iceberg" made by the chamber is 4 foot wide by 4 foot high by 8 foot long and contains approximately 958 gallons of water. It will be set in a rainbow of colors outside in the sun to melt...high noon Saturday, July 2, at Brown's Auto and Truck Stop on Hwy 730 in Irrigon.

The Chamber of Commerce is awarding more than 20 prizes donated by local businesses. First and second prize is a professionally guided fishing trip for four on the Columbia River, presented by Tales and Tackle Gunsmithing and Mike Weinkauff Guide Service (\$400 value) or \$250 cash presented by the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce. First place gets first pick of the two prizes, second place receives the other prize.

To win, the entrant must calculate the hours, minutes and seconds it will take the giant ice cube to completely melt.

The committee, chaired by vice-president Jim Netteland, urges people to enter early because chances will only be sold before the iceberg is placed at Brown's and until 6 p.m. the evening the iceberg is displayed. Hot dogs and pop will be available during the day.

Anyone wishing forms may call Debbie Dirks at 922-4311 or 922-2948 or pick them up at Irrigon Main street (Hwy 730) businesses.

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Beauty Salon  
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Manager/Operator Hair Stylist  
200-B NW 1st Boardman  
181-3216

## Group tours Wasteck in Vancouver

By Delpha Jones

About 40 people attended a meeting in Vancouver, Wa on Thursday sponsored by the Tidewater barge company, Wasteck and Clark county. The group left the Port of Morrow by bus, compliments of the Morrow County Port Commission. A lovely lunch was served at the rest stop, then on to Vancouver where the bus was met at they Quay by Joe Tanner, who acted as tour guide for the afternoon. The group visited in Portland at the Wasteck business, where they saw how paper recycling was done with papers sorted and tied in bundles of 2000 lbs (1 ton) each for shipping to the Orient where it will be again recycled and used for many products. Cardboard is tied into bundles of 1700 lbs and also shipped to the Orient for further use. They ship

about 15,000 ton a year. Glass is sorted and goes to different locales where it is recycled and used again. The green glass goes to California. There are about 200 people employed by Wasteck. This showed the group the variety of things that can be done, at the Morrow County site, and explanations of how the building and maintenance of solid waste centers. The group was driven around Vancouver to various business sites, and told how they came to settle in Vancouver. A bountiful buffet and social hour was enjoyed later, and the group headed for home about 7:30 p.m. It was a most educational and pleasant day. Those going on the trip came away with a much clearer idea of the solid waste project headed for Morrow County.

**DOCTORS ON CALL AT PIONEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
June 18 & 19 ..... Dr. Diehl  
June 25 & 26 ..... Dr. Williams  
Appointments to see the doctor on weekends may be arranged in advance by calling 676-9133  
Appointments will be charged as office visits.

The American Legion, Post 87 thanks all the merchants for their generous donations toward the purchase of military rifles for our community service.  
Commander Ed Baker

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