

Willow Creek Lake meeting this Wed.

Issues related to Willow Creek Lake will be discussed at a public meeting scheduled by the Portland U.S. Army Engineer District for Wednesday, Sept. 13, in Heppner. Topics to be discussed at the meeting include current lake elevation, recreation development on the lake, irrigation water available in the lake, and water quality. Representatives of the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation will be on hand to discuss these issues. Public comment is invited regarding future uses of the lake.

A discussion of the safety of the dam will also be on the agenda. Based on current evaluation of roller compacted concrete samples taken from the interior of the dam, the Corps reports that no serious deterioration of the dam is indicated. Nothing has been found that adversely affects the stability or operation of the dam now or in the future, according to Steven L. Stockton, Portland District engineering division chief.

Additional studies are underway or just completed in the Corps' monitoring and evaluation program, Stockton said. Two completed technical studies prepared under contract with the Corps are microbiology studies by University of Washington scientists, and geochemical studies by Oregon State University scientists. The remaining studies underway include microscopic mineral analysis of concrete samples.

A summary of the Corps' evaluation of all studies will be provided to the public at the Heppner meeting, in the continuing effort to provide information to the people in the area about the Willow Creek project, Stockton said. The study reports will be included in a comprehensive report to be published as soon as completed.

Sign language classes offered

The Umatilla ESD will provide a day and an evening Beginning Sign Language Class at BMCC in Pendleton fall term. Also offered is an Intermediate Sign Language class. The day class beginning on Thursday, September 21 will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 5 p.m., providing three credit hours at \$19 per credit and is taught by Malina Lindell, ESD resource specialist for educational interpreters.

The evening beginning class on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. which begins Monday, September 25 and the intermediate class on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. which begins on September 21, are both non-credit and are taught by Patti Hall, ESD specialist for the hearing impaired.

Although the classes are intensive courses to initiate study toward

becoming a fluent sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired, anyone who comes in contact with hearing impaired children or adults will find the classes both interesting and useful. For more information or to register, contact BMCC Continuing Education Department at 276-1260.

MCCA meeting date changed

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will meet Sept. 18, one week ahead of the usual meeting day.

Betty Brown will give the program showing demonstrations of reverse glass painting and preparation of saw painting.

The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Wagon Wheel. Anyone interested in arts and crafts is welcome to attend.

Madrigal convicted on drug charges

A Boardman man has plead guilty to three counts of delivery of a controlled substance in Morrow County Circuit Court.

Quirino Madrigal, 40, plead guilty on August 25, 1989, to two counts of delivery of cocaine, and entered a guilty plea on September 1, 1989, to an additional charge of delivery of cocaine. The drug sales were made in March, April and May, 1989, during an investigation conducted by the Morrow County Drug Task Force.

As part of the plea negotiations in the matter, charges of witness tampering and possession of marijuana were dismissed by the State. Madrigal also faces additional drug-related charges in Wasco County Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge Ralph Currin ordered the matter continued for sentencing pending completion of a pre-sentence investigation.

'Whispering Pines' Mayor celebrates 90th



Donald Blake (l) helps Earl Blake cut the cake at Earl's 90th birthday party last weekend.

Think orange

When you prepare for this year's hunting trip, put "orange clothes" high on your checklist.

The doctors of the Oregon Optometric Association say that bright orange is noticed by other hunters because the fluorescent shade is not found in nature. It is also the most visible color under all lighting conditions.

The animal or bird you're hunting won't pick out the color, however, because most game don't see colors.

Yellow is also acceptable; red, which turns to grey at dusk, is not.

Be safer in the woods, wear bright orange.

By Merlyn Robinson

For the mayor of "Whispering Pines", the Blake ranch settlement on the North Fork of Willow Creek, it was a day to be remembered, with feasting, dancing and surprises.

In celebration of Earl Blake's 90th birthday last weekend, a surprise party was attended by friends and relatives from near and far.

"They'll have to pack me off this mountain when I leave here," Blake said. And as he danced around under the balloon-decorated pine trees, his leave-taking didn't seem to be anywhere in the near future.

Coming the farthest for this

special occasion was Blake's eldest granddaughter, Janet Quinn, who flew from her home in Saudi Arabia.

Another surprise was the arrival of Joseph and Peggy Lowell, Palm Springs, California. Though Blake and Lowell have not seen each other since their school days at Lone, they have maintained a special friendship all through the years.

"We grew up together, hunting, fishing and playing football in Lone. We'd swipe apples and hide them. And we played in the band. Earl was a good musician, but I just blew loud," Lowell said.

A large crowd of well-wishers watched Blake cut one of two birth-

day cakes. Hosting this occasion were immediate family members Helen and Howard Gilliam, Heppner; Mary Kay and Ken Singer, Scottsdale, Arizona; Donald Blake, San Francisco and Joanne Blake, Portland. Also helping were Blake's neighbors, Fran and Gene Hale, Heppner.

Others attending from out of town were: Steve Singer, Phoenix, AZ; Paul and Doreen Gilliam, Hillsboro; Don Blake, San Francisco, CA.; Joanne Blake, Jim, Sue and John Blake, Ella Blake, Gar White and Arleta White, Keithley Blake and Betty Belle Pally, all from Portland; and Phyllis and Walt Wilson, Burlington, WA.

Fire marshal asks AG for cardlock decision

Ronald D. Wiscarson, division chief of the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office, is requesting an opinion from the Oregon State Attorney General's office concerning cardlock gasoline dispensing, according to a letter Wiscarson wrote Sept. 1 to eight district attorneys in eastern Oregon. "It is our intent at this time to adopt administrative rules clarifying those statutes related to the dispensing of gasoline," he wrote.

Wiscarson's letter is in response to a letter dated Aug. 25 to the State Fire Marshal from Jeff Wallace, Morrow County district attorney; Sally A. Tebbett, Hood River County DA; Pat Wolke, Gilliam County DA; Timothy Colahan, Harney County DA; Doug Johnson, Baker County DA; David Gallaher, Umatilla County DA; Russ West, Union County DA; and William

Reynolds, Wallowa County DA.

The letter from the eastern Oregon district attorneys asks the fire marshal to adopt clear rules "defining what constitutes permissible dispensing of gasoline as cardlocks to commercial customers and what constitutes the retail sale of gasoline in violation of the ban on retail self-service in Oregon."

The DAs' letter to the fire marshal says that a 1966 Oregon attorney general's opinion does not make clear the distinction between a "commercial customer and a 'retail' customer and therefore creates a problem of interpretation of the law. It further asks that, once rules are adopted, the fire marshal "initiate enforcement action against those cardlock operators who may be in violation of the ban on retail self-service."

Boardman lists prison site

Two locations in Boardman are on the state's final four list for the siting of the new state mega prisons, according to a news release from State Representative Michael Nelson.

The final two sites for the prisons will be chosen around the first of November, according to Oregon Corrections Director Fred Pearce.

4th International tournament held

The 4th annual International Golf Tournament was held Sunday, September 10 at the Willow Creek Country Club. Fifteen players participated.

Scoring was based on the Stableford scoring system that has been used by the P.G.A. the past four years at the Castle Pines Golf Course in Colorado.

Stableford winners were: first-a tie

between Dave Gunderson and Don Lott; second-George Waterland; third-Jim Wishart.

Net score winners were: first-Russ Rollis; second-Mike Doherty; third-Tad Miller; fourth-Doug Smith.

Long drive: Don Lott.

K.P.; Roy Martin.

The tournament was handled by Roy Martin, Elmer Palmer and Tad Miller.

Morrow Co. to benefit from ECOAC funds

More than 600 unemployed Oregonians in Umatilla, Grant, Wheeler, Morrow and Gilliam counties will receive free job training assistance over the next 12 months through the federal Job Training Partnership Act programs of the Oregon Consortium. East Central Association of Counties (ECOAC) will design and operate the training programs in response to local business needs.

ECOAC provides a variety of employment and training programs for disadvantaged youth and adults, older workers and workers laid off due to plant closures. This year's special programs will include a series of Self Reliance Seminars for welfare mothers, to help them get ready for job training. A summer youth program, with a focus on good

work habits and basic skills, is expected to serve more than 230 14-to-21-year olds by the end of September.

ECOAC also designs individual on-the-job training programs for employers needing one or more new employees. Last year, ECOAC worked with more than 149 local employers, contributing to a highly successful year for The Oregon Consortium, whose 27-county program exceeded all state and federal goals for training the unemployed.

Businesses wishing more information on customized training programs and hiring assistance should contact Wilma Hanks, Program Director of ECOAC in Pendleton at 276-6732 or Pat Newport, Communications Manager, The Oregon Consortium, 1-800-452-4110.

**The Adventures of
Grazelda & Clem**
(After Hours)
5:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Sleepy eyed Grazelda groaned, "What in the world are you doin' Clem? It's 5 o'clock in the morning."

Clem puffed as he pulled on his long-johns, "Miller's Mini-Mart & Chevron is open and I need lots of energy food. I'm headed for the Round-Up to ride me a bull and I'll need lots of energy."

Grazelda scoffed, "Forget it Clem, the only energy you need is to be thirty years younger."

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