

### St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 138 people present for the senior dinner, including guests from Pendleton, Spray, Lynn Bibby's daughter from Florida and Daicy Collins' granddaughter from Eugene. Seven meals were taken out. Eva Griffith won the meal ticket. Members of the Methodist church served.

The menu for the dinner Sept. 7 will be meat loaf, broccoli, potatoes, rolls, coconut pudding and cookies. Members of the Lutheran church will serve. Jim Bruns will be at the center to assist with hearing aids at 10 a.m. Blood pressures will be taken at 11 a.m. There will be a meeting of the Meal Site Committee following the dinner.

Nine passengers and driver Ed Baker went by bus to Weston for the senior picnic Saturday, Aug. 27. Live music and dancing were enjoyed before lunch and bingo was enjoyed in the afternoon. Girls from the high school played several numbers on the bag pipes during lunch. Grace Baker, Barbara Struthers, Ruth Bergstrom and R.G. Watkins won prizes during the afternoon. Prizes given out on the bus were won by Ruth Bergstrom, Irene Swanson and Barbara Struthers.

Seven people watched the movie "Son In Law" Sunday, Aug. 28. Several bus trips are planned: Dress Up Parade in Pendleton, Saturday, Sept. 10, time will be announced at dinner Wed., Sept. 7; picnic at Anson Wright Park Sept. 12; Milton-Freewater Sept. 23; Condon Sept. 29. Sign-up sheets are in the office.

The Red Cross will hold a blood drawing at the center Sept. 27 from 1 to 6 p.m.

Other dates to remember are: Tuesday and Thursday exercise, 10 a.m.; Friday, cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie, 7 p.m.

### Museum to sponsor program on Chinese trading company



"A View of Gold Mountain: Letters from the Kam Wah Chung Trading Company", a talk by Jodi Varon, will be presented Saturday, September 10, at 7 p.m. at The Morrow County Museum. The public is invited and admission is free.

The program is sponsored by The Morrow County Museum and is made possible by the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"A View of Gold Mountain" explores the world of the Kam Wah Chung Trading company, a unique establishment which operated in John Day from 1887 to 1952. Now preserved in its original form as a museum,

Kam Wah Chung served the Chinese workers of the Eastern Oregon gold fields as a mercantile, a medical clinic for herbal remedies and a religious and social gathering place. Kam Wah Chung was owned by two friends, Ing "Doc" Hay and Lung On, and the letters left by these two unique individuals create an indelible impression of their daily life and relationships with family members left behind in China.

An assistant professor of English at Eastern Oregon State College, Jodi Varon has translated correspondence from Kam Wah Chung in collaboration with Ying-Ju Chen.

For further information about the program, please contact the Morrow County Museum at 676-5524, 1-5 p.m. Wed.-Sat.

### Crops average to above average

With nearly all the 1994 grain crop off the field, reports indicate that quality was good and yields average to slightly above average in Morrow and Gilliam counties, according to Phil Nesse, OSU Extension agent.

John Ripple of Morrow County Grain Growers says that he suspects that winter wheat yields in the north part of Morrow County were mostly average while the crop in the southern part was generally above average. Most graded No. 1.

The soft white winter wheat market has also improved since the onset of harvest.

"By all rights, we should see higher prices for soft white winter wheat in the foreseeable future. We have less supply than last year and a seemingly constant demand," noted

Ripple.

Kevin Gray, manager at Cargill in Arlington, estimates that Gilliam County yields averaged about 35 to 36 bushels per acre. Test weight mostly ranged from 59 to 62 lbs. per bushel.

Disease did not seem to significantly affect the 1994 wheat crop in the area.

"We generally didn't see the disease problems that plagued us in 1993," said Nesse.

"The dry winter and early spring helped to reduce infection of some of the more serious plant diseases such as Cephalosporium stripe, Take-All, and Strawbreaker footrot."

"This fall, growers should avoid early seeding of a Cephalosporium susceptible variety such as Stephens winter wheat into fields with a history of Cephalosporium stripe," advised Nesse.

### Linda Dutcher studies cold war and peace

Linda Dutcher, language arts teacher at Heppner High School, has completed the initial phase of a special study program on "The Cold War: A Study in Conflict Management" at the University of Oregon.

This seminar was probably the first in the nation to study the Cold War as an historic era, emphasizing lessons, both positive and negative, for discussion in high school and middle school classrooms, and for application in international and local contexts. The seminar brought together teachers from 18 schools in Oregon, Idaho and Arizona, for lectures, discussion, and curricular development activities. The seminar was guided by Professor Herbert Ellison, an internationally renowned scholar of Soviet-US Relations from the University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies.

Other speakers included Martha Mautner, former director of the U.S. State Department Office of Research and Analysis for the Soviet Union; Professor Jerry Sanders, director of peace studies at the University of California/Berkeley; The Honorable Maurice Copithorne, sometime Canadian ambassador to Austria and a professor of in-

ternational law at the University of British Columbia; Professors Ronald Wixman, Alan Kimball and Fruim Yurevich from the University of Oregon; and Professor Richard Spielman from Willamette University.

Funded by a grant from the United States Institute of Peace to the Oregon International Council, the program will continue during the coming school year, with visits to each participant's school by seminar staff, follow-up conferences to help participants complete teaching plans, and distribution (statewide and nationally) of selected teaching units.

The work done on this project by Dutcher and her colleagues is designed to help Oregon's young people learn to "deliberate on public issues" and "understand diversity", as called for in the state's "Education for the 21st Century" Act. It is the latest part of the Oregon International Council's decade-long effort to achieve a stronger international dimension for Oregon education. Since its formation in 1982 the Council has assisted some 1,500 Oregon teachers to learn and teach about unfamiliar nations and cultures, aided by over \$1 million in grants from federal and other sources.

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### Boardman student participates in high school honors program

Patricia Osgood, a student at Riverside High School in Boardman, is one of 57 students from 48 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and five foreign countries including France, Germany, Italy, Mexico and Northern Ireland, who participated in the Department of Energy's (DOE) Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) seventh annual DOE High School Honors Program.

The program provides a summer research experience for upcoming high school juniors and seniors and college freshmen who exhibit outstanding academic records. Each state and participating foreign coun-

try selects one student to send to ORNL for a two-week research experience in the environmental sciences division.

Osgood studied bioabsorption and fermentation. Students researched the addition of ethanol to gasoline, a practice that reduces the level of carbon monoxide emissions. This process may be used to decrease pollution.

The focus of the honors program is on small group, "hands-on" laboratory and field research to encourage students to pursue careers in math and science, especially the environmental sciences disciplines.

The Oak Ridge National Laboratory, one of the Department of Energy's multiprogram national research and development facilities, is managed by Martin Marietta Energy Systems, which also manages the Oak Ridge K-25 Site and the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant.

### GEODC concludes best record year

The Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) has some good news.

According to John Grace, president, GEODC concluded its best year on record as of June 30.

Their lending program highlight was the closure of four SBA 504 loans in the last six months of the fiscal year. The four loans totaled \$1,600,000 and blended with another \$3,119,000 private investment for over \$4,700,000 increase in real and personal property value in Umatilla/Morrow Counties and a total of 95 new jobs in the same area.

GEODC's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), a fund which makes smaller loans, also had a good year by closing seven projects totaling \$252,000. These loans were blended with over \$750,000 from lending institutions and private invest-

ment. They bring with them the expectation of 28 new jobs over the next two years in the RLF's area of service (Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties).

GEODC is a private, non-profit corporation formed in 1982 as an SBA certified development corporation (CDC). They serve eight counties in Eastern Oregon as a CDC with the SBA 504 loans. These are long term, fixed rate, low interest fixed asset loans designed to blend with banks and private financing to result in the best product for the borrower.

In 1992 GEODC was designated the administrator of the five county economic development district of Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties. Part of this responsibility is the administration of the RLF mentioned above.

Serving as administrative staff for the North Central Oregon Regional Economic Development Strategy board has also been a significant project for GEODC. This task required the coordination of meetings, resources, and activities in the pursuit of developing a comprehensive strategic plan for the counties of Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler. In the coming year GEODC will serve as strategy implementation and management staff for the board.

### Booster club to meet

The Heppner High School Booster Club has planned a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at the high school home ec room.

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