

Robin Graff wins \$550 grand prize



Forrie Burkenbine, owner of Central Market, draws winning card.

Robin Graff of Ione was the grand prize winner of \$550 in gift certificates in the Christmas Punch Card contest that has been ongoing over the past four weeks. Winners for the final week of the contest were Jeanette Logan,

who won a \$25 gift certificate from Murray's Drug; Jean Ann Turner won a gift certificate from the Shoe box; Tonya Heideman, Gardner's Men's Wear; Jeff Orr, Central Market; Marlene Gray, Les Schwab; and Barbara VanArsdale, Coast to Coast.

OSU lists honor roll

Oregon State University has announced its fall term honor roll. Rochelle Neal of Boardman earned a 3.5 or better. Neal is a freshman business major.

A total of 251 earned straight A's 4.0. Another 1,346 earned a B-plus (3.5 or better) to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

School district zones mandated by state

The Morrow County School Board, at its regular meeting Monday night, Dec. 21, directed superintendent Ralph Reed and school district attorney Ann Spicer to draw up a map creating seven school district election zones.

According to Spicer the move is state mandated and zones must be based on population. The zones must be approximately equal in population, she said. Spicer said that any school board election held without zoning could be challenged in court. She also told the board that if they would not zone the district, the court would do it for them.

Suggested zoning would include seven zones of around 1,500 people each. Boardman and Irrigon have a combined population of over 4,400; the Heppner and Hardman area a population of over 2,100; and the Ione-Lexington area, over 1,000. Board members must reside in the zone from which they are elected.

Board member Scott Bauska, Boardman is up for election this year. January 21, 1993 is the deadline for filing for that spot, which had been an at-large position.

The board will review the proposed district map at an early January meeting. Faced with budget cuts necessitated by Measure 5, the board heard recommendations for a "worst case" scenario as suggested by the Oregon School Boards Association.

In this scenario, the district should prepare for three percent less local property taxes and state aid than in 1992-93. According to figures presented by board member John Rietmann, a three percent drop in revenue is \$335,734.

Recommendations to cope with that reduction include: maintaining a cash carry over amounting to nearly \$500,000; maintaining a contingency fund at \$200,000; Continuing board direction of reductions in the central office; reductions in the maintenance area; reductions in support (classified) staff, transportation costs, extracurricular and co-curricular activities, and academic programs or academic opportunities.

This year's budget is more than \$13 million. Next year's is anticipated to be \$13 million or less. In other business, the board voted to increase the superintendent's salary to between \$65,000 and \$70,000 plus benefits for the 93-94 year.

The district previously had superintendents at a salary schedule of \$59,600 for the 1991-92 school year, \$61,686 for the '92-93 year and \$63,845 for '93-94. According to figures released by William Worrell, Ph.D. director of school district services of the Oregon School Board Association (OSBA), the Morrow County salary schedule was ranked 13 out of 21 districts of the same approximate size. The highest superintendents salary listed was \$76,346 for the '93-94 year and the lowest was \$60,160 for the same year.

The district is in the process of beginning a search for a new superintendent following the

resignation of current superintendent Ralph Reed, effective June 30, 1993.

The board approved a search time line, and goals, qualities and qualifications they will seek in a new administrator. Worrell and the OSBA will assist the board in the nation-wide search. The search is expected to cost the board around \$4,500.

The board also heard a report from auditor Brent Fife of Morrison, Fife and Jenson of Pendleton. Jenson said that the figures showed "great restraint on the part of the district," and commented "I think the statement reflects that the administration was responsible during the last year," in the face of "a lot of uncertainty out there."

The board approved the audit. In other business the board: approved the first reading of board policy concerning preventative measures concerning hepatitis B and blood borne pathogens;

-approved closure of Main Street between 10th and 12th streets at A.C. Houghton School. The closure will also be presented to the Irrigon city council;

-approved a recommendation to the Oregon Schools Athletic Association that the Heppner and Ione high schools field a joint baseball program;

-approved a request for two people to attend the Bilingual Title VII Grant Program national convention. Attending will be Riverside High School Principal Dave Youngbluth, who is project director, and the RHS trainer coordinator;

-approved resignations of Bill Ewing, Heppner Middle School assistant football coach and Tracy Gordanier, Columbia Junior High assistant custodian.

Market Report

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Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1992	
Soft White	
Dec.	\$4.15
Jan.	\$4.18/\$4.20
Feb.	\$4.21/\$4.22
March	\$4.23
Barley	
Dec.	\$96
Jan.	\$97
Feb.	\$99
New Crop	
July	\$3.60
Aug.	\$3.55

Paullus, HMS assistant basketball coach; Kelley Swarat; IJH assistant track coach; Al Hensley, Irrigon bus driver and Lisa Beyeler, RHS assistant cook.

The board granted leave of absence for Rosa Rodriguez, Irrigon bus driver who requested two days of unpaid leave; Beth Creason, who is requesting maternity leave from March 29 to June 10, and Terri Gentry, Heppner P.E. teacher who is requesting maternity leave.



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