

Activity increases at North Morrow Food center

By Joyce Hensley

Activity at the North Morrow County emergency food distribution center in Irrigon has increased, according to volunteer, Dorothy Irish.

The emergency food center was organized to assist low-income level families and individuals who qualify under the poverty income level. Low-income families, single parents, disabled persons, migrants and seasonal farm workers are eligible for emergency food assistance. "We seem to have more families than individuals right now," said Irish.

The center is located in the east end of the old Seventh Day Adventist Church building in Irrigon.

Food is donated by several different sources. Oregon Food Share, a private organization whose purpose is to alleviate hunger in Oregon; The Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA), a federally funded organization administered by the local United Way; the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and local citizens.

The distribution center serves all of North Morrow County and is open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Five local volunteers take turns manning the center.

"If there were more volunteers, we would consider being open another day during the week," said Irish.

Information and referrals for Food Stamps, Legal Aid, Energy Assistance, plus rent and electricity assistance, is also provided at the center.

The Emergency Food Distribution Center is a branch of the Morrow County Neighborhood Center in Heppner.

A separate clothing and bedding distribution center is also located in the old Seventh Day Adventist building. The clothing center, located in the west end of the building, is operated by the Seventh Day Adventist Church and is open Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Blankenship to hold services in Irrigon

By Joyce Hensley

Professional gospel singer, Leroy Blankenship will be holding services at Columbia View Community Church in Irrigon August 7.

The gospel minister uses his mellow voice to carry the message in song. He also is a gospel song writer.

Blankenship performs with gusto such songs as Special Delivery, You'll Never Walk Alone, Because He Lives, He Looked Beyond My Fault, and many more.

The humble, ordained minister lives in Grandview, Washington with his family. When he is not out ministering in song, he enjoys fishing and hunting.

The service will start at 7 p.m. Sunday, August 7.



Many times we will discover a problem with our landscape plants long after the time to act on it has passed. This year is a good example of that.

We had several months of light rain and cool weather this spring. Such weather is perfect growing conditions for several diseases and insects. But we only discovered the effects of these problems when the weather warmed up.

Many aphids thrive in weather like we had this spring. They don't do so well in the hotter times, however. So they built up a population in the spring and, as the warmer weather came on and beneficial insects increased, they disappeared. They have been a problem on willow birch, and locust trees. I can still find plenty on the locust, but not on the others.

Fungi like cool weather, too. Powdery mildew, common on roses, was found on apple apricot, pear and other fruit trees. With the onset of warmer weather it stops being a problem, but it leaves behind a legacy of spotted leaves and scabby fruit. Next spring, if this is a problem for you now, spray a sulfur solution at about flowering time.

Apple and pear trees are susceptible to fire blight, a bacterial disease which is spread by such spring weather. This is a very serious disease. The tree looks like a blow torch hit it. Limbs become scorched looking and die. It is a disease specific to pears and apples, including crabapple.

The cure is to cut out all diseased material, and to disinfect the pruning shears or saw between each cut. If you suspect you have this disease, confirm it by bringing a sample to the Extension office.

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Christian Center adds weight room

By Mindy Nix

The Boardman Christian Center will soon have even more to offer than its "His Place" Restaurant, Holy Roller Rink, Arcade with ping-pong, pool, card and table games, puzzles, books and motel. What else could they add for fun and recreation?

By August 10, they hope to have completed a weight room in the corner of the Holy Roller Rink. The weight room will include mats, tables and an exercise room. Howard Wheeler, who runs the Boardman Christian Center, will also make the skating rink area available for aerobics for those who are interested.

They hope to set up an outside area for volleyball, basketball, badminton and horseshoes in the near future.

For family fun, times will be set up during the week for family and christian movies.

A pool tournament is being planned for the middle of September.



Photo by Mindy Nix

After signing up, participants will receive a free T-shirt.

The Boardman Christian Center is a non-denominational organization located at 730 Columbia Avenue.

Mr. Wheeler is open to any suggestions anyone may have. Anyone willing to donate weights to the Christian Center for their latest project please contact Howard Wheeler.

Workers' Comp ombudsman to visit Pendleton

Oregon's workers' compensation ombudsman, Harvey Risewick, has scheduled a "mobile office" visit to Pendleton on Wednesday, August 10.

Risewick will be available to receive complaints related to workers' compensation, which he will investigate and attempt to resolve. He will be meeting with workers at the Employment Division Conference Room, 408 SE 7th in Pendleton, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The ombudsman's office was created by the 1987 Oregon Legislature to serve as an advocate for injured workers in the workers' compensation system. The om-

budsman's visit is part of a 3-week, 10 city outreach schedule Mr. Risewick has scheduled around the state.

Injured workers who would like to

meet with Mr. Risewick must schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-452-0288 (Oregon toll free) in advance.

LANDFILL CLOSING

The Heppner City Landfill will be closed to the public starting August 8, 1988 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Heppner Garbage Disposal Service will be hauling to Hermiston UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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Fruit stand doing whopping business



Photo by Joyce Hensley

Fred's Melon Stand on the Morrow County line on Highway 730, is doing a whopping big business. "We'll probably have 1,200 to 1,500 people stop before the day is over," said Fred Frederickson, owner of the stand.

Some of his watermelons are grown in his own fields, the rest are grown locally by Bob Kenney of Kenney Farms or Eastern Oregon Farms, located on Patterson Ferry Road.

Frederickson has been in the melon business for twenty years. "Actually, I was born in a melon patch," Frederickson said with a grin.

A wide variety of melons are sold at the stand such as Crimson Sweet, Old Blue Ribbon, All Sweet and Stripped Klondike. "We'll soon have twelve different varieties of cantaloupe and muskmelons," said Frederickson.

BMCC skills classes begins in August

Two business skills classes are scheduled to begin August 1 at Blue Mountain Community College.

One class will stress word processing techniques utilizing the WordPerfect program on IBM personal computers. Titled "Information Processing," the class will meet Monday through Thursday for three weeks.

An early bird session of WordPerfect is set for 7:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. and another morning session is taught from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This class may be taken either for credit or as a noncredit course. Additional lab time will need to be scheduled for students planning to earn credit.

The second August class is "Office Skills Brush-up" which invites

the student to pick which skills would most increase chances for employment. Choices include skills in clerical duties, bookkeeping, typing, filing, computer use and calculating machines.

This two-week class meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from August 1-11.

Tuition for either the WordPerfect class or the Office Skills course is \$36. Persons may register at the Continuing Education desk in Morrow Hall. For more information, call the college at 276-1260, ext 290.

Instructor for the WordPerfect class will be Lucy Smith, BMCC business instructor. Smith and Loretta Lindsay will teach the Office Skills course.

1988-89 BMCC catalogs available

New college catalogs are now available from Blue Mountain Community College for the 1988-89 school year.

The catalog includes a complete listing of all programs offered by the college as well as a list of fees and the names of program instructors and advisors.

New to the catalog this year is an easy-to-read listing of college program coursework by term.

There is no fee for the college catalog, which may be obtained from either the Counseling Center or the Admissions Office at the college.

Catalogs will also be available at the college's Morrow and Umatilla county fair booths in August.

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