

Winner named in Irrigon Icemelt contest

By Joyce Hensley
Keith Barton, Irrigon, took first place in Irrigon's Chamber of Commerce Ice Melt Contest held at Brown's Truck and Auto. Barton's guessing time was 108 hours. Pharis Tempy, Irrigon, took second with a guessing time of 106 hours 20 minutes and 6 seconds. The actual time it took the 8,000

pound, red, blue and green ice cube to melt was 107 hours 13 minutes and 41 seconds. The meltdown time was determined with a magnifying glass, held by Jim Nettleland, vice president of the Irrigon Chamber; and a stop watch held by Ray Hill, president-elect. The funds raised by the Chamber promotion was \$700. The monies

will be used by the newly formed chamber for expenses and also for projects such as placing restrooms in the Irrigon City Park. First prize, donated by Tales and Tackle Gunsmithing and Mike Weinkauff Guide Service, was a professionally guided fishing trip for four on the Columbia River; second prize was \$250 cash.

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Irrigon church has new pastor

By Joyce Hensley
The new pastor of Columbia View Community Church in Irrigon is a man of many talents.

Lee McCarthy 43, has been a winning football, basketball and baseball coach; taught a variety of subjects, but "mostly social studies and sports"; has been a youth director and an interim pastor; and runs his own construction business. He now feels the calling to go into full-time service for God.

"God has given me my gifts," he said. "I'm not special, He is special." Although he is 'part-time' preacher/teacher at Columbia View Community Church, he is spending 40 to 50 hours a week studying, visiting, teaching and preaching. His efforts are paying off. The congregation is growing.

The energetic pastor is ready and willing to drop everything for his new flock. "I'm my own boss, so I can leave at anytime for emergencies," he said.

McCarthy sees unlimited potential for the ten-year old church, "and the community," he added.

Expanding the Christian Education Department at Columbia View Community Church to include classes for all ages on Sunday morning is high on his list of priorities for the future.

He attended Portland State University where he received his Bachelors degree in education. "My wife, Joyce, put me through school," he said, "everything I am today, I owe to her."

After college, McCarthy became teacher, athletic director, and baseball, football and basketball coach at Saint Joseph's Catholic School in Kennewick. "Those were the most beneficial years of my life, he said.

"The kids took nine consecutive league championships in football, basketball and baseball," said McCarthy, modestly.

The students moved from the bottom of their league to the top under his coaching methods, winning seventy-five percent of the games they played.

He coached girls basketball and volleyball at Kamiakin High in Kennewick for three years. He then served as head basketball coach for the women's team at Columbia Basin Community College for three years.

He has been an active lay person in various church activities since he was a teen-ager, but he didn't feel the tug to become a full-time minister for God until he became an interim minister in 1986 at Columbia Community Church in Richland.

Being an avid reader, McCarthy has a Christian library consisting of 1200 titles. "I have gained my seminary education on my own," he said.

In the meantime, he is also busy running his own construction company, building houses and small commercial buildings. He and his crew of three or more, depending on the job, also do remodeling.

McCarthy and his wife, Joyce, have two children. Their son, David 22, lives in the Tri-Cities, and their daughter, LeAnn 19, lives at home when she's not attending Warren Pacific College in Portland.

He and his family are actively looking for a house in the Irrigon area and hope to be moved by the first of September.

Sunday morning Sunday School at Columbia View Community Church starts at 9:45 a.m. worship service is at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening teaching hour begins at 7 p.m. A potluck is held the second Sunday of each month after Sunday morning worship service. "Everyone is welcome," said McCarthy. "Bring a hot dish or a salad or dessert."



Pastor Lee McCarthy

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Weddings



photo by Joyce Hughes

Bond — Jones

Kimberly Katherine Bond, wearing a full-length taffeta dress, fashioned by June Rollis and accented by an antique necklace, borrowed from the groom's mother, wed Scott Richard Jones, in a wedding ceremony held at 11 a.m. on June 25 at the Christian Life Center. Linda Bond, mother of the bride, created the flowers for the wedding party.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Linda Bond of Heppner. The groom's parents are Lowell and Tonya Jones also of Heppner.

The brides attendants were Tracey Bond, the brides sister as maid of honor and friend of the bride Jeannie Fitzsimmons was bridesmaid. They were attired in blue full-length taffeta dresses, accented by bows at the shoulders and in the back.

Phil Estberg was best man for the groom. Ushers were Kevin Bond, the bride's brother and Greg Jones, brother of the groom.

A reception was held at the Christian Life Center after the ceremony. Cutting the cake was Sonya Smith. Punch servers were Carl Holmes and Dede Peperling.

The bride and groom are 1988 graduates of Heppner High School. The bride is employed at Pioneer Memorial Hospital as a Certified Nurses Aide and the groom is employed at Miller and Son Welding as a welder.

The couple is at home in Heppner following a wedding trip to the coast.