

## School board raises lunch prices Shortcake party at Valby Church

The Morrow County School Board, at its regular meeting April 13, accepted the first reading of a proposal to increase the price of school meals by 25 cents for the 1998-99 school year.

Student breakfast will increase from 75 cents to \$1; adult breakfast from \$1 to \$1.25; kindergarten through sixth grade lunches from \$1.25 to \$1.50; grades seven to 12 lunches from \$1.50 to \$1.75; and adult lunches from \$2.25 to \$2.50.

The district has not increased prices for three years and says that the increase will allow the meal program to keep pace with expenses. "This increase would also allow us to continue to operate the program with a minimum of general fund subsidies and to build up a contingency for emergencies and future expense increases without increasing prices every year," said Shirley Landauer, business manager and food service director.

In other business, the board: -heard a report from Bob Baker, bond project manager, that the Heppner projects are behind schedule because they have run into code problems at Heppner Elementary School. Baker said that bids should go out for the Ione School projects the end of the month or the first of May;

-heard from superintendent Chuck Starr that the district currently has six grievances and two demands to bargain with the teachers' union, Morrow County Education Association. He said that there was only one grievance that was handled at the principal level last year.

-heard the first reading of the classified and confidential employees recommended for re-hire for the 1998-99 school year with action to be taken at the May meeting;

-heard that the district is in the process of negotiating a contract with MidCo for the district's transportation with a contract proposal planned for the May meeting;

-heard a report on the district's Title I and Title VI review from assistant superintendent Mike Keown;

-rejected all bids for the sandblasting and painting of the Ione Pool. Bids are as follows: (Bid A-pool sandblasting and painting; Bid B-wading pool sandblasting and painting; and Bid C-swimming pool deck sandblasting.) Belmont Painting, Hermiston: A-\$14,435, B-\$2,695, C-\$2,495; Michael Hannen, Bend (proposal unsigned): A-\$5,710, B-\$1,170, C-\$1,200; RDS Construction, Poulsbo, WA: A-\$24,396, B-\$5,280, C-\$6,736; Blu Blakely Construction, Lexington: A-\$6,100, B-\$1,600, C-\$5,300.

-heard a report from Kristen Johnson concerning a proposed teen court in north Morrow county;

-heard a curriculum report from Ione High School science teacher and three students from his natural resources class who made a presentation about stream studies;

-heard a presentation of an award from the University of Oregon College of Education Alumni to Chuck Starr by Boyd Swent, ESD;

-approved senior class trips for Ione High School to the Oregon coast and Heppner High School to Seattle;

-accepted donations from Lamb-Weston of \$280 each to Riverside High School and Sam Boardman Elementary for the purchase of library books and \$1,000 to Ione Schools from an anonymous donor for an educational field trip;

-appointed Scott Bauska as board representative on the Columbia Middle School principal selection committee;

-approved resignations from: Victoria Broden, from Heppner High School Spanish teaching position effective the end of the school year; Melissa Cvarak, Heppner Elementary School teaching position at the end of school year; Kevin Fry, CMS

principal position effective June 30; Elva Rangel, SBE English as a second language ed assistant position; Ardella Fry, SBE ed assistant, end of school year; Pedro Torres, RHS extra duty head soccer coach; John Boyer, HHS head girls' basketball coach; Dana Heideman, IHS head girls' basketball coach; Kelley Swarat, IHS assistant girls' basketball coach; Barb Collin, Ione Middle School head volleyball coach;

-approved non-renewal of temporary teacher contracts for Juan Elguezabal, HHS Spanish teacher; David Connor, HHS science teacher; Don Parks, RHS music teacher; Tony Pupo, CMS physical education teacher; and Lynn Harmonson, HHS vo-ag teacher;

-approved probationary contracts for 1998-99 for Juan Elguezabal, HHS Spanish teacher; Lynn Harmonson, HHS vo-ag teacher; Keelie Keown, HHS math teacher; Anna Patton, A. C. Houghton Elementary School and SBE art teacher; Adam Eldridge, RHS math teacher; Tony Pupo, CMS PE teacher; Ted Ost, district maintenance I position as of March 30; and Kelley Ellis, SBE three-hour-per-day food service clerical assistant;

-approved request for maternity leave for Holly Moss from SBE teaching position from September 14-November 2;

-approved extra duty contracts for Mike Wetherell, RHS head girls' basketball coach; and Paul Hibbard, RHS head boys' soccer coach;

-heard the following announcements: April 20-Ed Glenn/Morrow County Unified Recreation District trial, budget committee meeting at RHS; April 24-deadline for CMS principal applications; April 27-budget committee meeting district office; April 28-CMS principal selection committee meeting at CMS; April 29-first bargaining session, MCEA/MCSD; May 4-budget committee meeting, RHS, 7:30 p.m.; May 11-school board meeting, district office, 7:30 p.m.

## Rock slide closes Highway 218

A rock slide has closed Oregon Highway 218 between Antelope and Fossil.

The highway is expected to remain closed until Friday, May 1, officials from the Oregon Department of Transportation have announced. "Road Closed" signs have been posted in Antelope and Fossil. Barricades and flaggers will prevent vehicles from accessing the slide area.

The slide first occurred during the winter of 1997 and ODOT was doing ongoing repair work to keep one lane of the road open. Construction to permanently stabilize the slide began April 8. Federal highway funds have been secured for the repairs.

The road is used by recreationists and boaters to reach the John Day River. It is also the primary access to U.S. 97 for the rural community of Fossil and surrounding ranches and farms.

Because of the rural nature of the area, there are no convenient detours. Fossil can be reached by using Oregon 19 from Interstate 84 at Arlington or from U.S. 26 at Mitchell.

## Shortcake party at Valby Church

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. for the Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) strawberry shortcake and entertainment party at Valby Lutheran Church outside of Ione.

The afternoon of food and entertainment is sponsored by the AAL to raise money for a new restroom project at Valby. AAL will match funds that are raised for this project. A freewill donation will be accepted.

Entertainment will include local musicians, including fiddlers, singers, and pianists, Sarah Carlson, chairman of the entertainment for the afternoon, has arranged an afternoon of music featuring local artists.

For more information contact Molly Rill, 676-5455.

## Kindergarten visitation

Kindergarten visitation will be held Thursday, May 14 from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Heppner Elementary School.

Children should arrive at school at 10:30 a.m. and be picked up by 1 p.m. The children will be visiting both classrooms, eating lunch and enjoying lunch recess.

The cost is \$1.25 per student. Call 676-9128 to register.

A parent meeting is scheduled from 12:30-1 p.m. Parents are asked to remember to bring a copy of their child's immunization record, social security number and birth certificate.

Children must be five years old by Sept. 1, 1998, to enroll.

## Historical Society trip set for April 30

By Delpha Jones  
The trip planned for Morrow County Historical Society will leave the Heppner senior center at 4 p.m., Thursday, April 30, with short stops in Lexington at the economy center and at Dot Halvorsen's in Ione.

## SWCD Board plans meeting

The regular SWCD meeting will be held Tuesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the Ione High School cafeteria.

Agenda items include: Dale Holland's natural resources class presentation; Rhea Creek EQIP proposal; weed policy update; and CRP.

Meetings are open to the public.

## Book show to benefit library

The community is invited to attend a "Book Look" on Thursday, May 7, at the Heppner branch of the Oregon Trail Library from 12:30-6 p.m.

When you buy a book, 20 percent of the sale will go to the library so they can purchase a book.

Jan Peterson-Terjeson, former Ione resident, will introduce Dorling Kindersley Publishing Company products. Books, videos and CD-Roms will be available to order.

Peterson-Terjeson who has been a media specialist in Umatilla County for 13 years.

## Young men return wallet with over \$600



Three young Heppner men are heroes after returning a wallet containing over \$600 and credit cards to its grateful owner.

The three (L-R), John Looney, 16, John Sargent, 20, and Paul Lauritsen, 17, found the wallet at Central Red Apple Market and turned it in at the market. Store owner Gail Burkenbine called the owner of the wallet. "The lady needed it for medication," said Sargent, who is serving with the National Guard, "and I would really hate to think she couldn't get her medicine."

Looney's mother, Rhonda, said the boys each received a reward.

## Vote For ROLLIE MARSHALL



ROLLIE MARSHALL for Morrow County Judge

Since Morrow County has a \$14 million budget, we need to run the county as if it were a \$14 million business. We need to make sound business decisions & be good stewards of not only our county tax dollars, but also the state & federal money we also receive. I have the background in youth work to understand what our young people are facing in today's world. It is important that we elect someone who has that kind of active youth background in order to handle the duties of county judge.

### Work Experience:

- \* 20 years as a professional banker
- \* Analyzed & prepared hundreds of financial statements & budgets
- \* Worked with all levels of county, state & federal governments, such as SBA, Port of Morrow, Oregon Dept. of Economic Development

### Education:

- \* Associate Degree in Accounting

### Youth Involvement:

- \* Little League Coach
- \* High School Basketball Coach
- \* Junior & Senior High Youth Group Leader
- \* Past President Heppner Little League

### Community Service: (Current or Past Chairman of)

- \* Heppner Coordinating Council
- \* Heppner Christian Church
- \* Morrow County Home Rule Committee
- \* Heppner Chamber of Commerce
- \* Heppner Advisory Board, Morrow Co. School Board
- \* City of Heppner Budget Committee

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## Tan Hermens

### Plain Speaking #6 BACK TO BASICS!

Last week I said one of the major causes of the decline in student performance in public schools throughout the nation has been the advent of the powerful teachers' unions.

Now I want to talk about another development which is also wreaking havoc with our kids' schooling: it's called "outcome based" education. Legislatures around the country are foolishly adopting the latest trendy ideas of liberal edu-crats by mandating radical and untested methods of teaching on our schools. Oregon has not been immune to this impulsiveness.

When the Legislature adopted the infamous "Katz Bill" in 1991, Oregon shifted from basics to boobosity. It abandoned the historically proven disciplines of reading, writing, and arithmetic for liberal social curricula like "self directed learning," "interpreting human experience," and "understanding diversity." Under this goofy system, more importance is given to "self-esteem" than accomplishment. Diplomas are being replaced with something called "Certificates of Mastery (?!)."

Look at what we've done to ourselves. Some guy on the radio is now making a fortune selling "phonics" to parents because their kids aren't learning to read in government schools! Listen, phonics works. I know ... I used it to teach English to Eskimo kids in kindergarten.

It may be cliché, but we must get back to basics. The "Three R's" are the essential tools kids need early on to think, reason and problem solve. Kids will rise to the level of our expectations if we give them vigorous mental exercise in their formative years. To replace multiplication drills with calculators is sheer folly.

I hope sharing my views with you gives a sense of what I would bring to the legislative process. If you have questions about my campaign, call me at home, (541) 934-2275.

On May 19th vote  
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Arts & Crafts from the Dry Side presents its 11th Annual Art in the Park Show & Sale at McKenzie Park in Hermiston on June 20-21 for more information, call 922-4248 or 567-3806

The community is invited to attend the Wedding of Ted Schwarz & Pauline Gamel on Saturday, May 9th at 5 p.m. at the Christian Life Center A reception will immediately follow at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Music, dancing & refreshments will be provided Everyone is welcome to attend