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performance rating and 48 percent rated the district negatively.

Sixty-eight percent of respondents gave the condition of Morrow County school buildings a positive rating and 19 percent rated the buildings negatively.

Forty-two percent believed the schools were overcrowded, while 41 percent said they were not.

Forty-six percent supported a four-day school week, while 45 percent would rather change to a five-day week.

The board also heard a report from Mike Patano, a representative of the consulting firm, the Matrix Group, concerning the proposed construction bond issue. Patano urged the board to put the bond issue before the voters this November, citing an increase in costs if construction is delayed.

Because of lack of support of the superintendent and board, and public opinion about construction, the board, however, decided that they are not yet ready to put the issue before the voters in November. They plan to appoint an advisory committee to pare the measure down and possibly submit it to the voters in May. They also indicated that they hope to repair the break in public trust.

According to the survey, 52 percent opposed a \$27.3 million bond measure for construction, which included an expansive "wish list" for every community. Thirty-three percent favored the \$27.3 million measure.

When asked about a \$25.6 million measure, those polled responded similarly, with 52 percent opposing and 31 percent favoring a measure. The response was also similar with a \$20.2 million bond measure with 53 percent opposing and 28 percent favoring. The larger percentage of respondents opposing the bond measures most often indicated that they felt that more teachers were needed before buildings and that education should be put before everything else.

Respondents responses on construction changed to a favorable percentage when other aspects were taken into account such as if construction would provide a more balanced student-teacher ratio and expandable elementary schools in Irrigon and Boardman.

Forty-four percent of respondents favored converting Columbia Middle School in Irrigon into a grade seven-12 facility, while 32 percent

opposed the idea. A contingent of Irrigon residents in favor of a high school in Irrigon was present at the meeting.

In other business the board hired Mike Stewart as principal of Ione Schools. Anderson said that Stewart has had 17 years of experience and most recently served as an administrator with an ESD in Washington. Two qualified candidates were considered, Anderson said.

approved the first reading of graduation requirements and the 2000-2001 board calendar.

approved bond counsel and a financial advisor.

heard a presentation of a booster group's plan to raise funds for resurfacing of the track at Riverside High School.

learned from the district computer coordinator, Nate Arbogast, that Columbia Basin Electric has declined to become involved in the district's telecommunications proposal. He said the electric co-op indicated personnel issues.

abandoned an intern plan which provided financial incentives for candidates to return to school to become administrators. The controversial plan was deemed unnecessary after changes were made in staff development plans.

accepted resignations from: Joy Krein, Heppner Elementary second grade teacher; Toni Schultz, Columbia Middle School Spanish teacher; Kathleen Danielson, Riverside High School business education teacher; Barbara Harrison, Sam Boardman Elementary teacher; Lea Calvert, HES teacher; Keele Keown, Heppner High School math teacher; Barb Stefani, Heppner Elementary and Ione Schools counselor; Kim Finley, RHS assistant volleyball coach; Robin Huxoll, RHS rally advisor; Benn Houk, CMS athletic director, computer trainer and assistant track coach.

approved retirements for: Chris Kennedy, SBE Title I assistant; and Jack Baney, A.C. Houghton Elementary head custodian.

approved employment for: Kevin McClanahan, SBE third grade; Lindsay Harle, HES special ed teacher; Betsy Shane, SBE fourth-grade teacher; Nancy Tincher, SBE first grade teacher; Natalie Kerfoot, ACH teacher.

approved transfers/promotions for: Robin Jones, additional 2-1/4 hours for HES vacant food service clerical position; Bart Prouty, ACH assistant custodian to head custodian; Mary Ann Elguezabal, HES half-time reading teacher.

Resident of the month named



Verlie Derrick

This month's Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home resident of the month is Verlie Derrick.

Verlie was born March 4, 1916, in Clay Co., KY, near the Laurel and Clay county lines. The nearest Post Office was Marydell, KY. The daughter of George W. and Louisa Bengel. Verlie was the youngest child of a large family which included "his, hers, and their children."

Verlie's father had a rural farm with a fruit orchard and their own water springs. Verlie grew up in Southeastern Kentucky and attended school in a one-room rural school house. The mode of transportation at the time was either walking or riding horses or mules.

Obituaries

Ida May Hartman

Ida May Hartman, 78, of Springfield, a Heppner native, died Wednesday, June 7, 2000, at Springfield.

Memorial services were held Sunday, June 11, 2000 at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner. Burial was at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery, followed by a gathering for family and friends at the church.

Mrs. Hartman, and her twin sister, Ina Fay, were born December 25, 1921, at Heppner, to Henry and Natalie "Tillie" Rauch.

She grew up at Heppner and in 1943, married John Hartman at Heppner. They lived in Los Angeles for a time before returning to Heppner. They had also been residents of Toledo for a time.

Mr. Hartman died in 1974, and Mrs. Hartman lived in Halfmoon Bay, California for a time, then moved to Springfield.

Mrs. Hartman was a homemaker and had also worked at several jobs in Heppner over the years. She and her family were active in Hope Lutheran Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher and also acted as Sunday school superintendent.

She loved to dance, sing and spend times with all her family and friends.

Survivors include daughter, Cheri Sunseri of Halfmoon Bay, California; son, Tony Hartman of Springfield; four grandchildren; twin sister, Ina Fay of Albany; brother, Henry Rauch of Pendleton; and many other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Hartman; her parents, Henry and Tillie Rauch; and a sister Edna Fetsch.

Verlie learned to do chores at an early age when she was tall enough to reach the stove top and reach the sewing machine pedal.

Verlie and her small son Troy, moved to Eastern Oregon in the fall of 1940, settling in Fossil. Verlie married in December of 1940 and settled into ranch life as a ranch cook and homemaker. In 1946 the family finally moved to town and bought a home in Fossil. Her husband Calvin did ranch work in the Wheeler County area and was a lumber mill employee for several years in Kinzua.

In the summer of 1958, she and husband Calvin and their daughter moved to Pendleton. While in Pendleton, she worked at the Domestic Laundry and at St. Anthony Hospital in the dietary dept. Her husband died in 1965.

Due to medical retirement, Verlie moved to Heppner to be near her children and family in 1976. Her children are Troy E. Day and Joylene Struthers, both of Heppner. She has three grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step great grandchildren.

Verlie's past hobbies included making and baking light bread and pastries, sewing clothes, making quilts, vegetable and flower gardening, reading, walking and just enjoying being outdoors.

Verlie has been a resident of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home for the past seven months.

She enjoys visiting the staff and family members, going to dances and all music and outings. "We enjoy having Verlie as part of our family here at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home," said PMNH staff.

Commission plans meeting

The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held on Tuesday, June 20, at the port of Morrow, Riverfront Center in Boardman, from 7-9 p.m.

The main topics of discussion will be the search for a new director, Community Development Proposal approval, State Department of Education training, site reviews.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussions. For further information or if special accommodations are needed, call 676-9675.

World hunger in perspective

By David P. Price, Ph.D.

The 1970's ushered in what might be called the age of conscience. Environmentalism was one of the most powerful of these movements; another was compassion for hunger in the third world. Not that Americans were ever callous; institutions such as CARE, other Christian relief agencies and the Peace Corps had long been in existence. But the 1970's brought about a concern so deep that it became fashionable to criticize the traditional American diet.

Specifically, the consumption of meat and dairy products was said to be "wrong", because grain is fed to livestock... and it was reasoned that this took grain away from starving people. Bolstered by the tragic images of starvation in East Africa, it was not until the 1990's that we learned the truth about this starvation. Indeed, compassion for these starving peoples was so great, that it brought about the death of Americans as well. Only the Americans did not die for lack of food... but from gunshot wounds in Mogadishu. This should have brought us to the realization that in the modern world starvation does not occur because of lack of food. The reality is that starvation occurs as an instrument of genocide. There is no shortage of food in the world.

Quite the opposite; the world is awash in grain. To a large part due to the productivity of American farmers and agricultural scientists, there is so much grain; that adequate storage is not available. From Michigan to Kansas, millions of tons of corn are stored on the ground outside of elevators. There is so much grain, that for the last 10 years USDA has paid farmers to idle 20 percent of their land.

Another myth is that starvation occurs because of poverty. Again thanks to the productivity of modern farming; food is incredibly cheap. When delivered to third world countries, corn lays in for about \$2.80-\$3.50/bu. (about 5 to 6 1/2 cents/lb.).

When the American housewife buys processed food items, however, they are not so cheap. But what she pays for is labor, packaging, advertising and liability insurance... not food. For example, a \$.79 loaf of bread contains about 1 1/2 lbs. of wheat; is worth about 8-11 cents; plus about 2-4 cents of leavening and other ingredients. A box of breakfast cereal at \$2.50; will contain about 9-15 cents worth of corn, wheat, sugar and other ingredients. The box actually costs more than the contents. The third world cannot afford boxed cereal with pictures of Michael Jordan, or magic decoder rings; but the basic commodities are certainly within reach. Two thousand calories worth of corn or wheat can be bought for about 14-19 cents. Even with labor at 25 cents/hour, there is no reason for anyone to go hungry. Certainly that is not an adequate diet, as some milk, meat, fruit and vegetables are necessary for long term good health. But those of us with the wherewithal to purchase balanced diets, should not feel guilty for doing so.

We must realize that starvation occurs only when governments want it to occur. In the case of Somalia, warlords were using hunger as a weapon of mass destruction. The United States, Canada, Japan, the United Nations as well as scores of privately funded humanitarian organizations all had inventories of food shipped to Somalia; but were prevented from distributing it. More recently, Serbia blocked food deliveries to Cassava; and prior to that used hunger as a weapon in Bosnia. Much earlier, Stalin successfully starved to death eight million Russians.

Most Americans cannot comprehend such cruelty. We can only think of such tragedy as a random and natural disaster. But it is not... and we should not feel any guilt whatsoever for eating nutritious diets. Quite the contrary, we should be proud our technology in agriculture has outpaced world population growth.

Boardman seeks July 4th entries

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce now has entry forms for people who wish to enter the town's Fourth of July parade.

The parade will kick off that morning at 11 a.m. It will begin on Boardman Avenue, next to Riverside High School. The route will turn north on north Main Street, then go west down Columbia Avenue to west Second Street and head back east on Boardman Avenue. The parade will end behind the C & D Drive In.

The parade route has been extended to west Second, which adds residences and the city park as places from which people can view the parade.

This extension may make the parade too long a walk for small children, cautions a chamber news release. Parents are asked to keep that in mind when deciding what type of an exhibit to prepare. No candy or other objects may be thrown from moving vehicles. Instead, participants are asked to have walkers hand out candy and favors to viewers along the route.

People in the parade are asked to assemble at Riverside High starting at 10 a.m. and be in place by 10:30 a.m. for entry judging.

Entry forms include the name and description of the entry, sponsor and phone number and address of the person in charge. Entries include floats, horse groups, vehicles, drill teams, bands and more.

The Boardman Chamber of Commerce will accept entries as late as Monday, July 3. The parade chair, Ed Glenn, will work in anyone who arrives the morning of the parade and wishes to take part.

Call the Boardman Chamber of Commerce at 541-481-3014 or FAX 541-481-2733 to request an entry form. Entry forms may be returned to the Boardman Chamber of Commerce by FAX or mail them to P.O. Box 1, Boardman, OR 97818.

For further information, contact Glenn at 481-3151.

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Thanks again,
Linda & Terry Corbin