

### OSEA Chapter 59 awards scholarships

Morrow County School Employees Union awarded \$200 scholarships this year to three Morrow County School District seniors recently. OSEA usually awards two each year but with five applicants OSEA decided to award three, said a press release. The scholarships were awarded to Shane Munkers, Heppner; Crystal Minster, Ione and Amy Daulton, Riverside. Scholarship money is donated from union members and raised through different fund raisers throughout the year. This year the union raffled off a stained glass window donated by president Marie Rudisill. Cherie Clark, Heppner won the window. "Classified employees knew this school year there could be a

loss of jobs or reduction of their hours, but opened their hearts this past Christmas anyway and adopted three Morrow County families," said Rudisill, "topped it off with a turkey and even a Christmas tree." The classified employees plan to make this an annual event, she said. They also donated money to a fellow classified employee from Madras to help with expenses for a bone marrow transplant for her daughter. "Classified Employees Union #59 are also talking about helping others in need even knowing they are facing layoffs," added Rudisill. "They feel working together and helping others is what the Classified Employees is all about."

### Churches plan Bible school

Area children in preschool through sixth grade are invited to "Come explore God's floating zoo, the magnificent ark, for a Vacation Bible School you'll never forget," said a spokesperson for the event. Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the First Christian Church, Christian Life Center and Nazarene

Church, will begin each day at 9 a.m. and dismiss at noon, June 28 through July 2 at the First Christian Church. Children will be introduced to "some remarkable creatures, reliable ravens, lock-jawed lions, talking donkeys and a fish with perfect timing," each with a story to tell. For more information call 676-9209.

### Dance recital uses Oregon Trail theme



Richards School of Dance students

A dance recital at the Heppner Elementary multipurpose room on Saturday, June 5 featured students from the Richards School of Dance. Over 20 students, ages four through 11 have been taking lessons in tap and modern ballet since last

September. For their final performance students were dressed in pioneer style clothing, keeping with an Oregon Trail theme. Musical accompaniment featured songs from the stage and screen production of 'Oklahoma'.

### MCSW District receives variance

Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District and the Heppner Soil Conservation Service Field Office have received a variance for conservation compliance plans, according to Loren Unruh, district conservationist.

According to Agricultural Trade Act, all participants in USDA farm programs are required to have a conservation plan on highly erodible fields, said Unruh. These conservation compliance plans are to reduce erosion levels in acceptable levels. The main practices used in Morrow County to reduce erosion are maintaining certain levels of residue in addition to terraces and cross slope farming. But when yields are down these levels of residue are more difficult to maintain, he said.

Unruh, said he has received over 30 letters from local farmers stating concern over the drought conditions last year resulting in low crop residues. With these letters of support, Unruh and Chris Rauch, Morrow SWCD chairman, submitted a request to the SCS state office in Portland for a county-wide variance for non-irrigated cropland. The request was approved by Jack Kanalz, the SCS state conservationist.

The variance will apply to crops planted the fall of 1993 and will expire the end of February 1994. There are four alternatives of the variance that may be used.

These are: Residue cover scheduled in the plan may be reduced by the same percentage that the crop yield declined. For example 20 percent decline in yield equals 20 percent in residue required. Other support practices will still apply as scheduled in the FSA plan. The minimum crop residue cover required is 10 percent.

Early seeding fall grain to achieve 30 percent green canopy cover by December 1. This can usually be achieved by seeding in early September.

Chemical fallow no-till system. An approved minimum till system. For example, herbicide, 1X primary tillage-sweep, chisel or shallow disc <3" deep. Limit secondary tillage to 3-4 operations. Limit tillage speed to < 4 miles per hour to avoid pulverizing soil.

Unruh says that the SCS would like to encourage people to work on staying in compliance without having to rely on the use of the variance. Those fields where the variance is used are automatically placed on next year's compliance review list. But it is good to have the variance available if it is needed, he said.

For information about the variance or conservation compliance plans, contact the Soil Conservation Service, 676-5021 or at 430 Heppner/Lexington Highway in Heppner.

### Irrigon teacher to ride on Oregon Trail

Out of the classroom and onto the trail, Nike, Inc. has announced that it is sending four Northwestern Oregon teachers in the footsteps of the Pioneers who blazed the Oregon Trail 150 years ago.

Fourth grade teachers Jo Ann Olsen, A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon, Barbara Clark, Weston Elementary, Athena-Weston, Greg Holden, McKay Creek, Pendleton; and Nancy Doherty, Freewater School, Milton-Freewater have been selected by Nike to join the Oregon Trail Sesquicentennial Wagon Train this summer. As part of the 1993 Oregon Trail Celebration, the wagon train will replicate the journey of thousands of pioneers who headed west in 1843.

Nike, a major sponsor of the Oregon Trail celebration, made its wagon train seats available to 44 fourth grade teachers, providing them with the opportunity to experience life on the "trail" first-hand.

The teachers will be among 2,000 people who will brave the Oregon Trail during the wagon train's 73-day reenactment across Idaho and Oregon. Each teacher will spend one day and night on

the wagon train, participating in community celebrations, parades and festivals. In the evenings, the wagons will circle for the night and offer opportunities for the public to visit with the "pioneers", tour the wagons and participate in the history of the Oregon Trail. The journey begins June 25 on the Idaho/Wyoming border and will cover 15-20 miles each day before ending September 4 in Oregon City.

"Having the teachers on board the wagons will give them a unique perspective of the Oregon Trail to take back to the classroom," said Virginia Hensen, Nike's director of public affairs. "We wanted to make good use of Nike's time on the trail, so we've invited some teachers to join us. Through their experience, these teachers will benefit hundreds of students throughout Oregon for years to come."

Karen Keith, a teacher from Newport, is excited about riding the wagon train. "The 90's generation needs new storytellers to keep the courage of past generations alive for the future. By having the opportunity to join the wagon train, I won't just tell it, I'll Just Do It! I'm ready, bon-

net, Nike's and all."

Oregon Trail history is a major component of the fourth grade curriculum in Oregon. As part of their application, teachers submitted an essay explaining how they would use the wagon train experience in their classrooms. Many shared project ideas, including how they would have their students produce plays, videos and journals.

The teachers chosen by Nike represent a wide spectrum of Oregon schools, ranging from Boise-Eliot Elementary in inner-city Portland to Crane Elementary in rural Harney County.

Beaverton-based Nike, Inc. is the "pioneer" in the athletic footwear and apparel industry, and the world's leading sports and fitness company.

### WCCC Golf

#### 18 Hole Pendleton Invitational

Pendleton: low gross-Bernice Bigham; low net-Delores Cahill; long drive-Bernice Bigham.

Condon: low gross-June Kamerrer; low net-Roberta Dyer;

long drive-Marian Humphrey; chip ins-Roberta Dyer #2.

Boardman: low gross, first-Sally Dyer, second-Pat Anderson; low net first-Ava Allen, second-Clara Harper; long drive-Judy Hughes; K.P.-Ava Allen; chip ins-Alene Rucker.

Heppner: low gross, first-Lois Hunt, second-Luvilla Sonstegard, third-Eileen Padberg. Low net first-Carol Norris, second-Karen Thompson third-Juanita Martin and Anita Boyer; long drive-a tie between Karen Wildman and Anita Boyer; K.P.-Lois Hunt; chip in-Neoma Bailey #8.

Door prizes winners: June Kamerrer, towel; Bernice Bigham and Barbara Gilbert, a tablet; Alena Rucker, brush; Eileen Padberg and Muriel Palmer, cup tees.

#### Ladies Play

Flight A: low gross-Lois Hunt; low net-Pat Edmundson; least putts-Luvilla Sonstegard and Barbara Gilbert.

Flight B: low gross-Suzanne Jepsen; low net-Betty Rietmann; least putts-Karen Wildman.

Flight C: low gross-Helen Gilliam, low net-Ann Lusher, least putts-Dorris Graves and Bebe Munkers.

Chip in #9 Barbara Gilbert.

#### Jack & Jill mini tournament

Nine couples attended the Willow Creek Country Club Jack and Jill mini-tournament held June 11.

Results are as follows: Low gross: first-John and Pat Edmundson, second-Mike and Cindi Doherty, third-Frank and Neoma Bailey, fourth-Duck and Ann Lusher.

Low net: first-Earl and Carol Norris, second-Gene and Luvilla Sonstegard, third-Stan Kemp and Betty Christman, fourth-Dave and Karen Wildman.

K.P.: #5-Jay and Lori Straley; #6-Frank and Neoma Bailey. Duffers award: Jay and Lori Straley.

### 'Quilters' musical barbecue set at BMCC

The Native American and Pioneer Living History production of "Quilters", a unique musical play featuring seven women giving historical accounts of pioneer life, will open June 18 at Pendleton's Blue Mountain Community College Pioneer Theater. The musical, written by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek, is an important part of Pendleton's celebration of its proud heritage of 150 years on the Oregon Trail.

Pendletonians Mary Alice Ridgway and Rob Roy will direct the production. "The script," said Ridgway, "is an accurate and unforgettable account of pioneer life told from a woman's point of view. It is creative and different from anything you've seen before. You laugh one minute and fight back tears the next."

"Equally exciting as the script itself is the wonderful local talent we were able to recruit for this production, including Rob Roy's musical genius," continued Ridgway.

Ridgway added that the Native

American and Pioneer Living History Exhibit committee has a full evening planned for visitors and home town folks. Blue Mountain Community College's student government will hold an all you can eat western style barbecue in the college's student union each evening just prior to the play.

According to the barbecue's organizer, Gene Ann McLean, "When we say all you can eat, we mean it." She continued that the menu includes top sirloin steak, shepherd beans, coleslaw and garlic bread.

The play and barbecue will run Fridays and Saturdays and some Thursdays, beginning June 18 running through August 28. The barbecue begins at 6:30 p.m. with the play following at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available in Pendleton at the Chamber of Commerce or Armchair Books, or in Hermiston at the Chamber of Commerce or Hermiston Book Company. Tickets for "Quilters" will be available at the door; but tickets for the barbecue must be pre-purchased.

### Babysitters finish training course



Kids learn first hand how to change babies diapers in the Babysitter Trainers course

Seventeen future babysitters completed an eight-hour training course in Heppner on June 11 and received certificates of training. The students had "hands on" opportunities to practice interviewing employers, hold and diaper babies, make safe nutritional snacks, observe children at play, learn positive discipline skills, be aware of accident prevention and how to handle emergencies.

Trainers included George Nairns, Laura Burnside McElligott, Carol Michael-Bennett, Sue Thompson, Kay Proctor and Dr. Jeanne Berretta.

Infants and toddlers who helped with the training included Mark McCabe, Kathryn McElligott, Emily Thompson, Donald Matthews and Justin Gutierrez. Certified sitters anxious to care for children are: Trisha Adams, Elizabeth Allen, Sarah Baker, Shannon Benjamin, Monica Burkenbine, Jennifer Burkenbine, Stephanie Clough, Amy Drake, Shannon Drummond, Nicole VanEtt, Abby Kahl, Katie Kenny, Nikki McElligott, Nova Rietmann, Allison Sykes, Lindsay Ward and Kristi Worden.

### BMCC summer schedule available

The Blue Mountain Community College summer term class schedule is being distributed this week. Any district resident who does not receive a schedule in the mail may contact their nearest BMCC continuing education coordinator to have a schedule mailed to them. Coordinators are located in Ione, Hermiston, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater.

Registration for summer term began June 1. Students are encouraged to complete registration on or before June 17. There are a number of guaranteed classes which will be offered regardless of enrollment. However, most classes do have a minimum enrollment and if minimum enrollments are not met by June 17 those classes will be cancelled.

### Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

What's Heppner Chamber up to these days? Just for starters, the membership committee has kicked off their membership drive. Compare the Chamber to a puzzle...there are some missing puzzle pieces, essential to the success of the organization. We know they'll fit right in; we want them to be a part of the big picture; and we're not complete without them, so when Chamber members call, please lend them an ear and consider joining an organization dedicated to creating a positive environment where people and businesses thrive.

"I am round, long and can be cut to any length you want. It's dark when I'm down, light when I'm up. What am I?" Coast to Coast hosted Business After Hours last week and the above was one of the many challenging questions attendees had to identify as they explored the store. A door prize went to the winner. The event was creative and fun for those involved as well as educational and a way for our businesses to know what others have to offer. (In case, you didn't know the answer, it's a windowshade.) Other businesses interested in hosting a business after hours should contact the Chamber.

A valid question might be, "where do you contact the Chamber?" We will be moving across the street to the GEODC office. My hours will continue to be Tuesday and Wednesday for now; however, the answering machine is always on and is checked as often as possible, 676-5536. Many, many thanks to the Laughlins for the office space provided since the fire three years ago. Judie has been a fantastic greeter of visitors on my days out of the office. She'll be missed. Thought for the week: "Community happens the instant two like minded individuals build something for someone else, address a grievance, or take a risk." Paul Newman-on the spirit of community.

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