Free immunization clinics this month

The Morrow County Health Department has scheduled a series of free immunization clinics throughout the county.

The free clinics will be held in Ione on Wednesday, April 23, from 3-6 p.m.; and in Heppner on Thursday, April 24, from noon to 6 p.m.

Clinics will also be held in Irrigon on Monday, April 21, from 1-6 p.m.; and in Boardman Tuesday, April 22, from noon to 6 p.m.

4-H News

Kool Kitchen Kids

by Kylee Disque, reporter

On Feb. 28, the Kool Kitchen Kids met at Tami Rietmann's house.

Jode Coil called the meeting to order. A few minutes later, Kylee Disque read her article. Then Shanna Rietmann, the secretary, did the roll call and everybody was there.

Members talked about what they were going to make. They were going to make two kinds of cookies. Blair, Linsey and Chelsea were making sugar and spice cookies. Jode, Madison, Shanna and Kylee were making peanut butter chocolate chip cookies. Here are the recipes:

Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 cup chunky peanut butter
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup old-fashioned oats
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugars; beat in peanut butter, egg and vanilla. Combine flour, oats, baking soda and salt; stir into the creamed mixture. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees F. for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool one minute before removing to a wire rack. Yield: two dozen cookies.

Sugar and Spice Cookies

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
3/4 cup shortening
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/4 cup molasses

Combine together and beat with mixer until smooth.

Add:
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 teaspoons soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cloves

Mix together and drop by rounded tablespoons on a cookie sheet. Bake eight minutes, remove from sheet to cookie racks. Store in airtight container.

North Lex. Livestock Club

by Shelby Krebs, reporter

Members of the North Lex Livestock Club met March 8, at 3 p.m. at the Ione Fire Hall. Existing president Kara Miller called the meeting to order. Nikki McElligott led the 4-H pledge and Adrienne Swanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New officers were elected. They are: president, Kara Miller; vice-president, Shelby Krebs; secretary/treasurer, Jessica Krebs; and reporter, Shelby Krebs. A discussion was brought up about those attending the Tygh Valley Livestock Show. Jessica Krebs announced that the club had applied for a grant to repair and paint the flower boxes on Main Street in Ione. Shelby Krebs volunteered to arrange a tour at either C&B Livestock or Superior Farms in Hermiston. Records were passed out and the meeting was adjourned.

Funeral Notice

Deloures Crowell Stevens

Graveside services for Deloures Crowell Stevens will be held Saturday, April 5, at 2 p.m. at the Ione Highview Cemetery.

A complete obituary will appear in next week's Gazette-Times.

DEQ meeting set

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will have an informational meeting on Thursday, April 10, at the Hermiston Community Center. An open house is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. and DEQ staff will be available to questions. DEQ staff will give a presentation about the permit modification process from 7-7:30 p.m.

BMCC Open House set for April 17

High school students, parents, adults looking for a career change, and anyone interested in finding out what BMCC has to offer are invited to the Blue Mountain Community College open house to be held Thursday, April 17, from 4 to 7 p.m.

A presentation will be held to provide participants with financial aid updates and general information. Staff from all campus departments and special service areas will be available in McCrae Activity Center to answer questions and provide specific information to potential students. Campus tours will introduce newcomers to BMCC highlights, such as the mechanical departments, agricultural complex, computer lab, and bookstore.

A free hot dog meal will be available to those visiting campus and a one term, free tuition give-away will be held.

For more information call Leslie Beard, admissions representative, 541-278-5933.

Dinner set for BMCC's Ron Daniels

The Blue Mountain Community College Board of Directors invites area residents to a retirement dinner recognizing long-time BMCC president Ron Daniels. The dinner will be held Saturday, May 31, at 6 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Anyone interested in either attending the dinner or receiving more information regarding the dinner may call the college at 541-278-595 1.

Aging topic of teleconference

The Oregon Geriatric Education Center and the Oregon State University Extension Service are co-sponsoring a free teleconference designed for the general public titled, " Aging Well: Important Issues for Women's Health in the Later Years."

Experts from the Department of Health Breast Cancer Awareness Coalition and the Oregon Pacific Area Health Education Center will present current and practical information on two topics central to women's health aging: breast health and disease; and osteoporosis. Risk factors, prevention, treatment and management for both health issues will be discussed.

The teleconference is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, from 9-11 a.m. and can be viewed at the Morrow County Extension office conference room in Heppner, St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton and Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

For more information, contact Carol Michael, Morrow/Umatilla Counties Extension agent at (541) 676-9642 or 1-800-342-3664.

Commission to offer assistance

The Morrow County Comission on Children & Families (MCCCF) is offering financial assistance to families with children with disabilities for respite care.

"Families with children with special needs often have a need for a few hours or days away from these children to 'catch their breath' from the stressful enviroment they deal with on a daily basis," said Dar Merrill, MCCCF director. "Disabled children are also extremely vulnerable to abuse," he added.

In order to give both the parents and the children a much needed break, the commission will offer up to $50 per month per family to cover the cost of respite care. Families must find their own providers, fill out a form, and then return it to the commission who, in turn, will initiate payment to the provider. Forms may be obtained by contacting the commission office at 471 North Main, Heppner, or by calling 541-676-9675. Forms will also be available through the Morrow County Public Health Office, Behavioral Health Office and the Morrow County School District's Educational Resource Center.

Home buyer program set

A consortium of area banks and other representatives have planned an education program designed to increase home ownership in the area.

Two-part home buyer education seminars will be held on Saturdays, April 5 and April 12, from 9 a.m. to noon upstairs at the Tapadera Restaurant, S.E. First and S.E. Court in Pendleton and at the Blue Mountain Community College building, Columbia Hall, Room 108, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston.

Elements of the home buyer education program include: the role of key players in the purchase process--real estate agents, inspectors, appraisers, lenders, purchasers, closing/escrow officers, mortgage insurers, loan servicers, etc.; property inspection; the loan process; developing and implementing a monthly budget; and maintenance tips to protect the property's value.

Participating financial institutions include the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Inland Empire Bank, Community Bank of Pendleton, Western Bank and Norwest Mortgage. Other sponsors include the Oregon Bankers Association, the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing and Union County Rural Economic Development.

The education materials and seminars were developed by a consortium of Oregon banks and the Oregon Bankers Association in cooperation with the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

There is no charge for the seminar but reservations are required and may be made by calling the Oregon Bankers Association (OBA), 1-800-468-8558. Space is limited, so reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must attend both days of the two-part seminar, said an OBA news release.

The Oregon Bankers Association, established in 1905, is a non-profit trade association consisting of all banks in Oregon, providing banking-related services to members and Oregon residents.

HCC to meet

The Heppner Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner Ranger District office conference room.

Topics for discussion include organizing a Heppner leprechauns' group and converting the old swimming pool and bathhouse to a sports court and meeting hall.

The public is welcome to attend.

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Raible named to commission

Michele Raible of Ione has been appointed by the Morrow County Court to a four-year term on the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families.

"I have a sincere interest in helping fulfill the ever-increasing needs of the children and families of our community," said Raible. "Much of the abuse or negative parenting issues that arise are due to lack of education and the cycle of learning parenting skills from parents, thus the need for education before becoming a parent."

"We look forward to working with Michele as she will bring a wealth of expertise with her that will benefit the entire county," said Morrow County Children & Families Department director Dar Merrill.

Raible is currently the director of the Creative Care Pre-school in Ione and has over 19 years experience working with children and their families. She holds an associate degree in early childhood education and is serving as president of the Umatilla/Morrow County Chapter of the Oregon Association for Young Children.

BMCC Job Fair planned in May

Employers seeking to expand their applicant pool are invited to participate in the Ninth Annual Jobs Fair, sponsored by Blue Mountain Community College. The Jobs Fair will take place in the Hermiston Community Center on Wednesday, May 7, from 4-7 p.m.

Co-sponsors this year are Region 12 Workforce Quality Council, regional Chambers of Commerce and Hermiston Foods.

The fair is open to anyone who is looking for or thinking about a new job. Employers from throughout the region will be recruiting for a number of job positions, which may include construction workers, electricians, computer operators, bank tellers, security guards, machinists, corrections officers, cashiers, equipment operators, irrigators, accounting clerks, clerical workers, truck drivers, mechanics and others.

There is no charge to attend. Potential employees are encouraged to bring their resumes. Last year over 200 area residents attended the fair, according to a BMCC news release.

Employers from the business community and many agencies provide individuals with pertinent job and application information, distribute applications and in some cases hold interviews. There will be a $25 charge per table for employers wishing to participate. For more information or to sign-up for a space for the Jobs Fair contact Leslie Beard at 541/278-5933, or e-mail at lbeard@bmcc.cc.or.us.

Engagement

Bedortha--Finley

Kimberly Bedortha and Clint Finley

Tom and Anne Bedortha of Ione announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Bedortha, of Pendleton, to Clint Finley of Boardman.

The bride-elect graduated from Ione High School in 1995 and is currently attending Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

Clint is the son of John and Evelene Finley. He graduated from Riverside High School in Boardman in 1992. He is employed by WHF Spraying, Inc., out of Hermiston.

The couple is planning an October 4 wedding, to be held at Valby Lutheran Church in Ione.

Colleges list honor students

Eastern Oregon State College's 1996 winter quarter dean's list includes the names of 258 students who achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or better. To qualify for the dean's list, students must have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours.

Heidi Orem, Ione, was named to the dean's list.

Oregon State University has announced the names of students who have made the scholastic honor roll Winter term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 278 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 1,559 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the honor roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Local students on the honor roll included:

3.5 or better: Peter G. Pearson, formerly of Heppner, senior, college of business;

Boardman-straight-A average: Jason Smythe, junior, college of science, 3.5 or better: Scott C. Johnson, junior, college of science, Glen K. Moultrie, sophomore, pre-engineering; Irrigon-

straight-A average: Justin D. Carson, freshman, college of science, 3.5 or better: Robert J. Brown, freshman, college of science.

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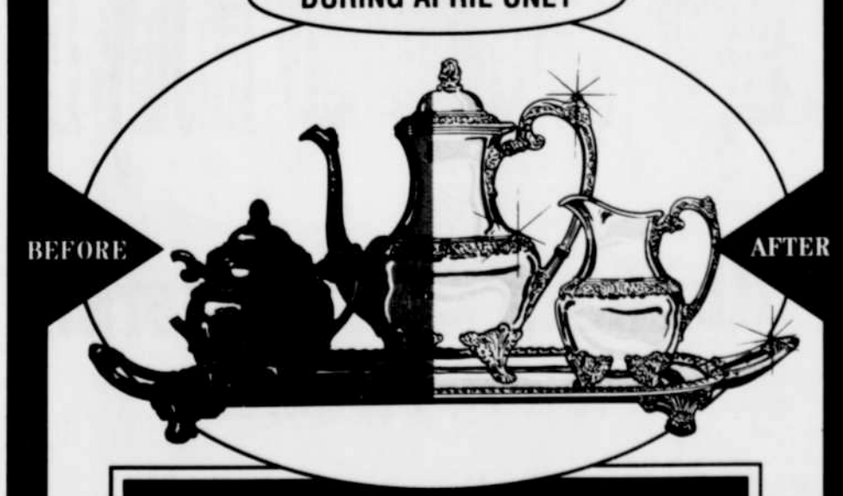

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