

## First Christian church schedules prayer seminar April 18

The First Christian Church will present a seminar on prayer, Saturday, April 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. The speaker will be Dr. James Larsen of Rogue Valley Christian Church in Medford.

Dr. Larsen has spoken at camps, retreats, conferences, and colleges in California, Arizona, Minnesota, Idaho, Wisconsin and Oregon.

He received his doctorate from

Clairifornia Graduate School of Theology in 1985. He is currently working on a men's ministry manual which will be published in the near future. He has held pastorates in Minnesota, Arizona and Oregon.

Everyone is invited to attend this seminar. Due to scheduling Dr. Larsen will not be available for consultation after the seminar. There is no charge.

## Centennial exchange parents to meet

There will be an important meeting for all parents of students participating in the 1992 Heppner-Centennial eighth grade exchange program Tuesday, March 31, 7 p.m. in the Heppner grade school cafeteria.

Parents of eighth graders who are planning on going to Portland and parents of seventh and eighth

graders hosting a Centennial student should plan to attend the meeting. Anyone uncertain about their child's participation is urged to attend.

The Centennial exchange program will be the week of April 11-18. Host families are still needed. For more information call the school office, 676-9128.

## Important tips on how to organize family records

In the excitement of planning a wedding and starting a new household, it's easy to forget some important financial and record keeping tasks.

Alice Mills Morrow, Oregon State University Extension family economics specialist, emphasizes, "it's important to pay attention to financial and record keeping details as you begin this new phase of your life. For instance, it's easy to forget that your mother is the beneficiary of your life insurance and not your new spouse."

It's also important for the new house hold to organize a family record storage system. Some records can be kept at home in a

filing cabinet or desk. Others should be stored in a safe deposit box or fire-proof home safe. The system should include a place to keep records, a routine for attending to records and who is to be responsible for record keeping.

Two OSU Extension publications are available to help.

The first, "When you Marry: Some Financial and Record Keeping Tasks," FS 317, is available without charge. The second, "Organizing Your Family Records," EC 1302, is available for 75 cents. Both publications may be obtained from the Morrow County Extension Service, Pettyjohn Office Building, Heppner (503) 676-9642.

## BMCC offers MBA degree

Blue Mountain Community college is one of the potential off-campus sites for the Portland State University Statewide Master of Business Administration Program. Four students have graduated from the program which has been offered at BMCC since Fall 1989. Area residents interested in earning an accredited MBA degree but who have a full-time job or family responsibilities may find PSU's program a way to meet their educational needs.

PSU's MBA Program for distance learners allows students to remain in or near their communities yet participate in classes via videotapes filmed one week earlier at similar classes on the PSU campus. The tapes are delivered to an established site, such as BMCC, and presented by a program coordinator. The coordinator also serves as a facilitator and liaison between the students and the PSU Statewide MBA office. A toll-free telephone system allows students to access to faculty and graduate assistants who answer questions and provide aid. PSU will begin a new statewide MBA program Fall Term 1992.

Application for admission should begin now in order to avoid delays and missed deadlines. Early application also allows program coordinators sufficient time to organize the necessary network of locations and personnel site six students need to enroll in the of locations and personnel. Sites for the program are established or dormant depending on enrollment. For BMCC to be utilized as a program site six students need to enroll in the program. For admission requirements, registration information or further information about the program, contact: Therese Darling or Tracey Strohm, Statewide MBA Program, 1-800-547-8887, ext. 4822.

## Stringing them along....



William Walther

William Walther is as mesmerizing as a puppet show. He should be. The puppeteer from Bend has been making, teaching, counseling, entertaining and earning a living with puppets for the last 18 years.

As the artist-in-residence at Heppner Elementary School, Walther will take the children from puppet construction to presentation of a puppet show. His program is definitely "hands on", "always audience participation," he says. Walther teaches with gentle humor, corny jokes and brain teasers, but doesn't leave out the discipline. His first

rule for the kids is "have fun," the second, "make a puppet," and the third is "stay in your seat." And, from observation, the kids seem to somehow accomplish all three, even resisting the temptation to get up to wash their hands after encountering sticky wheat paste.

Walther, a free-lance artist, has a fulltime career in puppetry. During the school year he travels throughout the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska, California and Nevada, conducting artist-in-residence programs and lecturing at colleges and universities.

After his two-week stint in Heppner, broken up by spring vacation, his itinerary includes LaPine, Sun River, North Albany, Lincoln City and California. He also constructs puppets and in the summer performs at different festivals and sells his puppets at fairs and Saturday markets.

He has also worked as a psychiatric aide at Fairview, a residential facility for the mentally retarded, and a Dammasch, the state psychiatric hospital.

Walther's interest in puppets was piqued when he received a puppet as a Christmas gift one year. "That's all it took," he said. He now has a collection of 500 puppets, including puppets from all around the world.



Walther gets Heppner sixth graders involved in puppet making

## United Way elects officers

United Way of Morrow County held its annual member's meeting to review the previous year's campaign and elect new officers. Agencies that are to receive funds from United Way of Morrow County's 1991 campaign also attended. It was announced that the 1991 campaign goal for pledges and contributions would be exceeded thanks to the generosity of county businesses and residents.

Established in 1984, United Way of Morrow County's mission has always been to be a vehicle through which locally available resources can be

distributed to those in need in our immediate area. All funds raised here are utilized here, none are allocated to agencies or individuals outside county boundaries, said a group spokesperson.

Most of the money collected is dispersed through an allocation process to local non-profit agencies such as senior centers, day care establishments, youth organizations, Christmas basket programs and emergency services. The remaining portion is set aside in a Disaster Relief Fund to help those whose lives have been adversely affected by some catastrophe. In the past year, a family in the Northern Morrow County area received funds when their mobile home was destroyed by fire.

United Way of Morrow County is unique in Oregon in that it is the only 100 percent volunteer United Way organization, no member is compensated for their services or time. This makes for a small but committed group, dedicated to helping Morrow County meet its human services needs. For more information about donating money, receiving funds or being a volunteer please write: United Way of Morrow County P.O. Box 501; Boardman, OR 97818.

## Foster parent training offered

Anyone wishing to be certified as a foster or adoptive parent for Children's Services Division is required by the state law to complete 12 hours of pre-service training. Blue Mountain Community College, in cooperation with CSD, will offer a course for potential foster and adoptive parents spring term.

Upon completion of the course participants will meet the training requirements necessary to apply for Foster Home Certification or Adoption Home Study. Sessions will cover such topics as how the system works, special needs of children in placement, grief and loss issues, and behavioral management of abused children. There is no charge for the course if credits are not required.

This pre-service training will be offered in the following locations by the indicated instructors: Boardman/Heppner, Stephanie Welch, 481-9482; Condon/Fossil/Arlington, Delores Maesner, 384-4252. For more information call Jean Whitmore, Eastern Region CSD foster and adoptive parent trainer, 963-8571; or the BMCC Continuing Education Office, 276-1260, ext. 290.

## Electrician classes offered at BMCC

Licensed electricians interested in state approved continuing education for license renewal will be offered two classes this spring through Blue Mountain Community College.

The first course, NEC Calculating, will be held March 30 and April 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. in Morrow Hall room 130. The second course, General Review NEC, is planned for April 20 and 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. in Morrow Hall room 130.

Both courses are taught by Terry Hagemann. Each eight hour course will be presented in two, four-hour sessions on consecutive Monday evenings. Tuition for each eight hour course is \$22. Each course is worth one (1) BMCC credit. Students will need their code books.

For more information or to register for either course contact the BMCC Continuing Education Department 276-1260 ext. 290.

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