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**Dance, dance, dance,** that's just what these girls will be doing Saturday night. The Heppner High School Dance team is holding a clinic during the week for approximately 50 first through sixth grade students teaching them a dance routine to be performed at the February 8 home basketball game against Umatilla. The students will perform during halftime of the boys varsity basketball game which will start at approximately 6 p.m.

## Fels announces filing for district court judge



Peter Fels

Peter Fels, District Court Judge, announced that he has filed the necessary documents with the Secretary of State's office in Salem to become an official candidate for the position of Morrow-Umatilla District Court Judge. Fels is seeking election to the six-year term of office beginning January, 1993, to retain the position he currently holds.

Fels also announced the formation of his campaign steering committee which includes Dr. John McBee, a dentist and former first citizen of Pendleton, Liz Lorenzen, a farmer and former director of the Red Cross for Umatilla County, Umatilla County Commissioner Emile Holeman, Elmo Bloom, manager of the Hermiston Neighborhood Center and former first citizen of

Hermiston, John Herrera, an insurance agent and Hispanic leader in Hermiston, Marc Ann Horn, a Boardman resident and employee of the educational service district, and Elwood "Woody" Patawa, chairman of the board of trustees for the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Campaign treasurer for the committee is Jim Houle, a Pendleton accountant.

Fels announced that his campaign will focus on four issues: fairness, integrity, experience and hard work. "Fairness is the most important aspect of being a judge," Fels said. "Everyone who comes into court deserves the opportunity to be heard, and I will always listen carefully to what people have to say. The judge's job is to apply the laws correctly as passed by the legislature, and I plan to do that. My reputation in the law community is one of professionalism, honesty and of being an extremely hardworking lawyer. I promise that I will be the same kind of judge."

Fels, who speaks Spanish, adds that this has already been shown

## Noxious weed cost share monies

The Morrow County Noxious Weed Control District has cost-share money available to owners and operators of land within Morrow County boundaries for controlling "A" list weeds in Morrow County.

As much as \$200 per individual is available for controlling the following weeds: Yellow starthistle,

Scotch thistle, Dalmatian toadflax, Rush skeletonweed, Spikeweed, Musk thistle and Purple loosestrife.

For more information or an application stop by the Weed District office located in the Pettyjohn building or call Dave Pranger at 676-5452.

Fels, who lives in Pendleton, but presides over the court in Hermiston and Heppner, says he would oppose any effort to move the court to Pendleton from Hermiston. "Over 8000 cases were filed in court to Pendleton from Hermiston in 1991," he said. "It would be a great hardship for many of those people to have to travel to Pendleton to have their cases heard; Hermiston and Heppner are the right locations for this court."

Fels' campaign organization can be contacted c/o the Committee to Retain Judge Peter Fels, P.O. Box 1387, Pendleton, OR 97801.

## St. William's youth group helps Burnside

By Anne Morter

The St. Williams Catholic Church middle school class followed in the footsteps of the Lone Youth Group by traveling to Portland Friday, Jan. 17, for a service trip in the Burnside area. The students, Marie Tworek, Melissa McElligott, Luke Swanson, Phillip Tellechea, Marc Orem and Jake McElligott, were accompanied by adult leaders, Monica Swanson and Jeri McElligott on this day trip.

Armed with approximately 85 lunches that the students had made at home the night before, they started their day at Outreach Ministries where director, Sr. Maria Francis, answered questions. Two volunteers from Outreach accompanied the students and leaders to the local hotels where they went door to door handing out the lunches. The extra lunches were distributed to people on the streets.

Next the group went to Recovery Inn, a night shelter managed by the Salvation Army. There, they thoroughly cleaned the men's and women's sleeping rooms by washing windows and walls and by sweeping and mopping the floors.

The group then returned to Outreach Ministries where they talked about their experiences, visited with several of Outreach's clients, and watched a slide show



Front L-R: Marie Tworek, Melissa McElligott, Phillip Tellechea. Back: Jeri McElligott, Marc Orem, Luke Swanson, Jake McElligott, Monica Swanson.

about the ministry. Their day ended with a walking tour of the Burnside area where they saw other shelters and soup kitchens that serve the street people.

The trip made an impression on the lone group. "I felt scared at first, but the people who are homeless are just like you or me," said Jake McElligott. Marie Tworek commented, "Feeding the homeless was a good experience. It gave me a great feeling." "I learned I can help the homeless no matter where I live. We should all help the less fortunate," said Melissa McElligott.

Luke Swanson summed up his experience by saying, "I felt sad to see we have all the food in the world and they don't. I learned not to waste food."

The group also delivered food and socks to Outreach Ministries donated by St. Williams Altar Society and Irene Swanson. All of the students indicated they would like to go back and continue to donate to Outreach Ministries.

The high school youth group is planning another Burnside Service Trip scheduled for March 23 and 24.

## Plans made to expand PMH clinic

Plans are in the works for an addition to the Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner that will "just about double the clinic space," according to Gary Nolan, PMH environmental services manager.

Nolan said that plans include additional exam rooms, office space and a storage room. A pre-fab modular unit will be added on to the north side of the clinic, toward the nearby apartments. The entire clinic, with the addi-

tion, will form an L-shape.

Nolan said, "If things go together, it (the project) could be relatively soon." But, he added that the project is still in the planning stages. He said that the city planning commission has accepted the plans, but easements have not yet been obtained.

Morrow County Medical Board Chairman Jackie Bergstrom said that she did not know estimated costs of the addition.

## Incumbents file for May election

Incumbents who have filed for county positions for the upcoming May 19 election as of Tuesday, Feb. 4, include: Barbara Bloodsworth, Morrow County Clerk; Greg Sweek, assessor; Roy Drago, sheriff; Margo Sherer, treasurer; and Charlotte Gray, justice of the peace.

John Prag and Ed Glenn, both of Boardman have filed for the county commissioner's position now held by Gerry Peck, also of Boardman. Peck has not yet filed, but because he is an independent, he has until June 3 to do so.

No one has filed for the county judge's spot, now held by Louis Carlson, and the surveyor's position, now held by Denny Edwards.

Filing deadline for the May 19 election is Tuesday, March 10.

Ballot measures in the May 19 election include a one-year Morrow County operating levy \$3,358,245 outside the tax base and a one-year Morrow County Medical Fund operating levy \$506,344 outside the tax base. Both are for the fiscal year 1992-93.

## MCGG appreciation day Feb. 8



Enjoying free breakfast at last year's appreciation day.

The Morrow County Grain Growers annual customer appreciation day will be this Saturday, Feb. 8 from 8 a.m. to noon at MCGG in Lexington.

Besides a free breakfast MCGG is offering free carnations to the first 300 ladies attending and door prizes including a

12-volt battery charger, two hours of shop labor, a Delta belt and disc sander, a 12-volt battery, toys, boots, a jacket, a string trimmer and more.

A special display will feature the Finley Butte Landfill.

Factory representatives will also be on hand.

## Three file for school board

Three candidates have filed for Morrow County School Board at-large position for Zone 6-incumbent Bill Doherty, Lexington, Don Russell, Boardman and Ed Hiemstra, Heppner.

Incumbent Dwayne Carrol is running unopposed for the Zone 2 Irrigon position.

Filing deadline was Jan. 23 for the March 24 election.

## Raffle to benefit Waterland family

A raffle to benefit the George and Karla Waterland family is underway in the Heppner community. George is recovering from recent surgery.

Raffle prizes are a hand-crafted hope chest by Robert Reid, a free tune-up at Skaggs Auto Clinic and a \$100 gift certificate from Morrow County Grain Growers. Tickets are available by contacting Dave Gunderson or Heppner Elementary Middle school students and at the Heppner High School home basketball games. Tickets sell for 25 cents each. The winning tickets will be drawn during halftime of the Heppner boys basketball game on Feb. 22. The fifth through eighth grade classes are having a competition to sell the most tickets. The winning class will receive an ice cream party.

The Waterlands have four children, Lindsay, seventh grade; Jeff, fifth grade; Kyle, second grade and Kory, Kindergarten. George is employed at Kinzua and Karla at Heppner Elementary school.

## Nurses' tie vote goes non-union

Because the Pioneer Memorial Hospital registered nurses' vote to join a union ended in a tie, 5-5, it has been determined that the nurses will not join the nurses' union.

According to PMH director of nurses Sheridan Tarnasky state officials say that a tie vote goes in management's favor.

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