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**Wedding Announcements
Schultz - Collins**

Jan Schultz and Lisa Collins invite all friends to attend their wedding on Saturday, Mar. 19, 1 p.m., at United Methodist Church, Heppner.
A reception will follow at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

A wedding reception

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hansen invite all friends and relatives to their wedding reception on March 24, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Wagon Wheel in Heppner.
Music will be by Billy Nichols.

Marriage Licenses

A Marriage License application was accepted at the Morrow County clerk's office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner from:
Terry Lynn Phelps, 23, and Theresa Kathleen Hancock, 21, both of Kimberly.

I.U.C.C. to welcome guest preacher Sunday

The Ione United Church of Christ will welcome the Rev. Don Severson of Portland as guest preacher on Sunday, Mar. 20, announced the Rev. Cathy Barker, pastor of i.u.c.c. The Rev. Severson is the conference minister for the Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ, an area which includes Oregon, southern Idaho, and two churches in Washington.
Barker will serve as liturgist in the regular 11 a.m. worship service. The church choir will sing and the Sunday school children will sing "A Place in the Choir."

Severson will be honored at a potluck dinner following the service.
Barker said all are welcome to attend.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week:

- Maurice Louis Herinckx, Portland - No Driver's Daily Log Book, \$28 fine.
- Joe Mario Castilla, Ione - Expired Vehicle License, \$24 bail forfeited.
- Thomas Dail Howell, Ione - Expired Vehicle License, \$24 bail forfeited.
- Robert James Gates, Ione - Expired Vehicle License, \$24 bail forfeited.
- Dana Duane Nance, Lexington - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (65 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$24 bail forfeited.
- Nicky Lee Parret, Heppner - Excessive Noise, \$6 fine.
- Michael Dean Lynch, Heppner - Disobeyed Stop Sign, \$14 fine.
- Russell John Britt, Heppner - No Fixed Load License, \$18 fine.

Local churches welcome new priest

The Rev. Brian McGovern was welcomed by the congregations at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner and St. William's in Ione last Sunday, Mar. 13, as he began his service here. McGovern is originally from Edinburgh, Scotland, and was ordained in 1969 at St. Kieran Seminary in Ireland.
He has previously served churches in Lakeview, Klammath Falls, The Dalles and at Chiloquin, where he was most recently pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish.

Tickets now on sale for C.W.C. Guest Night

Advanced tickets are now on sale for the Christian Women's Club Guest Night to be held Thursday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., at Heppner High School. Everyone is invited to attend this special event, said a club spokesperson.

Tickets may be purchased at Cole's House of Fashion, the LeBush Shoppe or from any member serving on the executive board for \$6 each.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Willing to serve

To the editor:
I would like to make the voters of the Heppner-Lexington area aware of my willingness and interest in serving on the Heppner-Lexington School

Advisory Committee and would solicit your write in vote for that position at the polls on Tuesday, March 29.
Harley Sager
Lexington

In favor of BMCC's budget

To the editor:
To the registered voters of Umatilla and Morrow counties:

On March 29 you'll be asked to consider Blue Mountain Community College's budget for the coming year. I urge you to vote in favor of that budget. The increase is only five cents per thousand assessed valuation.

For the past four years, I've been involved in BMCC's Adult Education Program as the teacher in Heppner. The adult program here as well as in Boardman, Hermiston, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater provides an opportunity for adults to choose from several options. Adults can study for the GED examination or earn credits toward a BMCC high school diploma. They can strengthen their skills in English, math or

reading. Non-English speaking adults can use the program to learn English as a second language. For some high school seniors, it provides an opportunity for them to make up deficient credits. Presently, we have adults enrolled in all of these areas. The importance and need of BMCC's Adult Education Program seems obvious since our enrollment keeps increasing throughout the two counties.

It's exciting to think a community the size of Heppner can provide adult education for its citizens. Personally, it's rewarding to witness the success of adults who have achieved their goals.
BMCC's Adult Education Program needs your support. Vote "Yes" on March 29.
Joy Krein
Adult Education Instructor
Heppner, Oregon

Keep it that way

To the editor:

I am a second year student at Blue Mountain Community College and I am urging all the voters of Umatilla and Morrow counties to vote "Yes" March 29 for the budget levy.

There are several good reasons to pass this levy for Blue Mountain. The first is for the people of the two counties. Blue Mountain Community College provides good quality education at one-third of the cost of a four-year institution. In these times of economic hardship it is important to get the most from your money, and education is no exception. Blue Mountain Community College has many programs that cater to diversified interests. The instructors here at Blue Mountain truly care about the student and the quality of education he/she is receiving. By obtaining your

degree at BMCC you are sure you have received the quality of education you deserve. Also, if you decide to go on to a larger institution, you have received a very solid basis to continue your education with.
By passing the levy on March 29 you will not only help the students already here, but will continue to draw students from surrounding areas to BMCC, thus helping the economy of our own area. I'm sure everyone knows or has known someone who has attended BMCC, so if you have any doubts, ask them how much BMCC helped them.

BMCC has been known for its quality of education and instructors. Let's keep it that way. Vote "Yes" March 29 on the budget levy for BMCC.
Elizabeth McKinney
221 NW 12th
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Vote 'Yes' for BMCC

To the editor:

March 29, 1983, Blue Mountain Community College submits its budget to the district voters for approval. The board of directors and budget committee have developed an extremely tight budget with a total tax levy increase of only 3.5 percent.

BMCC does not have a tax base and must submit a budget for approval by the district voters each year. The voters in Morrow County have always been supportive of the college and we do benefit from

the board philosophy of offering courses in this area whenever there is sufficient demand, as well as the travel allowance for full-time students.

In these economically troubled times, all of our high school graduates benefit from having access to the college.

I strongly urge your continued support to Blue Mountain Community College by voting "Yes" on March 29.
Very truly yours,
Robert B. Abrams
Heppner

Important to everyone

To the editor:

I am a student at Blue Mountain Community College. I live near Burns, but have come all the way up here to go to school, mainly because I think it's the best college of all my choices. The tuition here is only one-third of what it is at a state college and I feel that you learn a lot more in a smaller school.

Many of the classes offered here are transferable to larger schools so your credits transfer with you and you don't have to spend so much more time and money at a larger

college.
Everyone on campus and in the community is very friendly and helpful. By the end of your first year you're almost on a first name basis with everyone. The instructors are very knowledgeable and go out of their way to help you learn.

And without this institution I feel that this entire area would be at a great loss. So vote "Yes" on the budget, it's important to everyone.

Duane Davies
Student Body Representative
414 S.W. 17th
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Cheap shot

To the editor:

One of the absolute delights of being in a public position is that of accepting the scrutiny of those who understand only enough of an issue to comment based upon assumptions that make up the balance of the facts of the issue.

I refer to the Letter to the Editor of March 10 that appeared concerning the meeting at Columbia Basin Electric office of members of the Northwest Regional Power Council and Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative.

This meeting was held only because of the constant communications of concern by staff and board members expressing the concerns of the members of the cooperative to the council members and was not established by the council as a public meeting.

The highly publicized public meeting intended for consumer input, not sponsored by any particular utility, but by the council itself, was held in

Pendleton later in the day.
Very few utilities have had the opportunity to have the council take valuable time to listen to the concerns of individual circumstances and we should feel gratified that their interest is sufficient in our particular problems to meet with us on a one on one basis.

In the past, many opportunities have been afforded those consumers who wished to have input into the regional plan which does have a great affect on all of us. To the best of my knowledge, very few consumers have taken advantage of these opportunities. Those who have made the effort have found it rewarding.

I consider the accusations of lack of publicity a cheap shot at what was intended as a sincere effort to aid all of our consumers and not a select group.

Fred R. Toombs, Manager
Columbia Basin Electric
Cooperative, Inc.

Deserves to continue

To the editor:

This has been my second year at Blue Mountain Community College. I will graduate with an Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts at the end of this year. I came to BMCC because I felt it necessary to start out at a community college before proceeding to a four-year college. The time at this college has been of great service to me. My instructors have always been willing to answer any of my questions to further my knowledge. Their special attention is my benefit and others who attend BMCC.

There are many good programs for one to choose from before going on to a four-year college. Students in a dilemma about their major can begin with a two-year degree in general studies. This is less expensive for the student, especially at BMCC, since it is one-third the cost of a four-

year institution.

At BMCC there are plenty of athletic sports and fine arts to be involved with. There are also activities offered for the students. Some of these include: theater, dances, dinners, movies and a good family event is the Christmas eve dinner.

Those people wishing to enhance their education or creativity may do so by taking a night class or going to school part time. So, as you can see, BMCC offers a wide-range of happenings for all ages. Best of all the faculty and students are very friendly. I feel very fortunate to have been a student at BMCC.

Please remember us on March 29. Vote "Yes" on the 1983-84 school budget. It's a good school and deserves to continue.

Tammy Williams
2245 S.W. LaDow
Pendleton, Oregon 97801

Votes will be appreciated

To the editor:

I am a student at Blue Mountain Community College enrolled in the Secretarial Science program. I am from Hermiston and decided last year to go to a community college instead of a four-year college because it was less expensive. Blue Mountain also has an excellent business program which is just as good or even better than a four-year college. It is also easier to get individual help if you need it.
The upcoming election on

March 29 is very important to the citizens of Umatilla and Morrow counties. Blue Mountain can provide education for young people, which will help them obtain a career. Without your support Blue Mountain will not be able to have the funds it needs to operate. Your vote supporting the Blue Mountain budget levy will be greatly appreciated.

Monica Eppenbach
Rt. 1, Box 1548
Hermiston, Oregon 97838

Expressing concern

To the editor:

I wish to express my concern for the upcoming election on March 29 to the voters of Umatilla and Morrow counties.

On the ballot will be a budget levy for Blue Mountain Community College.

Blue Mountain is of great importance to the two-county area, for it provides training opportunities in both vocational and transfer areas of education.

BMCC allows students who might not have the funds to attend four-year institutions the chance to further their education at the community college level.

This institution has a reputation of providing quality graduates from many fields. Many of BMCC's curricula have a high reputation

throughout the state and Northwest.

I graduated last year from BMCC with an Associate Degree in Production Agriculture. I am now attending BMCC for a third year to educate myself in the areas of electronics and computers which I feel is the trend of the future. Blue Mountain has allowed me to stay in the community in which I work and get the education I need, without the expense of a four-year institution.

It is my hope that the voters will cast their ballot for Blue Mountain Community College.

Please vote "Yes" on March 29.
Merle H. Gehrke
A.S.B. President
Rt. 2 Box 13
Echo, Oregon 97826

To clarify

To the editor:

As a rule, I do not take the time to answer a derogatory letter to the editor, but for my own defense and clarification, I must reply to my friend, Marvin Padberg.

Yes, Roy Hemingway and Al Hampson, the two people representing Oregon on the Northwest Power Planning Council, did meet with Fred Toombs and me at the Heppner office. Because I had talked to Roy four or five times before and Fred had talked to him a couple of times, Roy extended us the courtesy of asking to meet with the two of us to discuss our problems which are unique for the state. Roy and Al were on their way that same day to a well-publicized public meeting in Pendleton, where any protest which consumers wanted to organize would have been appropriate.

Out of common courtesy to the irrigators, we did invite a few of them to sit in on our

meeting so that Roy and Al could get the story from some of the irrigators themselves. We had nearly three hours of give and take from all of us on many items of mutual interest to all our consumers.

Roy Hemingway and Al Hampson thanked us for the chance to meet with us and remarked on the excellent information they received from our group. But no way could we have turned this into a large public meeting. It would have defeated the intent and purpose of their informational meeting requested with Fred and me.

It is never our intent to conduct Columbia Basin business in secrecy and we will continue to include the membership by holding public meetings and by letter as we have done in the past.

Sincerely,
H.C. Wright, President
Columbia Basin
Electric Co-op

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