

CIM part of 2002 graduation requirements

The Morrow County School Board, at its regular meeting April 9, accepted as a first reading the recommendation of the Educational Standards Committee which would change graduation requirements for the Class of 2001 to include state Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM) endorsements.

Beginning with the Class of 2001, the district will include state CIM endorsements to the diploma in reading, writing and mathematics.

Starting with 2002, students must receive:

- a score of 239 or better on the state reading test;

- a score of 40 or better, or a score of 35-39 and three work samples with scores of four or better in writing; and

- a state test score of 239 or better and a state test score of 32 or better, or a score of 29-31 and two work samples with scores of four or better in mathematics.

The district also requires:

-four years of language arts, including one of written composition;

-two years of mathematics;

-two years of science;

-three years of social sciences, including history, civics, geography and economics;

-one year of health education;

-one year of physical education;

-one year of applied arts, fine arts or a second language; and

-nine electives for a total of 23 credits.

-the employability skills certificate for pre-employment and applied skills and a passing score on the INS citizenship test.

The district will also offer a modified diploma for special needs students.

Barbara Huwe of Irrigon and Sandy Tallman of Boardman gave reports to the board about the Yes for Kids committee efforts to pass the upcoming school construction bond levy.

Huwe said she is working to inform the public about the difference between capital expenditures and the regular budget. She said she was also correcting rumors and misconceptions about the bond levy. One incorrect rumor she said is going around is that the entire \$22 million levy will be used to construct a high school in Irrigon. Huwe said she is going door to door in Irrigon urging voters to vote yes on the bond. She said her committee is also making phone calls and handing out flyers.

Tallman, who is chairman of the county-wide Yes for Kids committee, gave a pessimistic report on the chances of the building bond passing in Boardman. She estimated that 85 to 90 percent of the people in Boardman are against the levy. Issues against the levy Tallman said, include not wanting to drop from a 3A to a 2A school; some teachers don't want to switch from teaching high school to junior high classes; and the combining of the seventh and eighth grades with the high school classes.

In other business, the board:

-heard a report on the status of funding for small high schools (see related story);

-heard a report from Riverside High School Principal Duane Yecha on the status of the all-weather track now under construction at Riverside. The track should be completed by early May;

-certified spring 2001 election results as presented from the county clerk with the following results:

*school board-Zone 2- John Renfro, Zone 6-Barney Lindsay, Zone 7-Julie Weikel;

*Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee-Position 1-

Diane Kilkenny, 2-Virginia Nairns (write-in), 3-Kelly Boyer, 4-Mark Rietmann, 7-vacant;

*Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee-Position 1-Dean Mason (write-in), 2-Marc Rogelstad, 3-Kathy Neal, 4-Debi Stratten (write-in).

*Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee-Position 2-Gregg Rietmann, 3-Jim McElligott, 5-Ralph Morte.

-approved the list of 2001-2002 classified/confidential employees as a first reading with employment action to be taken at the May meeting;

-approved resolution 2001-13 to accept unanticipated revenue-High Performance Learning Communities Grant for Riverside High School and Columbia Middle School, \$50,000 each; Wendy's grant to Ione High School, \$500; and Oregon Lottery to A.C. Houghton Elementary, \$1,220.

-accepted resignations from: Gordon Cooper, Heppner High School advanced math teacher; Judy Daniels, CMS head track coach for 2000-01 and volleyball coach for 2001-02; Ray Davis, CMS assistant track coach; Robin Jones, Heppner Elementary School computer trainer for 2001-02; Mat Neff, RHS head wrestling coach for 2001-02.

-approved retirement for Judith Pierce, ACH second grade teacher; and Larry French, RHS PE/health teacher.

-approved transfers for: Clair Costello from CMS reading position to RHS PE/health teacher.

-approved employment for: Lorraine Ellis, RHS music teacher for 2001-02, replacing James Stanton; Krissy Waite, SBE second grade teacher, replacing Linda Jones; Lori Frank, ACH fifth grade teacher; Antonia Witt, ACH kindergarten

teacher; Allen Peck, RHS assistant custodian, replacing Richard Thomas; Ramona Hernandez, RHS office assistant, replacing Rose Dirksen.

-approved extra duty contracts for Benn Houk, CMS head track coach; Keegan McCaslin, CMS assistant track coach; and Susan Hisler, Heppner Junior High head track coach.

-approved a two-year extension to the confidential agreement.

-heard the following

announcements: April 19-third budget committee meeting, district office, 7:30 p.m.; April 24-fourth budget committee meeting, Riverside High School, 7:30 p.m., if needed; May 14-next regular meeting, district office, 7:30 p.m.

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Senior girls, guests enjoy annual luncheon



Heppner and Ione senior girls, their mothers and guests joined the Willow Valley Service Club for the annual Senior Girls Luncheon held April 12 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner.

Doris Brosnan was guest speaker and Monica Hunter and Pam Wunderlich provided music. The luncheon was catered by ladies of All Saints.

Above Heppner senior girls Danielle McDowell (left) and Camille Sykes have lunch with their mothers Merilee McDowell and April Sykes.

Weddings Kemp-Joyce



Tina and Philip Joyce

Tina Kemp and Philip Joyce, both of Ontario, OR, were married Oct. 7, 2000, in a double ring ceremony at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Ontario.

Father Raymond Jarboe performed the ceremony with Father Gerry Condon, Heppner, assisting.

The bride's parents are Gary and Marcia Kemp of Lexington. Joyce is the son of Peter and Kitsie Joyce of Ontario.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Toni Kemp of Moscow, ID, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Josilyn Evans of Prosser, WA, Kim Finley, Boardman, OR, a cousin of the bride; Stefanie Skultety, Stanfield, and Cassanda Bravos of La Grande.

Best man was Michael Joyce of Boise, ID, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Brian Joyce, Ontario, and Pat Joyce, Drewsey, OR, brothers of the groom; Ryan Peila, Burns, and Toby White, Nampa, ID.

Ushers were Olin Sitz, Burns, Dan Otley, Diamond, OR, and Travis Parish, Moscow, ID.

Candelights were Chelsea and Tanner Britt of Lexington. Kaitlin and Bridget O'Donnell of Beaverton, OR nieces of the groom, served as flower girls. John and Riley Joyce, Drewsey, nephews of the groom, were the ringbearers.

The bride wore an ivory satin sleeveless Italian gown. The bodice featured crystal, silver and pearl bead accents adorned with venice lace. The gown featured a cathedral-style train. She wore a fingertip length veil held in place by a pearl and diamond studded tiara. She carried a bouquet of 12 white roses with baby's breath.

A reception at the 4 Rivers Cultural Center in Ontario followed the ceremony.

The bride graduated from Heppner High School and Eastern Oregon university in La Grande. The groom graduated from Crane Union High School and Eastern Oregon University. Both are currently teaching at Ontario Middle School.

The couple lives in Ontario and plan a European honeymoon this summer.

St. Pats meeting rescheduled

The St. Patrick's Advisory Committee meeting previously scheduled for April 24 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 22 at John's Other Place (formerly Kate's Pizza) in Heppner.

Financial and entertainment decisions for the 2002 celebration will be made at that meeting.

All persons interested in being part of the planning process are invited to attend.

Local cowboy 12th in world

Chance Dixon of Heppner is in 12th place in saddle bronc riding in the PRCA World Standings as of April 9. Dixon has earned \$14,887.

Obituaries

Ralph Noel Bunch, Jr.

Ralph Noel Bunch, Jr., 58, of Heppner, died April 8, 2001. Disposition was by cremation. No service will be held.

Mr. Bunch was born on November 21, 1942, in Annapolis, Maryland.

He was raised in Los Alamos, New Mexico, and lived there until entering the Navy.

He was the general manager of the Holiday Inns for many years in the Portland area. He moved to Heppner seven years ago and loved it very much.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph Noel Bunch, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Bunch, Heppner; son, Aaron Noel Bunch, Portland; daughter, Britt-Marie De Forest, Snoqualmish,

Washington; grandson, Benjamin De Forest; mother, Dorothy Maye Bunch, Vancouver, Washington; sisters, Cheryl Rael, Las Vegas, Nevada, and Patricia Poe, Woodenville, Washington; and brother, Charles Bunch, Vancouver, Washington.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

SMC golf slated

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust Committee will host a four-person golf scramble this Saturday, April 21, at the Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner.

Check in is at 9 a.m. Cost for the tournament is \$50 with lunch included. Entry sheets are available at Willow Creek Country Club, or call Del LaRue, 422-7468, or Bill Rietmann, 422-7296.

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