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## Lancaster to attend conference



Shannon Lancaster

Shannon Lancaster, Head Start parent and member of the Head Start Policy Council, was recently elected by the council to be their representative at the National Head Start Association training conference in New Orleans, March 25-29.

The training conference is for all parents and staff from all Head Start programs throughout the nation. The local policy council is made up of representatives from all of the area communities served by Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start, Inc., (UMCHS) including Heppner/Lone, Pendleton, Hermiston, Umatilla, Irrigon, Enterprise, Wallowa, John Day and Milton-Freewater.

"Shannon was chosen by her peers because of her long-time commitment to the program and input on the policy council," said Head Start staff member, Kathy Cutsforth.

UMCHS has been in south

## BPA seeks information on vandals

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) needs help identifying the criminals who vandalized one of its power lines in Morrow County on Saturday, Feb. 24.

Damage to the lone-Boardman 69,000 volt transmission line caused it to relay out of service, disrupting power to Columbia Basin Electric Co-op customers for four and a half hours. BPA crews dispatched to the trouble spot discovered gunshot damage on three insulator strings which caused the line failure.

The lone-Boardman transmission line runs in a north-south direction through the middle of Morrow County.

Morrow County since 1993. The Head Start program provides services to 10 children and their families through a home-based model. The focus of the home-based program is the family unit. Cutsforth makes weekly home visits to children and parents. The children attend either the Creative Care Preschool in Lone or the Heppner Day Care Preschool, with their tuition paid by the Head Start program. Parents are directly involved in the activities planned for their children, says Cutsforth.

"In Head Start, parents have the opportunity to expand their role as the primary educator in their child's life," adds Cutsforth. "They do this by participating on committees, volunteering in the classroom and with projects, attending parent education classes and trainings or by serving on the policy council."

UMCHS offers many other programs and services in the south Morrow County area, says Cutsforth. Child Care Resource and Referral provides training and technical assistance to child care providers and assists parents seeking child care. In addition, WIC (Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Education program) has a WIC certifier coming to Heppner the third Tuesday of each month to certify families for the program. Those interested in applying for the WIC program, should call the Morrow County Health Department for an appointment.

For more information on any of the services UMCHS provides, contact Cutsforth, 676-9150, or call the Pendleton office, 1-800-559-5878 or 278-0770.

Gunshots damaged the power lines at a transmission structure located about one half mile off Juniper Canyon Road between the towns of Boardman and Lone.

The price to repair the damage from this incident is estimated at almost \$3,000. Indirect costs to BPA customers resulting from lost power total an additional \$4,000, said a BPA news release.

Anyone with further information that could lead to the vandals is encouraged to call BPA's Crime Witness hotline, 1-800-437-2744. Information is worth up to \$1,000. Witnesses' names are kept confidential, said the news release.

## Youth advisory committee named

A new youth committee was recently organized to assist the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families (MCCCF) on issues dealing with youth.

Philip Spicerkuhn was elected as the chairman, with Ben Ewing as the representative to the MCCCF and Toni Kemp was chosen as the recorder. Other members of the committee are Traci Dickenson and Brandi Marshall. All of these youth are students at Heppner High School.

This is the first of two committees that will be formed to assist the commission, said Dar Merrill, executive director. This one is comprised of youth from the south end of the county and another is currently being established in the north end.

Each committee will develop their own by-laws, goals and procedures. They will determine the issues they feel are needed in their particular area and work with the commission to accomplish their goals. They will also be asked by the commission to assist in various projects applicable to their age groups, said Merrill.

"The Commission on Children and Families is excited about getting some valuable feedback from the youth," said Merrill. "All too often, adults make decisions affecting youth without knowing fully what the impact of their decisions will be. This will allow the commission to receive excellent advice from a youth's perspective prior to dedicating resources to programs that might or might not be needed nor wanted by the youth. It will provide a much better focus on the issues the kids feel are important."

## Kemp places first in FFA contest

Tina Kemp from the Heppner High School Future Farmers of America chapter placed first for fruit and vegetable production proficiency in the Blue Mountain Proficiency Contest held in Pendleton in February. Kemp grew corn and pumpkins for her project. This was the first vegetable proficiency for the chapter.

Other members attending were: Toni Kemp, Mandi Gutierrez, Frank Martin, Elliott Strouse, Donald White, Tom Zumwalt, Joe Kindle and Dusty Rollis. Members attending

## Truck drivers form highway blockade

## Four charged with kidnap, robbery of Richland man

Four people have been charged in connection with a kidnap and robbery on Interstate 84 near Boardman on March 19, according to Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, Jr.

Tyson Lynn Doolin, 19, has been charged with kidnap I, robbery I, theft I, unlawful use of a weapon, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, pointing a firearm at another, unlawful possession of a firearm with intent to use, theft III, recklessly endangering another person and menacing another person.

Aaron Anello, 17, has been charged as an adult with kidnap I and robbery I. Woods said that because Anello was under 18 years of age, he cannot be remanded as an adult for the other crimes, according to Ballot Measure 11.

Two women were also charged in connection with the incident. Laura Ann Leduc, 18, and Michelle R. Kell, 18, were charged with conspiracy to

commit unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, conspiracy to commit kidnapping and conspiracy to commit robbery.

All four charged in the crime are from the Kelso, WA, area.

According to Woods, the four individuals had taken a freight train from the Kelso area and obtained three or four rides hitchhiking. Near Boardman, they were picked up by Brett Vernon Thomas, 29, of Richland, who was a graduate student though the Washington State University extension program at the Tri-Cities.

The two men got into the cab of Thomas' pickup, which was traveling westbound on I-84, and the two women got into the back, which was covered by a canopy.

Shortly after they entered the pickup, Doolin produced a handgun and Anello, a switchblade knife, both of which were pointed at Thomas. According to Woods, Doolin and Anello ordered Thomas to drive to a remote location near the intersection of I-84 and highway

74 and then released Thomas into the desert.

Thomas then made his way back to I-84. Luckily, the third car that passed him was driven by an Oregon State Police officer, who alerted all police agencies westbound on I-84 to be on the lookout for the 1992 Ford pickup. Woods said that a Wasco County Sheriff's Deputy observed the vehicle almost immediately near the Sherman-Wasco County line and gave chase.

Woods said that the suspects attempted to elude the police by fleeing at a very high rate of speed, however, three truck drivers foiled the suspects' escape attempt.

According to Woods, the three truck drivers overheard the report of the kidnapping on their scanners. They then arranged their trucks three abreast on the highway and slowed their pace to around 20 miles an hour and finally stopped their vehicles.

The kidnapers didn't realize what the truckers were doing and were eventually blocked from escape because cars also came up behind them.

Woods said that the four were then arrested "almost without incident".

He said that in addition to their .22 magnum revolver and the switchblade, they also had taken a 9 mm. semi-automatic pistol from Thomas. The guns, knife and \$200 stolen from Thomas were all retrieved by police.

Doolin, Anello, Leduc and Kell were lodged at the Umatilla County Jail. They were arraigned in district court and will appear before the Morrow County Grand Jury on March 28.

## Local Internet access possible

Oregon Trail Internet of Pendleton is interested in becoming a full service Internet server with local access in Heppner.

Oregon Trail Internet is willing to offer the service as soon as hardware can be installed in there is enough local interest at least 20 local users.

Everyone interested in the service should leave information at Bob Ployhar Insurance in Heppner, 676-5818. Information on Oregon Trail Internet is also available at Ployhar Insurance.

A month of full service is expected to be around \$25, with quarterly service at \$70, biannual, \$140, and annual, \$270.

## Ducks Unlimited banquet April 5

The Ducks Unlimited dinner and auction is planned for Friday, April 5, at the Heppner Elks Club. Social hour will get underway at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. and the auction beginning at 8 p.m.

Local coordinator Steve Rhea said that there will be from \$3,000 to \$4,000 in prizes to give away. Those attending will also get a chance to bid on artwork, prints and decoys. Proceeds will go to help support wetlands habitat management.

All ages are welcome to attend. Tickets are available at

\$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under from Rhea, Russ Morgan, Craig Gutierrez and Bob Krein.

## Live from Golgotha drama April 3

A dramatic production, "Live from Golgotha", sponsored by the South Morrow County Ministerial Association, will be presented on Wednesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Parish Hall.

The production will dramatize, through a "live" news broadcast, actual events during the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. "Reporters" Bill Crenshaw and Connie Lawson will "report" back live from the first century AD to a 20th century news broadcast special report. They will interview Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, Pilate, the governor of Jerusalem, Caiaphas, the high priest, the Disciple John and others.

A free will offering of \$1 per person at the door is suggested.

The drama is written by Jesse Lee and presented by special arrangements with I.E. Clark, Inc., Schulenburg, Texas.

Father Gerry Condon is

director and Marsha Sweek, assistant director.

Gail Arbogast will narrate the drama with the Rev. Tim Van-Cleave as Bill Crenshaw, Sam Silva as Connie Lawson. Other characters include: Dan Calvert-Jim Boswell; the Rev. Lea Mathieu-Peterson-Pauline Chandler; the Rev. Stan Hoobing-Judas Iscariot; the Rev. Andrew Johnson-John; Dan VanSchoiack-Caiaphas; the Rev. Al Trachsel-Pontius Pilate; Paul Marshall-Joseph of Arimathea; Doris Brosnan-witness; Kathy Jones-Mary (off stage); the Rev. Duane Jones-first thief; and the Rev. Al Miller-Jesus (off stage).

The Rev. Duane Jones was in charge of publicity and advertising, with Gary McElhany, Kim Cutsforth Armato and Nelson Connor in charge of the set and lighting. Martha Munkers handled makeup, with Pam Worden in charge of costumes and Judy Laughlin, props.

## Volkswalk event

## well attended

Seventy-two people walked in the 10 kilometer Heppner St. Patrick's Celebration Volkswalk event on Saturday, March 16. The walk was sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and the Pendleton Blue Mountain Trekkers.

A total of 25 volunteers from Heppner and Pendleton assisted with registration, check points and rest stops.

Walkers came from a wide variety of communities in Oregon and Washington, including Eugene, Tigard, Gresham, Walla Walla and Puyallup.

The Blue Mountain Trekkers are sponsoring a 10 kilometer walk in Pendleton on Saturday, April 20, the same day as the "Underground Comes to Life" live performance event.



Judias Iscariot (the Reverend Stan Hoobing) is interviewed by Jim Boswell (Dan Calvert) in preparation for the presentation of "Live from Golgotha".

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