

School district receives nearly \$500 thousand more than anticipated from state school fund

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social studies teacher; Amanda Jamison, ACH reading specialist; Brenda Kittelson, ACH first grade teacher; Karl Hoffman, RHS science teacher; Benjamin Bonser, RHS ESOL teacher; Nicole Guthas, IJSH health teacher and Irrigon Junior High School assistant volleyball coach.

-approved a resolution to amend the approved budget as follows:

*General fund resources: \$800,000 increase in beginning fund balance;

*General fund expenditures: \$43,200 increase for instruction; \$71,800 for support services; \$500,000 for new construction; \$85,000 for transfers; \$100,000 for contingencies.

Fund 100 total resources and expenditures will be amended to \$20,635,310.

*Fund 250 equipment/operations fund resources and expenditures: \$85,000 transfer in for new construction.

Fund 250 total resources and expenditures will be amended to \$935,000.

*Fund 260 technology services fund resources and expenditures will be amended to \$29,000 in donations and expenditures.

Fund 260 total resources and expenditures will be amended to \$320,500.

*Fund 301 debt service 2 resources and expenditures will be amended to \$37,568 in current taxes and long-term debt.

Fund 301 total resources and expenditures will be amended to \$2,126,833.

-adopted a resolution adopting the \$29,408,617 budget for 2005-06.

-adopted a resolution appropriating the budget as follows: \$20,635,310 total general fund; \$4,686,206 total special revenue/grants; \$3,721,483 total debt service; \$365,618 total PERS (retirement fund) debt.

-adopted a resolution imposing taxes at a rate of \$4.0342 per \$1,000 assessed value for operations and in the amount of \$3,466,962 for bonds.

-approved the following extra duty contracts (south Morrow County):

*Heppner Elementary: Jannie Allent- talented and gifted coordinator; Karen Smith- Griffith-DART; Cara Osmin- computer trainer; Bobby Rice- half-time band, half-time music; Mary Ann Elguezabal- ELL coordinator;

*Heppner Junior High: Rick Paullus- head football coach; Pam Dowdy- head volleyball; Melissa Coiner- assistant volleyball, head girls' basketball, assistant track; Keith Price- assistant girls' basketball; Susan Hisler- head track; vacant- assistant football, head boys' basketball, assistant boys' basketball.

*Heppner High School: Darlene Marquardt- annual; Kresimir Waite- TAG; Dave Fowler- computer trainer; Bob Rice- half-time choir, half-time pep band; John Flaherty- DART; Virginia Grant- rally advisor; Greg Grant- athletic director, head football, head golf; Les Payne- assistant football; Shane Matheny- assistant football; Terri Gentry- head volleyball; Deiter Waite- assistant volleyball; Forrest McKinnis- head boys' basketball; Ken Grieb- assistant boys' basketball; Tim Van Cleave- assistant boys' basketball; Mark Dowdy- head girls' basketball; Chris Rauch- assistant girls' basketball; Rick Johnston- head baseball; Rick Paullus- assistant baseball; Jason Palmer, assistant track; Petra Elguezabal- head softball; vacant- assistant volleyball, head track.

-approved a resolution authorizing the county to invest district funds.

-accepted various maintenance items as surplus.

-approved renewal of attendance variance for a student to attend Sam Boardman Elementary School for the 2005-06 school year from Umatilla.

-approved the following board calendar:

August 15-7 p.m., A.C. Houghton Elementary; August 25-work session; September 12-Heppner High School; September 22-work session; October 10-Riverside High School; October 27-work session; November 14-district office (no additional meeting- Thanksgiving); December 12-Irrigon Elementary (no additional meeting- Christmas); January 9-Heppner Elementary; January 26-work session; February 13-Sam Boardman Elementary; February 23-work session; March 13-district office; March 23-work session; April 10-Irrigon High School; April 27-work session; May 8-Windy River Elementary; May 25-work session; June 12-district office; June 22-work session.

-approved the first reading of the social studies textbook adoption.

-held an executive session to evaluate the job performance of superintendent Mark Burrows.

-approved annual organizational details.

Shelley Rietmann named to dean's list

Shelley Rietmann of Heppner has been named to the dean's list at Pacific University. 171 students earned dean's list honors for the spring semester.

To make the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 graded hours and earn an academic grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

"Pacific University in Forest Grove, is one of the West's oldest chartered higher education institutions," according to a news release. "Pacific annually ranks as one of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report and is ranked as one of the best tuition values in the West. With an enrollment of more than 2,400 students, Pacific University provides an excellent academic experience linking theory to practice in education," said the release.

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Walden to accept intern resumes

U.S. Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) has announced that he is accepting resumes from college and graduate students interested in an internship in his Washington, D.C., office this fall. Interns are an integral part of Walden's D.C. team as they help with office management, constituent services and various projects, said Walden.

"Serving as a congressional intern is an exciting and educational opportunity for those interested in learning more about the Congress and the inner workings of an office in the U.S. House of Representatives," said Walden. "Washington, D.C., is a tremendous place to gain experience in the government, learn about our nation's history, and live among some of the most significant monuments and museums in the United States."

"I would definitely recommend this experience to anyone interested in learning more about the federal government and living in Washington, D.C., for a little while," said Greg Cobb, a Hermiston resident currently interning in Walden's office. "This is a terrific city and working on the Hill gives you a crash course in how Congress works. I'm constantly amazed by the variety of issues Members face and the schedules they maintain."

Those interested in applying for an internship should fax or email their resume with a cover letter, as well as any questions they might have, to Nathan Rea in Walden's office (Nathan.rea@mail.house.gov; fax: 202-225-5774). Applicants should be in college or graduate school, or recent graduates of either, and willing to spend approximately three months working in the office. Opportunities occur throughout the year and the office can be flexible regarding start and end dates. Please direct questions about the program to Nathan at (202) 225-6730.

Congressman Walden represents the Second Congressional District of Oregon, which includes 20 counties in southern, central and eastern Oregon. He is a deputy whip in the House Leadership Structure and a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce as well as the Committee on Resources.

Free vegetarian meal planned

Everyone is invited to a free vegetarian meal with "international flavor" at the Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 560 Minor Street, on Sunday, July 10, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Individuals and families are welcome to sample vegetarian cuisine, both Vegan (no animal products) and Lacto-Ovo Vegetarian (includes milk products and eggs). Recipes will be available. There is no charge to participate.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes

One day last week four of us experienced Sage Canyon River Company's hospitality as we rafted the Deschutes River. Bobbie Krein had donated the trip for the St. Patrick's auction. If you haven't had this experience, then give it a try. You will enjoy beautiful scenery, class IV rapids, floating along quietly, wildlife, and an awesome lunch resembling a three-course dinner. It is said that no other company serves such a meal. The experience was great fun. Businesses, treat your employees to this experience. Parents, take your family. Make some memories and wear your life jacket, (not an option).

It was interesting to see what rafting has done for Maupin. They have found their niche catering to rafters. Photographers were stationed above every rapid to catch the action, so one could take home proof of their wild ride. Pictures were posted at various businesses to purchase, or they could be ordered over the internet. It's a lesson in changing and "going with the flow" to enhance the economy.

We enjoyed the road less traveled, and thus had the opportunity to visit other small communities. It didn't take long to decide if they were tuned in to visitors. A grocery store in one town did not appear to be open with various and sundry items stacked, piled, and dropped in the window. The counter was in front of the window with the proprietor's back to it, so he probably hadn't had time to think about how it appeared to visitors. Bet they'd have more customers if they perked up their windows.

Shaniko was like stepping back in time.. The community has turned it into a delightful, brightly painted, collection of small shops with antique stores and the hotel. There were a number of visitors there but, sadly, the one restaurant was closed so they didn't stay long. People tend to move on if their original intention was to stop for food and none is available.

Fossil was booming. Seems it was senior center day. We enjoyed some delicious wraps for lunch at a local restaurant and headed for Heppner and home. Bottom line, rural communities have a lot of trial and error and lots of stamina. There's nothing like exploring and learning from them.

Thought for the week: "Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days you are the statue."

ODFW seeks hunter representative for board

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife officials have announced an available position for a hunter representative on the state's Access and Habitat Board.

The Access and Habitat Program was created by the 1993 Oregon Legislature to form partnerships with private landowners to improve wildlife habitat and increase hunting access on private lands by awarding grants for projects that accomplish these goals.

The Access and Habitat Board is made up of seven citizen volunteers - three landowner representatives, three hunter representatives and one public-at-large representative - who review and recommend wildlife habitat improvement and hunter access projects for funding to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. The program is funded by a


\$2 surcharge included in hunting license fees.

Board members, who are appointed to four-year terms by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, meet three or four times each year in various communities throughout the state to review project funding applications, hear public testimony and act as liaisons between the program and the public.

Those with an interest and experience in hunting, forestry, farming, ranching and/or wildlife conservation are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is Oct. 1.


To request an application and instructions for applying, contact Access and Habitat Program coordinator Nick Myatt, (503) 947-6087. Applications also may be downloaded from the ODFW Web site at www.dfw.state.or.us/AH/get_involved.asp.

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Real Estate

By DAVID SYKES
REALTOR

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