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foot per warranty, based on a 12-year warranty.

The estimated costs for renovation of the Riverside High School roof are: \$337,068 for a full metal roof, requiring revised roof line, demolition of existing tile roofs, partial demolition of existing built-up roofs and structural steel roof framing as required; \$285,093 for a single-ply membrane roof with a metal roof at the tile area only, requiring demolition of existing tile roof and built-up roofs; \$197,725 for asphalt shingles at tile area and single-ply membrane at built-up roof area, requiring demolition of existing tile roof and built-up roof; \$163,771 for asphalt shingles at tile area and built-up roof at built-up roof area, requiring demolition of existing tile roof and existing built-up roof.

Estimated costs for roof replacement at Heppner High School are: \$276,867 for a full metal roof, requiring demolition of existing built-up roof and structural steel framing as required; \$224,197 for single-ply membrane, requiring demolition of existing built-up roofs.

Estimated costs for roof replacement at Heppner Elementary School are: \$100,556 for a full metal roof, requiring partial demolition of existing built-up roof and structural steel framing as required; \$80,039 for single-ply membrane, requiring demolition of existing built-up roof.

Estimated costs for roof replacement at A.C. Houghton Elementary School are: \$252,450 for full metal roof, requiring partial demolition of existing built-up roof and structural steel framing as required; \$200,667 for single-ply membrane, requiring demolition of existing built-up roof.

Bob DePoe of Absolute Engineering, L.L.C., Kennewick, WA, provided the board several scenarios, ranging from all metal roofs to combinations of metal and other types of materials.

Architectural and engineering fees were not included in the estimates.

The board agreed to ask the company Timco for an estimate on the project. Timco already has a contract with ESD, which would eliminate the bidding process for MCSO. If Timco's estimate is too high, Murdock suggested that the board then put out a bid.

The entire project could take six months to a year to complete.

Additionally, the board approved \$67,500 in renovation projects, also with bond funds. Those projects include asphalt patching of tennis courts and resurfacing cabinets at ACH; improving wheel chair access to the gym at RHS; removal of trees, improvements in the heating system and speakers in the

gym at Sam Boardman Elementary School; fixing a lighting problem at Irrigon Elementary School; and creating an asphalt walkway between Irrigon Elementary and Columbia Middle School. Several other "big ticket" items were not included in this round of improvements.

In other business the board:

-heard a report from Greg Barron, Irrigon, concerning the proposed vo-ag/FFA program. Barron, a former vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor, stressed the importance of the program in this agricultural community and urged the board to plant the initial program in the north end schools because of the larger population there.

-heard a suggestion from board member Barney Lindsay that Fridays be utilized for some type of elective educational opportunities, such as offering field trips or an elective course that day, depending on student and staff interest. Murdock suggested that Talented and Gifted program offerings may be included on Fridays. The board plans to discuss the issue at the next meeting.

-unanimously approved naming the Sam Boardman Elementary School library, "The Susan Tolar Library". Tolar, who retired recently, was a long-time SBE principal.

-heard a suggestion from board member John Renfro that the district take the "challenge" to create a charter school with no district boundaries. Renfro asked the district's administrators to examine the possibility of such a move.

-received a \$500 donation from the AFSCME Union Local 2479 (Morrow County Courthouse and Road Department and Morrow County Health District Employees) to go toward outdoor school, with \$250 going to the south end program and \$250 going to the north end program. One member of the audience inquired as to whether the monies should be split three ways, since Irrigon and Boardman will both have their own junior high schools. However, currently only two Outdoor School programs are in existence.

-voted to retain the previous requirement that board members attend the Community Education Committee meetings on a rotating basis. Board members Barney Lindsay and Renfro voted against the requirement.

-voted for Option A in regard to the 2004-05 school calendar. Option A calls for a pre-Labor Day start with teachers beginning on Aug. 23, students beginning on Aug. 30, two weeks Christmas vacation, students ending on June 8 and teachers ending on June 10. Option B called for a post-Labor Day start with

teachers beginning on Aug. 30, students beginning on Sept. 7, 1-1/2 weeks Christmas vacation, students ending June 8 and teachers ending June 10.

-took no action on a request for a student transfer from Irrigon High School to Riverside High School. Murdock had requested board direction on the issue, however, the board previously voted that Irrigon juniors and seniors only could attend Riverside High School for the 2004-05 year and Irrigon seniors only could attend RHS for the 2005-06 year. Irrigon Junior/Senior High School will be a seven-10 facility in 2004-05, a seven-11 facility in 2005-06 and will become a fully operational seven-12 junior/senior high school in 2006-07.

-approved resignations for: Joel Chavez, from RHS extra duty soccer coach; Cindi Doherty, from Heppner Junior High School extra duty volleyball coach; Shelly Key, from Heppner Elementary assistant cook position.

-approved extra duty contracts for David Melville, HJH track coach; Brooke Spencer, RHS assistant softball coach; Maureen McElligott, RHS head tennis coach; Jodi Chapa, Heppner High School drama advisor.

-accepted a grant/donation from Wildhorse Gaming Resort for the purchase of drums for ACH/SBE.

-heard the following announcements: Heppner Community Education Committee meeting, HES, 7 p.m., March 15; Boardman-Irrigon CEC meeting, ACH, 7 p.m., March 17; spring break, March 22-26; next board meeting, RHS, 7 p.m., April 12; Boardman-Irrigon CEC meeting, RHS, 7 p.m., April 13; Heppner CEC meeting, HHS, 7 p.m., April 20; Oregon School Boards Association spring regional meeting, Umatilla-Morrow ESD, 6 p.m., April 22; and OSBA Roles and Responsibilities and School Board Ethics workshop, ESD, May 18.

Desert Arts Council to hold casting calls

The Desert Arts Council is holding casting calls for the Shakespeare presentation of "Love and Comedy" vignettes. Tryouts will be held in Hermiston at the Sunset School gym on Friday, March 12. High school students will audition from 3:30-5 p.m., and adults will audition from 5:30-7 p.m. Call back auditions will be held on Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., at Sunset School gym.

For more information contact Debbie at 567-6151.

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Sham Rockin II comes to Heppner



Jonas Healy

Sham Rockin II "Battle Field" is coming to Heppner to help celebrate during the St. Pat's Weekend. The music will start at 8 p.m. sharp Saturday, March 13 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. There will be a \$3 entry fee.

Three local DJs, Elliott Strouse, Jonas Healy and Jeff Watkins, will be performing along with Portland and Hermiston talent.

Sham Rockin II is brought to you by Out tha Basement and East side Euphoria.

For more information call 676-5387 or 676-5204 before 9 p.m., or (541) 571-5431 after 9 p.m.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Three dates are important for Senior Center clientele, during the month of March:

Thursday, March 11 is the quarterly Oregon Agency on Aging meeting at 1 p.m. in Boardman. These meetings follow the regular meal of the Senior Center meal in the town of gathering. Ed Baker, Grace Drake and Tom Wilson are members of the advisory committee which gives support to the Area Agency on Aging; Wednesday, March 17 at 12 noon, Pat Carroll from the Oregon Construction Contractor's Board will speak on contracting fraud and how to identify and protect oneself against them; and

Tuesday, March 23, at 10 a.m., District Attorney David Allen and local attorney Bill Kuhn will give a presentation about scams directed specifically at senior citizens and others who are vulnerable or appear to be

likely targets. Information is of a practical and usable nature, aimed toward recognizing characteristics of persons who take advantage of others, financially and otherwise. Allen and Kuhn will meet with interested persons in the Senior Center dining room. They will discuss questions from the audience. This meeting is a follow-up of two meetings held last October with Kuhn.

Heppner Christian Church volunteers are hosts for the March 17 noon meal at the Center. The menu will be corn beef and cabbage, Irish potatoes, carrots, lime Jell-O with fruit, hot rolls and chocolate mint bars.

Immediately following the presentation by Pat Carroll, the Board of Directors will meet for their regular meeting. Joe Bureson will be welcomed as the newly elected member of the board.

St. Pats Auction has something for everyone

"Something for everyone" seems the motto again this year for the St. Pat's Auction crew- the Parent-Teacher Club members- and the list of donations to this fundraiser supports that claim. On Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m. even leprechauns will want to join the festive event, upstairs at the Elks Club. (The building features an elevator, so climbing stairs will not be necessary.) Proceeds from the auction will help to fund next year's weekend celebration, Parent-Teacher Club projects, and the Heppner Chamber of Commerce programs.

Joe Lindsay, a local young man who writes much of his repertoire, will entertain browsers and bidders with his music and humor before and during the auction. A bonus during the evening will be the eagerly anticipated first drawing for \$100 from the "pot o' gold," so at least one of Heppner's famous leprechauns will surely be nearby. (For a chance at a "pot o' gold," a person must buy a commemorative button.)

Some of the items that Ken Grieb will auction that evening will be on view in the Heppner TV Office window, but many more will also tempt the bidders at the silent and live auctions. A returning attraction this year will be a table of raffle-ticket items, something for most any age.

Several packages will be featured at the wee bit o' bidders' blowout this year, packages of pampering and pleasure for both men and women, packages for the sports-minded, packages for the persons who want to "get away." And many large and small individual items await the crowd, as well, so everyone will want to sign in early enough to get a bidder's number before the fun begins at 7.



Elliott Strouse



Jeff Watkins

Elks announce Eye Safety Poster contest winners

The Heppner Elks Lodge has announced the winners in their Eye Safety Poster contest. This program was open to students in the Willow Creek valley. Participants were asked to prepare a colored poster on 11" x 17" paper, depicting an Eye Safety theme.

"Some of the posters were pretty humorous," said Colin Anderson, project chair. "We had some funny ones and some serious entries also." Heppner area winners were: 1st- Tyler Robinson, 2nd- Rudi Ramirez and 3rd- Wacy Coil. Ione area winners were: 1st- Jake Trohan, 2nd- Shelby Wiggers and 3rd- R.J. Ramos. U.S. Savings Bonds will be awarded to the winners. There were 96 entries in the contest.

"The concept is to raise student awareness for eye safety, and eye safety thinking, in their everyday lives," stated Anderson. The Oregon State Elks Association is the major supporter of the Casey Elks Eye Clinic at O.H.S.U. in Portland. "The facility provides state-of-the-art eye and sight care, along with research, for youth in the Northwest. No child is turned away due to the inability to pay," continued Anderson. "The Elks pick up the tab for any and all services needed."

The local Elks Lodge contributed more than \$1,200 to this cause during the past year.

Correction

In last week's letter to the editor by Phillip Kight a sentence was omitted from one of his paragraphs. The corrected paragraph reads as follows:

Questions mount over New Hampshire Primary- a three-page narrative about ballot voting versus scanner voting. Martin Bento did an analysis of the systems, his results: hand counted- Dean lost to Kerry by 1.6 percent; ES&S scanner- Dean lost by 9.7 percent; and Diebold scanner- Dean lost by 14.7 percent.

Singspiration to be held at Nazarene Church

The monthly Singpiration will be held Sunday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Nazarene Church. Everyone is invited to attend.



St. Bob's Day, St. Bob's Day;
Join the Kilkenny Clan while you may;
Celebrating Bobby K's magical day!

Friends & Family all included;
Hosted dinner & drinks begin at 6 p.m.;

The toasts for Bobby will not be muted!

Saturday, March 13th
John's Place, Main Street
6 p.m. - ?

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Friday, March 12 at the Elks Club starting at 7 p.m.