

School board zone changes explained

By Chuck Starr, superintendent of Morrow County Schools

As we near the January 26 deadline for prospective candidates to file for school board positions, the following question is an important one:

Why did the district change the school board's geographical zones, and what are those new zones?

State law requires the district to re-examine geographical board zones after every official census. The 1990 census showed that our board zones were no longer representing equal population number in the district. Therefore, the board had two choices: 1-change the zones to areas of equal population representation; or, 2-ask the voter to approve seven at large positions instead of having representative zones. The board decided to change the zones to make them each representative areas of equal population. Thus, the following zones were adopted:

Zone 1 Northeast Boardman through the western edge of Irrigon. Gary Frederickson was recently re-elected to this position.

Zone 2 the town of Lexington and area north to southern edge of Boardman; area south of Highway 730 to Umatilla Depot; and area south of I-84 to the Umatilla county line on the east and extension of Finley Buttes Road on south. Dwayne Carroll and Marcia Kemp currently live in this zone. As of July 1, 1995, Dwayne will be the sole representative for zone 2.

Zone 3 the western third of the county from north to south. This area includes the town of Ione and the western part of Boardman. John Rietmann and Molly Rill currently live in this zone. The position is open for election in March. That means that at least one of the current board members living in zone 3 will be off the board July 1, 1995.

Zone 4 the town of Heppner. This is a new zone. No current board member lives in this zone. Therefore, a new member of the board will be elected from zone 4 in March, and begin to serve July 1.

Zone 5 the northeast corner of the county, including most of the town of Irrigon. This is also a new zone, with no current member of the board living in it. Once again, a new member of the board will be

elected from zone 5 in March, and begin service July 1.

Zone 6 everything south of Zone 2 and east of Zone 3. Bill Doherty currently serves this zone.

Zone 7 the southern part of Boardman. Scott Bauska currently serves this zone.

The positions representing these zones are up for election March 28. The deadline for filing is January 26.

Keep the questions coming.

Why should we thank the members of our school board?

The Morrow County School District is in the middle of one of the most difficult time periods in its history. The state of Oregon has taken control of school funding and that change has resulted in our district needing to cut our general fund budget (money to operate our schools) in 1995-96 to a total amount that is over \$1,000,000 less than the district had to operate in 1992-93 (three years ago). Our school board must make the very difficult decisions about what cuts in staff and programs to make to balance our budget with less resources for the third straight year. Any decision they make is going to be unpopular with someone, yet they make those decisions in what they believe is in the best interest of all of the Morrow County students.

In the midst of funding problems, our board members must also support the changes

required under the 21st Century Schools Act (HB3565); provide new class rooms for our growing student population; provide funds for maintenance; and repair and remodeling of existing school buildings; provide funds to comply with new state and federal mandates; and provide funds to ensure that our students have an equal chance at jobs and higher education in the future.

For making these very difficult decisions, these volunteer representatives of all of you in the district receive the following: no pay; countless hours of stressful meetings; late night phone calls from irate citizens who dislike their decisions, or some other school decision or action; written complaints, or worse yet, general complaining around town that eventually reaches them third or fourth hand.

On the positive side, they do know that they have done the best job they can making these decisions with the information available. These dedicated people need a big pat on the back from all of us. Please join me in support of Governor Kitzbauer's proclamation of the week of January 22-28, 1995 as "School Board Recognition Week". Let the following board members know you appreciate them: Marcia Kemp, Scott Bauska, Bill Doherty, Molly Rill, Gary Frederickson, Dwayne Carroll and John Rietmann.

Off the Wall

By Marilyn Robinson

Although some folks seem bent on self-destruction, the average person isn't as ignorant as many manufacturing companies seem to perceive. (That excludes youngsters with invincible attitudes such as long ago when a son attempted to parachute off a barn using an umbrella). However it's easy to be coerced into following directions under threat of penalty by law or consequences.

But how many people read labels with dire warnings on aspirin-type products when seeking relief from pain in the middle of the night? Note that a popular mouthwash that I've used for years says on the label "if ingested consult a physician or a poison control center". In spite of mouthwash traces that have trickled down the pipe, I guess I'm lucky to have beaten the odds.

I'll admit there have been times when reading directions could have prevented frustration when trying to assemble a product or set a digital clock. But sometimes it's better to pretend that you know what you're doing instead of following confusing directions that often lead to abandoning an engineering feat.

People can become robot-like by living with programmed directives or unwritten rules, such as when to get up or go to work. During our so-called retirement years, it would be a sin to sleep in past 5 a.m. to comply with hubby's chore-bound morning routine. Minus a crew to feed or kids to get off to school, it would be hard to sleep in when the whole house begins to gyrate.

We're so hide bound by instructions that when not following precise directions that say "two teaspoon fulls" I expect a red flag to pop out of a bottle like a genie. It's difficult to imagine anyone inventing something when rules thwart the imagination. Just having to think up new regulations for use of a product could be a downer. Probably no one stood around telling Ben Franklin that electricity could be hazardous.

User beware, an axe doesn't come with a warning that misuse could result in a too close manicure of a digit. Young people are quick to pick up on the use of electrical gadgets. Yet adults don't trust them with power tool useage, thinking they might attempt to use a hedge trimmer for a haircut. However some of the male students' haircuts nowadays look more like their hair had been trimmed to resemble a hedge.

Perhaps you're one of the guilty ones who has removed pillow tags that say "under penalty by law, do not remove label". Maybe you've also machine washed a garment that was labeled "hand wash". Yet there are no guarantees after carefully following directions and that garment ends up looking like the dog has taken it for a drag around the block.

People are busy analyzing and labeling everything including over 3,000 grocery store items. As long as they're so free with advice, they should at least state that food overindulgence has been known to increase body weight.

Advertising is another effort at mind control that seems to work as noted by increased sales. However if those products must have labels with detailed instructions, then why not use larger print so one doesn't have to use a magnifying glass?

When it comes to all these directives that govern our lives sometimes it gives one a pain that is just a little bit lower than a thorn in the side.

First Interstate hosts agri-business

First Interstate Bank of Oregon took advantage of the mid-winter lull in agricultural activity to sponsor an "Agri-business Appreciation Day" and open house at its branch in Heppner on Wednesday, Jan. 18.

The open house was designed to recognize the importance of agriculture to the Oregon economy and to First Interstate Bank.

Marilyn Garcia, Heppner Branch Manager, said "This event lets our customers and other local residents have a chance to talk informally with bank officers, representatives from agricultural associations and other farmers and ranchers, that they normally might not have. It is also our chance to say thank you to our customers for their patronage and support."

The Morrow County Wheat Growers League attended and displayed information about their products. Representatives from Oregon State University's College of Agricultural Sciences also attended.

First Interstate Bank was represented by officers from Portland, Hermiston and Bend, including those from the commercial lending center and the agribusiness commercial banking center.

Specialized personal financial representatives who can offer information about the bank's investment and insurance products were present to discuss their services and products. Representatives from the bank's personal trust and agribusiness services offices were also present.

A number of local business-

es, including Les Schwab Tires and Wright Motors of Fossil were invited to attend.

The bank also provided door prizes, including a Pendleton blanket and an Oregon book.

The Oregon Wheat Cake baked by bank staff members from the Heppner, Condon and Fossil branches was served with complimentary coffee and other beverages.

The open house also coincides with the branch's 61st anniversary. The branch opened on January 5, 1934.

With 170 branches throughout Oregon, First Interstate Bank has been meeting the personal and business banking needs of Oregonians since being established in Portland on July 4, 1865.

Darlene Scroggins wins lottery prize

Darlene Scroggins of Heppner won \$2,338 in the Megabucks lottery game drawn Saturday, Jan. 14.

Scroggins said that she very seldom plays the lottery, but decided to buy a Megabucks quick pick power play ticket after one of her customers bought one Saturday. Scroggins is a clerk at Central Red Apple in Heppner.

Scroggins said that she sent away for the money and had just received it this week. She added that the win was especially appreciated because she recently lost her husband, Larry, and medical bills are still coming in.

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Gardner's MEN'S WEAR

193 N. Main St. 676-9218 Heppner

Submissions sought

During the month of January, the human services department at Blue Mountain Community College is seeking submissions from local businesses, agencies and individuals for information to add to the 1995 Umatilla/Morrow County Human Services Guide.

The guide is used as a reference tool by professionals in the field. It is also available to consumers through their local libraries or human services offices.

To submit information mail to: Blue Mountain Community College, c/o Patricia Tempinski, P.O. Box 100, Pendleton 97801. For more information call 276-1260, ext. 231.

Creative arts and crafts to meet

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts reminds members to get their items together for the St. Patrick's Day sale. The sale will be held Saturday, March 17 in the Les Schwab building.

Articles are needed for the silent auction as well. Cookies will be served and members are asked to bring two dozen.

Pharmacy & Your Health

Boardman Pharmacy & Hardware

202 1st. N. W. P.O. Box 170
Boardman, Oregon 97818
481-9474 481-7351

Vaccines for Children Program

Last year the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced the Vaccines for Children Program. According to a report in *Journal of American Medical Association*, the program, which will be introduced in January (1995), will provide free vaccines to children at participating private and public health centers. Health officials are concerned about the low immunization rates of children. According to the Center for Disease Control, the current vaccination rate of 2-year-old children is only 55 to 88 percent. A goal of one federal program for 1996 is to increase immunizations for polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, and haemophilus influenza b among all children.

Polio affected up to twenty thousand Americans each year in the 1950s. Vaccines introduced in the mid 50s and early 60s lowered the incidence of polio dramatically. Measles and mumps are highly contagious diseases caused by viruses. A single vaccine (MMR) protects children against measles, rubella, and mumps. Protection against diphtheria, tetanus (lock-jaw), and pertussis (whooping cough) is provided through another vaccine (DPT). Protection against haemophilus influenzae, an organism associated with bacterial meningitis, is provided by the Hib vaccine. Hepatitis B vaccine (HBV) protects against viral hepatitis.

It's not long until
St. Patrick's Day!!
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St. Pat's Auction
We need auction items
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Thank You!!

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