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Letters to the Editor

Ridgway an ideal candidate

To the Editor:

As a former elementary administrator with the Pendleton School District, it was my privilege to serve on various committees with Bob Ridgway. Bob was one of the first lay persons to recognize the need for upgrading our antiquated junior high facilities. He was among the first to take action and his dedication resulted in the building of the modern facility recently renamed Sunridge Middle School.

Bob's years of service on the school board were characterized by a willingness to listen, patience in dealing with volatile issues and a work ethic which always found him well-prepared. These skills, along with his background in law, qualify him as an ideal candidate for the position of Circuit Court judge. I encourage you to join me in voting for Bob Ridgway.

(s) Val Bates
Pendleton

Ridgway for Judge

To the Editor:

As a retired Oregon State Police officer with a wee bit of knowledge in our complex, highly complicated, important circuit court justice system, I would like to suggest to you a candidate who would be firm and fair, with tolerance and common sense, who lives and

abides by the law, when needed would seek and make improvements. A candidate who can and would make our communities a better place to live.

I would like you to join us and vote for Robert E. Ridgway for circuit court judge.

(s) Tom and Janet Taylor
Pendleton

Ridgway sets an example

To the Editor:

We have worked with Bob Ridgway over the past several years with Pendleton Swim Association and on a number of issues relating to the Pendleton School District. Bob is an outstanding advocate for youth development, quality education and community support.

As municipal court judge, he takes a firm and fair stand in dealing with criminals and has

shown a great deal of compassion for crime victims. He has been an example of high standards of ethics, fairness and service of justice in our community.

Join us in voting for Bob Ridgway for Umatilla and Morrow County Circuit Court Judge.

(s) Bud and Bernie Moore
Pendleton

For Ted Ferrioli

To the Editor:

After I graduated from college, I was looking for a job that would let me stay in the community. I went to Ted Ferrioli to see if there was a job at Malheur Timber Operators.

Although MTO wasn't hiring, Ted Ferrioli asked for my resume. He made calls and wrote letters on my behalf. To

day I have a job as a lumber salesman for the area's largest wood products manufacturer.

Ted Ferrioli is running for the state senate. He believes in helping people succeed. We need his kind of leadership in Salem.

Sincerely,
(s) Travis Phillips

Wants carnival

To the Editor:

Our Fair Board has decided, reasons unknown, not to have the carnival back.

I for one am very upset. As a parent, I have three children who enjoy the carnival and look forward to it as much as the rodeo.

If you feel the same, let it be known. Contact the Fair Board or come to the next meeting on May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fair Pavilion. Maybe we can get the carnival back.

(s) Paulette Yocum
Heppner

Help ODF recognize need

To the Editor:

Recently, we learned that the Oregon Department of Forestry does not recognize the need for clearcut fuel and disease breaks between private properties.

Several years ago we requested to clearcut a 100 foot break and were told we could. Oregon Department of Forestry has now issued us a citation to reforest this area which involves approximately seven acres.

The laws do not address fuel or disease breaks, nor has the board, so the Department of Forestry is using the laws that

require reforestation of all clearcuts as their rule, regardless of the intended use.

Our property is labeled timber/grazing and this 100 foot clearcut fuel and disease break has been seeded with grasses compatible with the deer, elk and other wildlife usage.

If you believe you can assist us in our struggle, please write or call: Dwane and Shirley Burch, 80143 Homan Lane, Enterprise, OR 97828, (541) 426-4061, days or evenings.

(s) Shirley Burch
Enterprise

County team attends summit

A Morrow County team attended a special Governor's Child Fatality Summit in Eugene, April 3-4, to help create a strategy to reduce the number of child fatalities in the state. The team met prior to the summit and developed a county strategy based on potential risk factors and then refined it at the summit. The plan will become a part of the overall comprehensive plan to be developed by the Commission on Children and Families (CCF) during the next few months.

The team identified several areas that could potentially result in child deaths which included: abuse and neglect; suicide; drug, alcohol and tobacco usage; easy access to firearms; preventable accidents, such as drownings and vehicle accidents; and premarital sexual activity.

Also at the summit, the team attended various workshops on preventative measures and programs that could reduce death and injury to children. "It was noted that even though Morrow County has a relatively low child fatality rate, the risk is there and we must do all we can to prevent these fatalities from happening," said Dar Merrill, Morrow County CCF executive director.

For more information on the summit, contact Merrill, 676-9675, or any of the other team members. Members of the Morrow County team, including Merrill, were Kim Carnine, Services to Children & Families branch chief; Verlin Denton, Morrow County undersheriff; Carolyn Holt, Morrow County juvenile director; Laura McElligott, Morrow County public health director; and Michael Yates, a counselor for the Morrow County school district.

BMCC schedules county classes

Blue Mountain Community College of Morrow County has a selection of computer and other classes scheduled in the near future. Interested students should contact Morrow County coordinator Anne Morter, 422-7040, 481-2099 in north Morrow County, for more information or to preregister.

Beginning Computer, taught by Jan Hood of Pendleton, will be offered Saturday, April 27, at Heppner Elementary School from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The class will cover computer terminology, basic computer functions, things to know about care and maintenance, and will also provide answers to specific questions. Tuition is \$45 per person.

On Wednesday, May 8, Introduction to Windows will be offered from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Hood will teach some basic concepts students need to know to get the most from the Microsoft Windows operating system. Tuition is \$30.

Multimedia and the Macintosh is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, May 9-10, at Lone Elementary School. Taught by Sarah Carlson, the class will have the students using multi-



Justin Matteson of Heppner (l) demonstrates calf roping to Centennial student

media authoring tools like Hypercard, Hyper Studio and Digital Chisel to create multimedia presentations. They will also learn how to use computer peripherals like scanners, CD Rom's, laser discs and sound file to make a multimedia presentation. Some knowledge of the Mac and its operating system are recommended entry skills for this class. Tuition is \$45 for the 10 hour course.

Surfing the Internet is on tap for Saturday, June 1 at Heppner High School from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The instructor will demonstrate how to connect to Compass and see what is available on the Internet. Tuition is \$45 per person.

On the north end of the county, First Aid and CPR is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Boardman Fire Hall. Steve Myren will instruct the class. Cost is \$18.

Introduction to Windows, Surfing the Internet and "I Just Want to Learn How to Run This Machine!" - a computer overview course, are also scheduled for early May. Contact Morter for more information.

members of the Columbia Basin and Intermountain high school rodeo clubs.

Speakers included Bob Mahoney, Heppner, past president of the National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) and in his 11th year as the NHSRA director for the state of Oregon, and Jeff Metcalf, member of the Walla Walla Community College Rodeo Team. Bob Sagely, who is also a science teacher at Heppner Junior/Senior High School, demonstrated horseshoeing, rancher Mike Mahoney, calf tying, and local high school rodeo club members, Justin Matteson, roping, and Lexi Matteson, Annie Hisler, Tiffanie Munkers and Angela Munkers, barrel racing. Students were able to try their hand at roping and riding horses.

Bill Broderick, Morrow County Extension agent, Darcy and Kyle Robinson, and many Livestock Growers assisted in organizing the activities and food. Each student received a western scarf, courtesy of the Wrangler Riding Club. Students, Lindsay Ward, Craig

Scott, Camille Sykes, David Pillster and Amy Levan, won T-shirts for coming closest to guessing the weights of livestock.

Monday the Centennial students and their Morrow County hosts toured the Grieb Ranch, hosted by Geri Grieb, and enjoyed pizza, courtesy of the Wheat League. Wednesday they will visit the Morrow County Museum, Blake Ranch and Cutsforth Park to get a taste of Morrow County history, forestry and the timber industry, assisted by Marsha Sweek, Bruce Young, Marty Duray and Ralph Walker.

Thursday, a tour of north Morrow County agriculture is on tap. Friday is reserved for recreation at the Bar M Ranch during the day and a dance in the evening.

The Centennial students were accompanied by Centennial teacher Dave Olcott, who originated the idea of the exchange, and has accompanied the students during all but one of the 16 years of the exchange. The one year he missed, he was on an exchange of his own, a teacher's exchange to Australia.

Hope/Valby churches plan services

"I am the Good Shepherd" will be the theme of the sermon that Rachel Hoobing will deliver Sunday to the congregations of Hope and Valby Lutheran churches. She will also give a reading on the 23rd Psalm for the children's sermon time.

Services at Valby Lutheran Church, Ione, are at 9 a.m. Sarah Carlson will be accompanying the congregation in the liturgy and hymns on the piano. Sunday School for the children will follow after the children's sermon.

Worship service and Sunday

School is at 11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran, Heppner.

Josh Hill, Leif Nesse and Heidi Turrell, along with Pastor Stan Hoobing, will be at Camp Elkanah attending the Blue Mountain Cluster Confirmation Retreat. Pastor Wes Sackman of Trinity Lutheran Church in Hermiston will be teaching the confirmands the meaning of the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Visitors and friends are welcome to attend the services and events at both Lutheran churches.



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