

Bloodsworth retires after 37 years of county service



Barbara Bloodsworth (bottom row, third from right) after her first year of service as Morrow County Clerk, with members of the Oregon Clerk's Association in 1981.

After 37 years of service with Morrow County, Barbara Bloodsworth, County Clerk, is retiring, to spend time with family.

Bloodsworth began with the county as a secretary in the Assessor's Office. After a year with them, she then took the position as deputy clerk. When the clerk at the time, Sadie Parish, passed away in 1980, Bloodsworth was appointed County Clerk. For the next 24 years she has been re-elected as clerk, only being opposed twice in those years.

A lot of things have changed for Bloodsworth since she began, one of the more notable changes being the change from hand recording to the new computerized systems. Bloodsworth says this has made things a lot easier.

The computerization has also been helpful now that many of the county offices are no longer contained in the courthouse.

Another change is the size of the county- in 1972 there were 2455 registered voters, as opposed to the now 4876 voters. With this expansion, the office staff has grown as well. Years ago, the clerk and deputy clerk manned the office; a second clerk has been added in recent years.

The installation of the elevator is another

change that Bloodsworth has had the opportunity to witness.

Bloodsworth was born in Heppner and lived on a ranch outside of Ione until sixth grade when her family moved into Heppner. She says she plans on staying in Heppner, which is and always will be home. She had a chance to leave for a while, attending business college in Portland and living in Goldendale and Madras, with her late husband, before returning to Heppner.

Many people- district attorneys, judges, commissioners and others- have come and went in Bloodsworth's many years at the courthouse. She has also outlived every county judge, except for two, one being Louis Carlson of Heppner.

Another interesting aspect to Bloodsworth's retirement is the upcoming election. Bloodsworth's deputy clerk, Bobbi Childers is running for the position against Cyde Estes. To ensure the honesty and fairness of the election, Al Davidson, a former Oregon County Clerk who now works as a consultant, is being brought in to oversee the election.

Bloodsworth's is looking forward to retirement. She likes the idea of spending time with her six children, 13 grandchildren and five



Barbara Bloodsworth at the Morrow County Clerk's office. She is still in good health.

IHS begins Small Business Club

Some of the students at Ione High School are going into business for themselves. The school has started a Small Business Club.

The club's initial venture will be to take over concessions at all of Ione's home ball games this year. Students have always been involved in concession sales with the profits going toward their class expenses, such as prom and graduation. The difference now is that these entrepreneurs believe that they can make the concession stand profitable enough to cover the class expenses as well as make some money for themselves.

The club's business plan is based on continuity and commitment. Under the old system, a different class would be responsible for each home game. As the club's advisor Jim Raible put it, "In business terms, it was as if they were under new management every night." With this lack of continuity and a commitment from the students that never lasted more than one night at a

time, it was difficult to really maximize the potential of the operation. Raible and his core of club members realize that with a longer-term vision, they can expand the menu and increase customer service.

Raible, a teacher in the high school, sees more than just profit potential. "I want to make the concessions business into the educational experience that it should be. The students will be learning about all aspects of business from inventory and scheduling to teamwork and the bottom line."

The Small Business Club will also help satisfy upcoming graduation and Certificate of Advanced Mastery (CAM) requirements being phased in by the state by providing students with "career-related work experiences." The school hopes the club will eventually meet the requirements of the Business and Management strand of the CAM.

The club hits the ground running this weekend with volleyball on Thursday night, volleyball and football on Friday night and a volleyball tournament all day Saturday.

As club member Tyler Brown put it, "With the variety of menu items we're offering, we think people will eat at the games because they want to, not because they have to."

OSAA increases reimbursement to schools

The OSAA Executive Board approved a new playoff reimbursement formula on Sept. 13 that is projected to result in an additional \$50,000 annually for member schools. The formula, virtually unchanged for more than 20 years, reimburses schools for costs associated with participating in OSAA State Championships.

"We're excited to be in a position to increase dollars returned to schools, especially at a time when they're struggling financially," said OSAA Executive Director Tom Welter.

Using the previous formula during 2003-04, member schools received more than \$682,000 in reimbursement from the OSAA.

OSAA State Championship Site Changes: The Pavilion at the State Fairgrounds in Salem is the new home of the OSAA Wrestling State Championships. The Executive Board unanimously voted to change the venue from Portland's Memorial Coliseum, the site of the event since 1997, to the new 5,100-seat facility. As part of the state championship site discussion, the board voted to keep the OSAA Choir State Championships at George Fox University in Newberg.

Classification and Districting: The OSAA Classification and Districting Committee, charged with making recommendations for the 2006-2010 time block, will begin meeting later this month. The Executive Board has asked the committee to consider the following: Modifying the number of districts in each classification, adjusting enrollment cut-off points, implementing a multiplier for private schools and creating a fifth classification. Randy Schild, superintendent of the Tillamook School District, will serve as the committee's chair.

Endowment Games: Schools may be allowed to play an additional contest in certain activities if the OSAA Delegate Assembly approves a rule change at its October meeting. The Executive Board forwarded a proposal that would allow "Endowment Games" for varsity football, volleyball and boys and girls basketball beginning in the fall of 2005. Proceeds from these games would directly benefit the soon to be created OSAA Foundation. Endowment games, "... a proven method of jump starting foundations in other states," according to OSAA Public Relations Director Peter Weber, would not count toward participation limitations.

Notes:

-The board also agreed to sponsor a rule change that would prohibit OSAA member schools from participating against schools from other states, which are not members of their state associations. The proposal will be voted on at the OSAA Delegate Assembly meeting in October.

-Three schools were approved for full OSAA membership: Portland Jewish Academy (1A - Casco), Faith Christian School in Dallas (1A - Mountain West) and Oregon Coast Technology School in North Bend (1A - Skyline).

-Ticket prices for OSAA State Championships will not increase in 2004-05. The board voted to offer reserved season tickets for the OSAA 4A Boys Basketball Championship in Eugene. The cost of an individual reserved season seat, located at floor level of McArthur Court, is \$75.

The Oregon School Activities Association is a private-non profit, board governed association comprised of 288 member and 22 associate member high schools. OSAA, sanctioned by the Oregon State Board of Education and a member of the National Federation of State High School Associations, annually sponsors 80 state championships in 16 sports and activities.

The OSAA Executive Board consists of 11 members. The state's four classifications are represented as well as the Oregon Schools Boards Association, Oregon Athletic Directors Association, Student Activities Advisory Committee and the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association. The Executive Board meets quarterly.

DA investigating Boardman woman on embezzlement charges

Kim Hancock, of Boardman, is currently being investigated on allegations of embezzlement from Hayden

Family Dentistry in Boardman, stated David Allen, Morrow County District Attorney.

No further details were available at press time.

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Births

Cody James Fletcher- a son, Cody James, was born June 23, 2004, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise, ID, to Andrea and Andy Fletcher. Cody joins brother Casey. Grandparents are Archie and Diana Ball of Heppner and Carolyn and the late Bill Fletcher of Pendleton.

Anthony Chavez- a son, Anthony, was born Aug. 30, 2004 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Melissa and Juan P. Chavez of Irrigon.

Octavio Estrella-Lezama- a son, Octavio, was born Aug. 31, 2004 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Guadalupe Lezama and Octavio Estrella of Boardman.