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Morrow County District Attorney to serve in Bosnia

The government has scheduled Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, Jr., an extended vacation from his duties as DA. His destination, however, would probably qualify as the ultimate vacation from hell.

Woods recently learned that his National Guard unit has been called up and he will be sent to Bosnia on February 1. For nine months he will live in a tent in a hazardous duty combat zone. As deputy commander (nighttime supervisor) in charge of defense of a particular containment area, Lieutenant Colonel Woods, 53, will coordinate artillery, mortars, air attack helicopters, gunships and military policy. He will be responsible for giving the OK for any call for fire. He will also orchestrate where units are sited, help them with reconnaissance and surveillance and plan and orchestrate overflight of aircraft, "so we don't shoot down our own aircraft," said Woods. He says that the armed forces, including Canadians, New Zealanders and Australians as well as Americans, will be overseen by the United Nations and have a mission to protect peace in Bosnia.

"It's kind of exciting," said Woods. "I've been to Pakistan, Turkey, Germany, Korea, twice, Vietnam, once, and now they're sending me to Bosnia."

Woods' long military career began in high school, when he joined the Oregon National Guard. He left the guard in 1962 to join the regular Army. He joined the special forces, serving in Pakistan, Turkey, Germany and Vietnam. In 1966, after serving four years, he left the Army to enroll in school. After completing college and law school, he went back to the Army in 1978, joining a special forces unit. In 1981 he began his lengthy career with the National Guard.

Woods and his wife, Gail, are in the process of moving from Blake Ranch to the lone area.

Andrea Denton, personnel director at the courthouse, said that it is not yet certain who will replace Woods during his stint in Bosnia. She said that there is a possibility that an attorney from the Attorney General's office may fill in during Woods' absence.



Earl R. Woods, Jr.

Time to hang the holly



Volunteers hang decorations on Main Street in Heppner in preparation for the holidays

Changes planned at MC Courthouse

A change at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner should make better use of courthouse space and make the facilities more convenient for courthouse customers.

The Morrow County Justice Court, now located at the courthouse annex near Pioneer Memorial Clinic, will move back to the courthouse and consolidate the judicial system under one roof. According to Andrea Denton, Morrow County personnel director, the justice court offices were originally at the courthouse, until around 10 years ago when they were moved to the annex. "It will be really nice to have them back in the courthouse, since they're all connected services," said Denton. "It will be a nice working relationship."

The Justice Court office will move into the former jury room upstairs at the courthouse, next to the circuit court office. The jury room will now be located right off the courtroom, where it was originally. The jury room was most recently used for the judge's chambers and law library. After construction of bookcases, the law library was



Andrea Denton shows new law library at the courthouse moved to the back of the courtroom. Denton said that the bookcases were stained to match the original wainscoting in the courtroom and new subflooring and carpeting, installed to replace damaged flooring in the courtroom, should improve the poor acoustics in the room.

Denton said that the move was designed to give Morrow County Behavioral Health (MCBH) more office space. "They were sadly in need of space," she said. MCBH currently has five clinicians, but only three offices. MCBH

also used the former Justice Courtroom at the annex for meetings several days a week when it wasn't needed by Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray. Judge Gray will now also have more room in the new facilities. According to Denton, Gray will have three times the office space and "at least quadruple" the courtroom space. During a trial, said Denton, Gray's previous courtroom was cramped and "totally inadequate".

The circuit court judges will now use the Justice Court offices as judge's chambers when necessary.

Tree decorating slated Dec. 8

Music, hot chocolate and a variety of ornaments is the recipe for the annual Community Tree Decorating Event scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4:30 p.m. beside the Heppner Christmas tree. Individuals, organizations, churches, classes, one and all are encouraged to meet at the tree with a special, weatherproof ornament approximately six in-

ches or larger. Bundle up and be ready to join some community choir members for Christmas caroling.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce encourages the community to enjoy Sunday shopping specials and check out the Snowman's calendar of events. Lunch With Santa is the spot for Heppner youngsters on Sunday, Dec. 15 at the Elks. A photo with Santa, lunch and a video will enable parents to enjoy some leisurely shopping.

Business and residential lights will be judged by three Chamber of Commerce "elves" on Sunday, Dec. 22. Awards will be given for both outdoor display and indoor as viewed from outside.

Preschool plans move

Heppner Preschool will move to the Heppner Daycare building Dec. 1, according to Sue Thompson, Heppner Daycare and Preschool president.

"We feel this will be a dramatic improvement in facilities," said Thompson. "The daycare building will be warmer, larger and is designed for small children. We think you will be delighted by our additional space and equipment."

Day care will also provide care for children before and after preschool if desired.

Thompson said that the daycare building is licensed and inspected by the fire marshal, health department and state of Oregon.

For suggestions or more information, call Thompson at 676-5051 or Kim Armato, 676-9777.

BMCC plans HHS visit

Students, and parents of students, interested in attending a college or university next year are invited to attend a financial aid presentation put on by the Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) Financial Aid staff, Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at Heppner High School.

The presentation will provide a generic overview of the financial aid process, describes how to fill out the free application for federal student aid and offers an opportunity for parents and students to ask questions.

While BMCC staff presents the information, the session does not necessarily focus on the BMCC process. Information is applicable to any accredited college that provides federal financial aid.

HHS seniors plan potato feed

The Heppner High School senior class will sponsor a baked potato dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 4-7 p.m. in the home ec room before the Heppner-Ione varsity boys' basketball game.

A baked potato with topping and a drink will be \$2.50. A baked potato with chili and a drink will be \$3.50.

Proceeds will go toward the Drug and Alcohol Free Senior Class Trip.



Punch Card Winners drawn

Central Market owner Forrie Burkenbine draws the first week's winners in the Annual Christmas Punch contest.

The following lucky people won \$25 gift certificates: Gwen Healy won a gift certificate to The Morrow County Grain Growers; Monte Evans won a certificate to Gardner's; Patricia Maben to Willow Lanes Cafe; Wayne Rollis to Peterson's Jewelry; Jim Browning to Central Market and Gail Woods to Murray's Drug. Winners can pick up their gift certificates at the business.

Don't forget to get your punch card at participating businesses and enter between now and Christmas. All entries will be eligible not only for the weekly \$25 certificates, but also for the grand prize drawing for \$750 in gift certificates to be given away on Dec. 26.

Shoppers can pick up their punch cards and have their cards punched at these businesses: MCGG, Pettyjohn's Farm & Builders, Green Feed, Lott's Electric, Murrays/ Country Rose, Gardner's Men's Wear, Peterson's Jewelry, Shoe Box, Coast to Coast, Les Schwab, Court Street Market, Yaw's Restaurant, Central Market, Willow Lanes and Willow Lanes Cafe.

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