

Students named to dean's list

Brent Sheirbon and Jim Tellechea, both Lexington and Lenn Greer, Irrigon were named to the fall dean's list at the University of Idaho. In order to

be included in the deans' list, students must be registered for a specified number of graded credit hours which varies among the different academic colleges.

Health District reviews recreation district impact

Heppner teacher and coach Greg Grant appeared before the Morrow County Health District Board Monday, Feb. 6, to discuss the proposed county-wide co-curricular plan. The plan would fund extra-curricular activities now funded by the school district and would impact the budgets of taxing entities in the county.

The school district is considering eliminating funding for co-curricular activities, such as sports, FFA, drama and other clubs, because of budget constraints. The district faces cuts of at least \$1 million next year as a result of Ballot Measure 5 and the state school funding formula.

Grant told the board that the first year of the co-curricular serial levy would be \$375,000, the second, \$390,000 and the third, \$405,600. He said that the levy would only be three years because educators anticipate that the 1995-96 school year would be the worst in terms of school funding and the school funding situation would improve after that.

Grant said that the Morrow County assessor has projected

a 48 cent per thousand assessed valuation to fund the co-curricular program. At this rate, a taxpayer with a \$50,000 home would pay \$24 a year; one with a \$200,000 business would pay \$96; and one with a \$1 million farm would pay \$480.

Because the co-curricular levy would compete for dollars with all county taxing districts, the Morrow County Health District is expected to lose \$1,093 to the co-curricular program in 1995, \$619 in 1996 and \$637 in 1997. Morrow County government is expected to lose \$21,893 the first year, \$12,247 the second and \$12,608 the third. The city of Heppner would lose \$4,586 the first year, \$4,854 the second and \$4,891 in the third; the city of Lone, \$886, \$982 and \$1,005, respectively; the city of Irrigon, \$1,948, \$2,131, and \$2,172; the city of Boardman, will lose \$4,856 to the co-curricular program the first year, but nothing the subsequent years, because of the tax benefits gleaned from the Coyote Springs co-gen plant. Those taxes will also reduce the asking from Morrow County Health District, and the Oregon Trail Library District. The cities in the newly proposed district must opt in the district or they will be excluded. The Lone city council previously tied on the issue, but were to meet Tuesday. The Boardman council was also to vote on the issue Tuesday.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 130 people present for the senior meal February 1. Four meals were home delivered. Members of the Catholic church served. Mrs. Eubanks won the meal ticket. The mealsite committee met following the dinner. Darrell Vinson was at the dinner and looking well. He must still use oxygen, but is able to be out and about. He and Sue were also among the card players Friday afternoon.

The menu for Wednesday, Feb. 15 will be roast beef, hash browns, mixed vegetables, roll and applesauce. Members of the Baptist Church will serve.

Ray and Marge Dickenson are the new tenants at the senior apartments. They also do maintenance chores around the building. The other tenants welcome them to the St. Patrick's "family".

Velma Wight, Doll Campbell, Barb Struthers and Iva Booker sold tickets on the senior center quilt at the First Interstate Bank Friday. Tickets on the quilt, made by Quilters and Co., are available at the senior center. The drawing will be March 19 during the St. Patrick's celebration.

The quilters also donated three pieced quilts to the Neighborhood Center, to be given to people in emergencies such as burn outs.

There were two tables of cards in play Friday afternoon at the center. Ten seniors watched the movie "Sleepless in Seattle" Sunday evening. That movie and "Father of the Bride" which will be shown next Sunday, were loaned by Tami Rietmann.

All the Morrow County RSVP volunteers will be honored at a tea at the senior center Tues., Feb. 14 from 3-5 p.m. The center office will be closed during that time so that the all volunteer staff may attend.

Other dates to remember: Tues., and Thurs., exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday, senior meal noon; Feb. 15 blood pressures taken before the meal, quilting 1 p.m.; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie 7 p.m.

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The agenda will include a final review of the council's self assessment, planning for presentation of the Heppner Strategic plan to community groups, and discussion of support for the swimming pool pond and levy issues.

The public is welcome to attend the meetings of the Heppner Coordinating Council.

Off the Wall By Meryn Robinson

It was bound to happen. Growing consumer demand and limited mill capacity has caused the price of paper products to skyrocket. It's no wonder with printers and copy machines cranking out paper like 90 bushel wheat pouring into a combine hopper.

Copy paper has seen seven price increases since last April fueled by a shortage of pulp and increased worldwide demand. Analysts predict that the newsprint could cost as much as \$700 per ton by the end of 1995, a whopping 27 percent increase.

Now I'm not suggesting that we go back to using chalk and slates. One advantage of a small town is that news gets around faster by word of mouth than it takes time to print it.

Septic tanks or sewage plants might not be receptive to the use of recycled catalogs that seem to be an unending source in everyone's mailbox. Hankies could be used more for blow than show to limit the use of paper tissues I guess. Although having been felled by a head cold I seem to rely on those strategically placed boxes.

Many paper manufacturers closed mills in the late 1980's and '90's due to a slump in purchases fueled by a recession. As worldwide economics became more robust the demand started to catch up with the supply and inventories at paper mills begin to evaporate.

It seems counter productive to not allow the harvest of dead trees or thinning of forests which contributes to healthier stands when pulp needs are at an all time high. Cottonwood trees are now being grown just to supply needed pulp.

However, American ingenuity usually comes to the rescue. I still have a cook book published during WWII that was a war time supplement on how to cope with shortages. During those times, I remember that sugar and coffee as well as gasoline were some of the most precious commodities that were rationed.

People then were encouraged to cut back on eating meat, save empty tin cans, use honey or syrup to replace sugar and to save waste fat. When a pound of used fat was collected it could be taken to butcher, I don't think they used it to grease bullets, it was supposed to help provide glycerine needed for making explosives. However, my mother was a prudent saver of fat for the making of lye soap.

Thankfully that lye soap was used mostly for washing clothes. Those pungent bars were melted on the back of the stove before being added to a tub of clothes. Had facial scrubs been popular in those days, that lye soap could take the skin off an alligator.

Interestingly this cook book advises against trying to stretch coffee. It says that there is just so much flavor in a pound of coffee and that extra boiling can ruin the taste. I'm sure that sheepherders and elk hunters must take those directions with tongue in cheek.

Like back then I continued to wash and flatten tin cans, conscious effort to save space and to recycle. Yet some large tin containers find other uses including replacing a spittoon. Empty tin cans also make non lethal missiles that often silence a barking dog or they become earthworm receptacles for a fishing trip.

As to ways to alleviate a paper shortage, we could wrap up the whole world if all the waste paper that is incinerated each day were recycled, starting with the contents of numerous waste baskets that are emptied here daily.

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