

Gardner's sponsor all around saddle



Gardner's Men's Wear owner Roe Gardner and employee Sandra Van Liew display the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo All Around Saddle sponsored by Gardner's Men's Wear.

Lex FD Auxiliary to sell corn at fair

Everyone is invited to stop by the Lexington Fire Dept. Auxiliary food booth located by the fair entry office during the Morrow County Fair on Friday, Aug. 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m. The auxiliary will offer hot buttered corn for sale. An auxiliary spokesperson also invites ev-

eryone to "Laugh, visit and see the famous 'Cobweb'."

The auxiliary is also planning their fourth major fund raising project for the fire dept. with a pre-hunting food sale in September.

New members are welcomed to join.

Heppner High School releases registration info

The first day of school for students at Heppner High School, grades seven-12, will be Monday, August 28, beginning at 7:54 a.m.

All students will meet in the gym for an introductory assembly before meeting with their advisors and will then finish the day on a modified schedule.

Students will need to bring pen, pencil and paper on the first day of school. Teachers will inform students of any special supplies needed for a particular class.

Registration will be Monday, August 21, from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and Tuesday, August 22, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. All students need to register. In doing so students may pick up their class schedules, pay fees, and get assigned lockers and locker combinations.

All seventh grade students and all new students are invited to meet with the Heppner High School student body officers on Thursday, August 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The officers will provide tours, assist students with finding and opening lockers, and help answer general questions.

Student body fees are as follows:

Grades 9-12: student body fee, \$11; computer lab fee, \$5; towel fee, \$2; yearbook (optional), \$25; Grades 7-8: student body fee, \$9; computer lab fee, \$5; towel fee, \$2; yearbook (optional), \$16.

Checks should be made payable to Heppner High School.

Meal prices are \$1 for breakfast and \$ 1.75 for lunch. Meal checks should be made payable to Morrow County School District.

Students planning on playing sports must pay their pay-to-participate fee before the first contest. The fees are: \$50 per sport with a \$100 maximum per person per year and a \$200 maximum per family per year. Checks are payable to Heppner High School.

Call Heppner High School at 676-9138 for questions or further information. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Obituary

Ted Smith

Local electrician Ted Smith, Irrigon, died on Monday, August 7, 2000 at Amber Valley Care Center in Pendleton. He was 75.

At Mr. Smith's request, there will be no funeral service. Disposition will be by cremation.

Mr. Smith was born in Lebanon on November 21, 1924. He married Dorothy Mulkey on April 15, 1948. The couple lived in Irrigon for 22 years, while Mr. Smith worked in construction as an electrician.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Smith; mother, Ruth Caton, Portland; stepson, Chuck Dubois, Hamilton City, California; stepdaughter, Nancy Smesrud, Medford; brother, Jack Smith, Sumpter; sister, Carla Smith, Portland; three step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Wyden cancels

Senator Ron Wyden has cancelled his town hall meeting in Heppner this weekend.

A spokesperson for Wyden said that the senator hopes to schedule a meeting in Heppner in October or November.

Irrigon group calls for school board action

The audience at the Morrow County School Board Monday night, comprised mainly of supporters of a high school in Irrigon, said they were growing tired of hearing the board say they needed additional study before placing a bond issue for construction and remodeling on the ballot.

The board had previously paid for a study by "The Matrix Group" which laid out three plans for construction and remodeling for the board--a pie-in-the-sky version of needs and wants for the schools in the district; a second more scaled down version; and an even more scaled down proposal. However, the board itself did not agree and a later survey indicated that the board did not have the public's trust. The board met defeat at the polls with a ballot measure to rehire teachers who were cut to balance the district budget. Feeling they did not have the voters' backing, the board declined to put forth a bond measure for remodeling and construction at the time.

At the Monday night meeting board chair Gary Frederickson said he was in favor of additional meetings before deciding whether to place a bond measure on the ballot and what to include in the measure. "We need to know what we need before we get to that point," said Frederickson.

His comment drew exasperated comments from audience members who said they had already attended a number of meetings for that very purpose.

"You guys have got to get organized," said Gladys Hobbs, Irrigon. "There's no way we're going to be able to do anything until you folks get yourself together."

"I don't understand why you have to have more meetings," said Meredith DeHaven, Irrigon. "I thought the aim of all that (Matrix Group) was to make a decision. It seems to me all the work has been done."

An insinuating comment by board member Dwayne Carroll further antagonized the crowd. "If there's a high school in Irrigon you'll support the bond?" asked Carroll. "Yes," responded the crowd. "If there's not, you won't?" asked Carroll. "No," they responded. "And you're all for education?" remarked Carroll, to which the crowd again responded a resonant "Yes."

School superintendent Bruce Anderson said he supported an additional school in Irrigon to accommodate the expected growth in the north end. "I strongly recommend you look at a high school in this community within four years," said Anderson. He also reminded the board that it would take an additional three to four years before new facilities are completed to house the burgeoning student population.

Board members discussed arriving at a decision by the October meeting and putting the issue before the voters in May of 2001, but added they wanted to meet with advisory boards before reaching a decision.

The advisory meetings are scheduled as follows: Tuesday, September 5, Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee, A.C. Houghton Elementary, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, September 6, Heppner Advisory Committee Heppner High School, 7 p.m.; Ione Advisory Committee, Thursday, September 7, Ione School, 7 p.m.

In other business, the board:

-heard a report on a successful program involving ability grouping in reading at A.C. Houghton Elementary.

-was introduced to new Ione High School principal Mike Stuart.

-heard a report from board member Julie Weikel on a workshop she attended on the "Baldrige Criteria," concerning setting, measuring and working toward goals.

-heard from Anderson that he met with several individuals planning to form a bond support group.

-heard a report from Riverside principal Duane Yecha concerning the "School Improvement Plan." Riverside High School, which received an overall "low" rating on its school report card, is still eligible to receive a grant for school improvement. Columbia Middle School, which also received an overall low rating, has received notice that the school will not receive a school improvement grant. Riverside could receive an initial \$10,000 towards formulating a plan and then, if the school is accepted, as much as \$50-65 thousand a year to implement changes at the school, said Anderson.

-heard a report from Anderson concerning a proposed agreement with the Willow Creek Park District which would specify that the park district provide \$15,000 a year toward operation of the Ione swimming pool beginning 2001. The pool, located at the Ione Schools, has been funded through the school district.

-received a report concerning upcoming ballot measures that would affect schools and school funding. Measures included: Measure 86, 88, 91, 93, 1, 92, 95; and initiatives 88, 16 and 71.

Measure 91, which would make federal income taxes fully deductible on Oregon tax returns, would have one of the most drastic effects on school district budgets in that it would reduce the 1999-2001 state general fund revenue by an estimated \$632 million, retroactively cutting the current state school fund appropriation by \$272 million or approximately \$435 per (weighted) student. It would also reduce the 2001-2003 state general fund by an estimated \$2.03 billion.

-heard that state legislators have been invited to attend the next Morrow County School Board meeting on Monday, September 11, at Heppner High School at 7 p.m. to discuss school funding and other school-related issues.

-approved a request from Morrow County Emergency Management to build a 30-foot tower at Columbia Middle School. The project would include a fence to prevent children from climbing the tower.

-adopted three goals: to maintain and develop high levels of community and employee support for the district through communication and community relations; improve student performance as measured by state assessments; and align and develop resources to meet diverse education needs and promote high student achievement.

-accepted resignations for: John Larson, Riverside High School language arts teacher; Susan Jones, A.C. Houghton Elementary School second grade teacher; Jon Coleman, Columbia Middle School PE educational assistant; Jewell DeLong, ACH ed assistant; Bobbi Childers, Ione School library tech and computer trainer; Greg Torres, ACH assistant custodian; Maryanne Anthony, Heppner Elementary School special ed assistant; Dale Holland, CMS head boys' basketball coach; Wendell Kreder, RHS science teacher; Donna Roy, HES ed assistant; Tina Walker, HHS special ed assistant and assistant cook; Gloria Schmidt, RHS Title I ed assistant; Dana Reid, Heppner Junior High assistant volleyball coach.

-approved recall of: Clair Costello, CMS Basics program teacher; George Riedel, RHS science teacher.

-approved employment of: Nohemi Estrada-Suro, Ione Spanish teacher; James Stanton,

RHS music teacher; Sarah Eakin, CMS social studies teacher; Fred Long, CMS language arts teacher; Teena Sirucek, RHS assistant cook/food service clerical assistant; Ruby Jean Neufeld, CMS assistant cook; Gordon Cooper, HHS math teacher, replacing Keelie Keown; Gabrielle Meyers, ACH second grade teacher, replacing Susan Jones; Keegan McCaslin, RHS language arts teacher; Amanda Gribble, ACH part-time ed assistant; Troy Phillips, CMS PE ed assistant, replacing Jon Coleman.

-approved promotion for: Carmen Diaz, from part-time to full-time Boardman Elementary School English-as-a-Second-Language ed assistant; Charity McElligott, Ione Schools media ed assistant to library technician, replacing Bobbi Childers; Valerie Ross, CMS special ed assistant to office assistant; Nancy Burnett, an increase in hours as ACH Title I ed assistant.

-approved extra duty contracts for: Rick Paulus, Heppner Junior High School assistant football coach; Val Campbell, Heppner High School DART coordinator; Vanessa Eldridge, RHS assistant volleyball coach; James Stanton, RHS band and chorus; Paul Keefer, RHS assistant boys' basketball coach; Clair Costello, CMS head football coach; George Riedel, CMS assistant football coach; Adam Eldridge, CMS assistant football coach; Susana Barrera, RHS head girls' soccer coach; Dana Reid, HHS assistant volleyball coach; Melissa Metz, HHS assistant volleyball coach; Cynthia Doherty, HJH assistant volleyball coach; Grant Wright, HHS assistant football coach.

-approved transfers for: Dianne Skoubo from SBE Title I ed assistant to RHS ESL assistant; and Ellen Slover, from RHS ed assistant to CMS ESL ed assistant.

-heard the following announcements: beginning inservice, August 22; district-wide inservice, Riverside High School, August 23, 8 a.m.; first day of school for students, August 28; Labor Day holiday, September 4.

-held an executive session for the purpose of superintendent evaluation.

At the July 3 meeting the board:

-accepted resignations for: Winston Cook, RHS music teacher; Tracy Kramer, ACH ed assistant; and Carol Daulton, RHS head cook.

-approved employment for: Erin Ewing, ACH kindergarten teacher; Alison Sullivan, SBE kindergarten teacher; Greg Torre, ACH assistant custodian, replacing Bart Prouty.

-approved extra duty contracts for: Robin Graff, RHS assistant football coach.

-approved extra duty contract transfers for: Dean Peck from CMS head football coach to RHS head football coach; Ray Davis, from CMS assistant football coach to RHS assistant football coach and CMS head girls' basketball coach to RHS assistant girls' basketball coach.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses:

Aug. 4: Walter Joseph Spack, 39, Umatilla; and Dena Diane Wagner, 41, Umatilla.
John Andrew Nelson, 29, Heppner; and Alita Denise Schutter, 26, Heppner.
Aug. 8: James Russell Hall, 19, Boardman; and Dora Maria Velasco, 23, Boardman.
Mitchell Jediah Berg, 20, Washington, D.C.; and Candace Renee Favorel, 19, Washington, D.C.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Rodger Arnt, Jr., 72, Heppner-Careless Driving, \$297 fine.

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