

## District reviews school financing scenarios

It's the good, the bad or the ugly when it comes to school financing, according to several scenarios presented to the Morrow County School Board by district superintendent Chuck Starr at the regular board meeting Monday, Oct. 10.

If Measure 15, the "Kids First" school funding measure on the ballot in November fails, for the 1995-96 year, Morrow County School District could lose between \$375,000 (if the formula for funding is frozen at 1994-95 level) and \$581,000 (if full equalization is in effect). (Equalization is a process by which all schools in the state will receive approximately the same amount of money per student. Equalization will be achieved in the state over a gradual process, but some districts are challenging the gradual process in court, demanding that equalization become effective immediately.)

If Measure 5 passes, the district could gain almost \$368,000, even if full equaliza-

tion occurs by 1995-96. The district would gain \$606,951 if funding is frozen at the 1994-95 level.

If however state schools are funded at \$150 million above Governor Roberts' target, as suggested by both gubernatorial candidates, Denny Smith and John Kitzhaber, Morrow County School District could lose \$217,000 in funding under the full equalization formula; or they could gain around \$107,000 under the three year phase in of equalization.

The 1994-95 funding level for Morrow County is \$10,661,031. The district has recommended \$1,400,250 in reductions for the 1995-96 school year. Those cuts include \$110,000 for media specialists; \$20,000 driver's education costs; \$10,850 field trips; \$200,000 elementary physical education, art and music specialists; \$90,000 reduction in vocational agriculture and industrial technology; \$96,000 entire

home economics program; \$200,000 staff reductions at Heppner High School and Heppner Middle School through the grade 7-12 configuration to be implemented at the high school; \$63,400 groundsman; \$360,000 balance of extracurricular programs; \$250,000 reduction in unappropriated ending fund.

The board is also examining another \$199,750 in cuts. They are considering contracting transportation, food service and maintenance service cutting high school art or high school music for two fulltime positions and reducing one position at the district office.

If Measure 15 passes, even with full equalization, said Starr, "We don't cut any programs. We just tighten up and survive." Even if ballot measure 15 passes, the district has to contend with around \$1 million less in the unappropriated ending fund balance.

## Lone man dies from train accident

An lone man, Sonny Timmons, was fatally injured Tuesday, Oct. 11, when his vehicle was hit by a train at the Heppner Junction at Interstate 84, according to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office said that they received a call around 4:56 a.m. The Gilliam County Sheriff's Office handled the accident. No further information was available at presstime.

## Estate planning workshop slated

An Estate Planning Workshop, co-sponsored by the Oregon Trail Library District and the Morrow County Extension Service, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in Heppner.

A two part workshop will also be held in Boardman Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 17 and 18, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Oregon Trail Library.

Call 1-800-342-3664, (503) 676-9642 or (503) 481-2665 for registration information.

## Medical board votes to buy \$98,000 X-ray machine

The Morrow County Medical Board voted Monday to purchase a new X-ray machine for \$98,000. The vote was 5-1 in favor.

Debate centered around the cost of the machine, however, Medical Services Administrator Kevin Erich said the hospital already had \$45,000 toward purchase of the reconditioned equipment. Erich said the old machine was costing an average of \$7,000 per year to repair, and money to buy was available for two percent over five years.

Dr. Ed Beretta, the local physician who uses the present X-ray machine extensively, said that the equipment needed to be upgraded, and now was the time.

Dr. Jacob Cambier, who

comes to Pioneer Memorial Hospital twice a month and uses the X-ray machine, told the board that he also felt it was time to upgrade the equipment.

In other business the board discussed the possibility of bringing in another dentist to Morrow County.

Dr. Blair Smith who now practices at both Heppner and Boardman, said his offices are experiencing a seven to eight-week wait for patients seeking dental work other than emergencies. "This is simply unacceptable," Smith said.

Erich was instructed to contact a Dr. Gehling who is now working at Kaiser in Portland, but who has expressed interest in moving to Eastern Oregon, and about setting up a practice in Morrow County.

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#### Lupus: More Common In Women And Blacks

Systemic lupus erythematosus, called SLE or "lupus," is a disease that affects many organs in the body. Lupus can occur in anyone, but is three to four times more common in women and blacks than the rest of the population. One reference indicates that a black female has about 1 chance in 250 of developing lupus during her lifetime. It is thought that heredity and estrogens play roles in determining who actually develops the condition. Other factors that are thought to contribute to lupus or cause flare-ups of the condition include exposure to certain viruses, sunlight, and physical stress.

Lupus is an inflammatory condition. A symptom of lupus that often occurs across the face is called "butterfly rash." Many individuals have fever, become fatigued, experience weight loss, and have muscle and joint pain. Lupus may resemble the symptoms of arthritis. Fluid may be retained in the lungs causing chest pain, coughing, and shortness of breath. Non-drug treatment for lupus includes rest and exercise plus avoidance of the stressors that can cause the symptoms of lupus. Medicines used for lupus include the nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs such as aspirin and ibuprofen; medicines that suppress the immune system such as azathioprine for kidney inflammation; antimalaria drugs such as chloroquin for rashes; and steroids such as prednisone for life threatening complications that may arise.

## Snowmobile club reaches agreement

The 4-Corners Snowmobile Club and government entities have finally reached an agreement concerning snowmobile use in the county.

Problems arose for members of the snowmobile club when the road between Cutsforth Park and the top of Coalmine Hill had not been plowed from snow. In a sort of Catch-22, if the snowmobilers parked their vehicles and drove their snowmobiles up to Coalmine Hill, then they were ticketed for operating the snowmobiles on roads. But if they didn't ride the snowmobiles up the hill in deep snow, they often couldn't make it up the hill in their vehicles.

The new understanding, between the snowmobile club, the Forest Service, Morrow County, Kinzua Resources and private property owner Dick Wilkinson, hammers out some of the problems that have arisen and lays out responsibilities on behalf of each party. "We have something we can live with," said Gene Orwick of the 4-Corners Snowmobile Club.

From now on, after Dec. 1, the county will permit both four-wheel drive vehicles and snowmobiles to be operated on unplowed county roads if the snow depth is 12 inches or greater. The county will also permit Cutsforth Park to be used as a trailhead location, for loading and unloading when access to the Coalmine Hill Snow Park area is not accessible.

The Forest Service has agreed to make certain areas on na-

tional forest lands available to snowmobiling activities and will permit the snowmobile club to groom forest development routes and cross country routes with a mechanical snow groomer, also on unplowed roads with an average snow depth of 12 inches after Dec. 1. The same regulations apply to Kinzua's forest development roads that have joint right-of-way easements with the Forest Service and a private road on Dick Wilkinson's property.

Four-Corners has agreed to provide mechanical trail grooming, construct snow berms, snow speed bumps and warning signs on the trail sides of snow berms. They must also exercise care in protecting the wildlife and environment and restore disturbed areas. The state's snowmobile registration fund and gas tax rebates to the Oregon Snowmobile Association will provide funds for the snow groomer and its operation.

According to the agreement, the snowmobile club must check for proper signing and safety, clear new trails and play areas approved by the Forest Service, provide and install signing at trailheads and along trails and other locations and provide and install chemical toilets for winter recreation visitors between elk season and when the snow melts.

Besides a year end summary of the snowmobile club's activities, the club must acquire special use permits as needed and must comply with all government regulations.

All parties involved will meet to evaluate the program, and jointly prepare plans for administration and maintenance. The agreement may be terminated by any of the parties upon 30 days written notice.

## Commission plans meeting

The Oregon Wheat Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 25, beginning at 8:30 a.m. via conference call.

Commission meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to attend is welcome to do so. Contact the Oregon Wheat Commission 48 hours in advance so that necessary arrangements can be made.

The Oregon Wheat Commission complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. Anyone who would like to attend the meeting, but needs special accommodations, contact the Oregon Wheat Commission office 48 hours in advance at (503) 229-6665 or TDD (503) 373-7776.

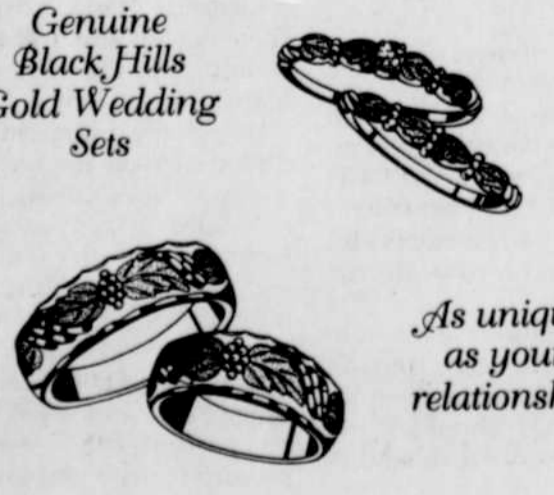
## New OSP officer

A new Oregon State Police officer has reportedly moved into the area.

Trooper Tim Cundell is now living near Lexington.

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