

Ione School District returns \$30,000 grant, hopes to combine grants to hire teacher next year

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school bus activities is up .04 cents to \$1.92; the overnight motel/meal rate is up \$1.95 to \$90.44. The suburban rate per mile is up .01 cents to .48 cents.

Additional fuel costs are anticipated should the costs remain at the current rates.

In other business, the board:

-approved changes to the district's interscholastic activities program as follows:

*students will "demonstrate appropriate school behavior including meeting dress code requirements during practice, traveling and attending home and away games";

*students will "be in attendance the full day of any scheduled activity in order to participate. The coach athletic director and principal must approve any exceptions to this policy. Excused absences as outlined in the school attendance guidelines per the student handbook, will be considered an exception to this policy. Attendance on Thursday is mandatory for participation at a Friday contest. Students absent or late to school the day after an activity will be referred to the coach for disciplinary action per team rules";

*students will "be in attendance at each regularly scheduled practice. Any absence from a regularly scheduled practice session without the coach's authorization, either by prearrangement, conference with the coach or absence from school shall receive consequences per team rules";

*"extra duty employment shall be from the beginning to the end of the specific sports season";

*"upon board review, the principal will extend a letter of intent to rehire or notification of non-rehire to each coach within 45 days of the sport season closing";

*"the principal shall recommend for employment the most qualified person, licensed or non-licensed and employment shall be from the beginning to the end of the specific sports season."

-passed the following resolution to change previously adopted funds as follows: Fund 201 State Title (instruction) was changed from \$4,000 adopted to \$17,000; Fund 202 Federal REAP (instruction) was changed from \$24,000 to \$31,000; and Fund 240 Miscellaneous Grants (instruction) was changed from \$143,000 to \$123,000.

-learned that the Oregon Department of Education announced the final state support adjustment for 2005-06 which called for a \$55,451 payment from ISD back to the state. The ISD had estimated for 2005-06 that the district would have one pregnant or parenting student, but it had none; 5.6 students in poverty, when it had none; teacher experience at .86, when the actual rate was .41; \$300,000 in property tax collections when it actually had \$388,274; and would spend \$202,500 in transportation, when it actually spend \$169,558.

-approved the 2007-08 board meeting schedule: August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, January 22, February 11, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 9 with work sessions beginning at 5:30 p.m. and board meetings at 7 p.m. All are held on the

third Monday with the exception of the January meeting which is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday; February which is planned for the second Monday due to a holiday conflict and June which is scheduled for the second Monday due to a conflict with the OSSA Summer Institute.

-heard the following report from Browning:

*David Piper has been contacted to install the school's doors.

*Generation Plastering has been contacted to repair the east elementary building's exterior walls which have been damaged by woodpeckers.

*Stocker Construction has surveyed the pool damage and damage repairs have begun.

*the pool pump and control box are also in the repair stages. The board approved lifeguards as follows: Alyssa Rietmann-pool manager, Dalton Campbell, Kevin Fowler, Whitney Meulink, Tori Heagy, Sarah Stillman, Stefanie Archer, and Tiana Camarillo-part-time.

*the irrigation system is up and running with breaks identified and repaired.

*those who "pitched in and mowed the school grounds" while the city council and city hall went through a transition period were thanked for their efforts.

*three bids will be collected on filling in the existing wading pool, which has been determined to be unrepairable, and removing the fence.

*2007 spelling bee winners are as follows: Joe Doherty-elementary school; Christine Raible-middle school; and Sarah Stillman. Christine Raible took first place for her division at a two-county tournament held at Blue Mountain Community College on May 14.

*the Tupper experience was a good one with sunny weather during most of the week.

*Ione kindergarten through fifth grade students had a successful trip to the Oregon zoo on May 10.

*the following Ione students participated in the BMCC Pathways Conference, formerly the skills contest: Health Services Pathway-Brittnee DesBouillons, Aimee Emery and Julianne Vanden Brink; Business and Management Pathway-Emily Rietmann; Industry and Engineering Pathway-Mason Bradford and Cody Keisling; Hospitality and Tourism Pathway-Abby Arnsperger and Kylee Svetich. Vanden Brink, Emily Rietmann, Arnsperger and Svetich each earned \$500 BMCC scholarships.

*paper and pencil assessments have arrived and are being administered. The school's goal is to test the students who have not met their benchmarks and then, if time permits, test all students who haven't tested a third time. Browning anticipates that test results will be used for the 2006-07 school report card and the AYP report in August.

*several teachers have "stepped up and taken over new classes, given up their prep periods and volunteered to help with supervision at lunch time."

*the sixth graders have completed their Mother's Day plant sale, but flowers and other items are still available.

*enrollment was reported at 152 students, up from 151 on May 11.

Spring Reading Program draws to an end



Participants in the Spring Reading Program at the Heppner Library used their creativity to decorate the sidewalk in front of the library with colored chalk.

Walton workshops planned for June

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts have planned oil painting workshops with Robert Walton (the mural artist) on June 22, 23, and 24. On each day, class time will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The group has asked Walton to do a snow scene with cabins and some hills for background.

The cost is \$115 for three days. Classes must be paid for by June 1. New painters are welcome. For more information contact Betty Mills at 676-5546

Anyone wishing to see what the painting will look like may do so at the May 24 meeting of M.C.C.A.&C. at GD's banquet room at 1 p.m. Also on the meeting agenda is the watercolor classes on August 11 and 12. Teaching the workshop will be Joyce Anderson of Walla Walla. The cost for this class is undetermined until all sign-ups are in. What to paint will be decided at this meeting also. To sign up call Trish Sweeney at 676-9226.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting.

Ex-Heppner resident earns national honor

Editor's Note: The following article ran in the May 17 edition of the East Oregonian. The article was written by George Murdock.

An ex-Morrow County resident, who grew up hawking copies of the East Oregonian on the streets of Heppner, has been named national publisher of the year by Editor & Publisher, the major publication of the newspaper industry.

Chris Anderson, who is chief executive officer and president of the Orange County Register, grew up in Heppner and attended



Orange County Register Publisher Chris Anderson speaks with California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently at the newspaper's office in Santa Ana, Calif. -Photo by Michael Goulding of the Orange County Register

schools there through his freshman year in high school. He says that as a kid, he would walk up and down Main Street selling copies of the paper for a dime.

His father, N. C. Anderson, was a county extension agent who also wrote a column for the Gazette-Times, published in Heppner. Wes Sherman, who was then publisher of the newspaper, had a son in Anderson's class and he took notice of Anderson's interest in writing. He asked the young boy to write stories about junior high sports, which then appeared in the newspaper.

Earlier, the young journalist had worked as a

printer's devil at the Gazette-Times taking apart the pages and melting down the lead to create new "pigs" for the linotype machine. Somewhere around that time, he decided he was much more interested in being a writer than a printer, although his first job taught him to read upside down and backward and how to put the type back in the cases.

During his freshman year at Heppner High School, Anderson was named sports editor of the Gazette-Times and covered the Mustangs. He says he wasn't big enough to play football and wasn't good enough to play varsity basketball, but he did letter

in baseball, seeing limited playing time.

At the end of his freshman year, his father took a two-year leave of absence from the Oregon State University Extension Service and went to Niger, West Africa, under a contract with the U.S. Agency for International Development. There he worked with farmers in Niger, a French-speaking country north of Nigeria. Anderson attended boarding school in Niger during the first year of their stay. The school was across the country from his parents.

In early 1966, civil war broke out in Nigeria and his parents were not comfortable having him so far away even though the Biafran War was on the other side of Nigeria from where he was. At the end of the school year, he said his parents sent him back to Oregon to live with his sister outside of Portland.

When his parents returned to the United States, his father was assigned to Linn County and Anderson spent his senior year at Albany Union High School. He said it seemed pretty odd for him to have attended four different high schools in four years because his five older brothers and sisters spent their entire school careers in Heppner.

As a student at OSU, he asked Wes Sherman if he could be an intern at the Gazette-Times. He had worked the previous summer at the Albany Democrat-Herald. Shortly after he arrived in Heppner, Wes and Helen Sherman

decided to take their first vacation in 25 years.

Two days later, Wes Sherman died suddenly of a heart attack. Anderson, who was not yet 19, found himself running the newspaper and even writing Sherman's obituary. He took charge of the tiny staff, wrote articles, sold ads, worked the press and bundled papers.

At the end of the summer, Helen Sherman sold the newspaper and Anderson was back for his sophomore year as an experienced publisher.

He established later ties to the area when he was hired to become editor of the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin at the age of 25. He was later moved to the Seattle Times, which owns the Union-Bulletin. This summer, Anderson's oldest daughter, Erica, will be an intern at the Walla Walla newspaper.

Anderson's parents are now retired and live in Dallas.

Meanwhile, he has come a long way from his earliest journalism experiences to become a decorated leader of a major newspaper that covers the 34 cities that makeup Orange County.

Scott Flanders, the chief executive officer of Freedom Newspapers, which owns the Register, applauds Anderson for creating a newspaper that has given Orange County a badly-needed identity and for helping reshape the newspaper industry through innovative leadership.

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