

Health Dist. to meet with Dr. Bitsas

The Morrow County Health District Board, in a special meeting Monday night, voted to hold a special executive session this Thursday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Memorial Home Health office concerning Dr. Bill Bitsas' recent resignation. The board said it would invite Dr. Bitsas to speak with the board in executive session. Bitsas resigned following an undisclosed dispute.

A group of three people—Laurie Reichardt, Vern Burke and Russell Mills—presented the board with petitions containing, they say, around 300 signatures supporting Bitsas and asking the board to negotiate with him.

The board said it would also invite Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Clinic staff to meet with them one at a time during the executive session.

In other business, the board signed a contract with Dr. Shanilka DeSoyza to provide physician's services at the district's clinic in Boardman. The clinic was previously operated by Dr. Robert Boss, but Dr. Boss did not agree to the district's contract offer.

In other business the board discussed capital purchases as follows: completion of the Irrigon clinic—\$150,000; Boardman clinic equipment—\$45,000; architect fees—\$30,000 (\$26,183 paid to date); hospital and clinic phone system—\$19,167; and

three items purchased within the past two months, a Hobart commercial mixer—\$3,000, computer equipment—\$1,491; and a reflector light for Heppner Dental—\$1,341. The board passed a resolution giving permission to borrow funds for a loan or lease purchase agreement to pay for the capital items on the list.

The board discussed at length the PMH phone system, which, say hospital officials, is no longer sufficient for the hospital's needs. PMH administrator Kevin Erich says that hospital staff now field more than 300 calls a day.

The board also learned that the Boardman dental clinic now has a dental hygienist.

Healy earns Angus Assoc. recognition

Kathryn Healy, Heppner, has been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having a registered Angus cow included in the American Angus Association's 1997 Pathfinder Report.

Only 1,662 of the more than 30,000 members of the American Angus Association are represented in this year's report, according to Richard Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include regular calving and heavy weaning weights, reports John Crouch, director of performance programs for the American Angus Association. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the association.

The 1997 Pathfinder Report lists 6,692 individual cows. It is published in the May issue of the Angus Journal and extra copies are available from the American Angus Association. The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is 67, and several hundred breeders have a single cow that qualifies for the exclusive listing.

Friends of the Library to meet

The Heppner Friends of the Library will meet on Tuesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Topics will include the upcoming book sale and a library user survey.

Bike racers to visit Ione, Heppner

Between 125 and 150 bicycle racers will be in Heppner and Ione this weekend to participate in the Columbia Plateau stage race.

The race gets underway at 1 p.m. Friday with the first stage taking riders up hwy 74 to Buttercreek and then back to Ione around 3:30 p.m.

Saturday the riders will travel to Fossil where they will participate in racing events, and then Sunday they will be back in Heppner by way of Spray.

Promoter Mark Schwyhart says the race is called a stage race because there are various stages of difficulty and distance.

Schwyhart says there will be participants from five western states and British Columbia.

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Volunteers work on ball fields



Heppner High School students (L-R) Kim Pointer, Janelle Healy, Kathleen Greenup, Jake Roy and Chris Paullus lay sod at the new baseball/softball field in Heppner. Player and parent volunteers worked on the field Friday, May 2.

Daniels' retirement dinner May 31

His resume reads like a "Who's Who" list of educational and community service. And while many residents of Umatilla and Morrow county might not recognize the organizations on the list, they would recognize the care and dedication Ron Daniels has served with through the years.

As retiring President of Blue Mountain Community College, Daniels will be recognized at a dinner given in his honor on May 31. The BMCC Board of Directors invite area residents to attend the dinner which will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Pendleton Convention Center. Cost of the dinner is \$25 per person. Tickets can be secured through the Presidents Office by phoning 541/278-5951.

Daniels came to Oregon from his home state of Idaho. His first position within the college district was as principal of Riverside High School and Boardman Elementary School, from 1961-67. In 1967 he moved up to the position of superintendent of the Morrow County School District, where he served until his employment at BMCC in 1974.

For over two decades he has served in the lead position at the college. From the completion of the McCrae Activity Center in January of 1977 to the completion of Emigrant Hall (home of the main campus computer lab) in 1989, Daniels

has moved the college into the age of technology. He has expanded district outreach with the purchases of Columbia Hall in Hermiston, in 1992, and the building which houses the Milton-Freewater Center this last fall.

He has seen the college through two 10-year accreditation reviews by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. He has expanded outreach to area businesses through the addition of the Small Business Development Center, now the Business and Industry Services Center, in 1984.

His most recent state recognition includes: governor's appointments to the Eastside Forest Practices Advisory Board, the Oregon Progress Board and the Chemical Demilitarization Citizen's Advisory Commission.

At the national level Daniels was recently asked to serve on a Kellogg Foundation Community College Consortium for Rural Education.

Book donations contest May 15 needed for sale

Book donations are needed by the Heppner Friends of the Library for an upcoming book sale in June. Call 676-9964 for further information.

BMCC to select new president

The Blue Mountain Community College Board of Education will meet in executive session on Thursday, May 8, in the college board room to continue discussions regarding the selection of a college president.

The board will meet in regular open session following the executive session.

HCC to meet

The Heppner Coordinating Council will meet on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 a.m. in the Heppner Ranger District conference room.

The council will review the Main Street modernization project.

The public is invited to attend.

MCS D spelling

The annual Morrow County School District spelling contest will be held on Thursday, May 15, at Columbia Middle School at 6:30 p.m.

The public is welcome to attend the contest. Gary Hunt is in charge of local arrangements at Columbia Middle School. Refreshments will be served at the end of the competition.

Liz Allen receives prestigious award



Liz Allen

An Ione girl has been chosen to receive a very prestigious

and selective award for her volunteerism.

Liz Allen, the daughter of Dick and Jannie Allen of Ione, was one of only three young people in the states of Oregon and Washington to be selected as a finalist in the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award.

Liz, a 15-year-old freshman at Ione High School, was chosen because of the project she created as a sixth grader. She collects coats and donates them to Greenhouse, which is a homeless project of the Salvation Army, and then Greenhouse distributes the coats to homeless people.

Liz' parents and brother Steve were on hand for the ceremony, which was held Wednesday, April 30, at the Marriott in Portland.

Secretary of State plans Heppner visit

Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling will hold a public breakfast on Wednesday, May 14 in Heppner to share his thoughts on bills and proposals coming out of the legislative session. The no-host continental breakfast will be held from 7:30-9 a.m. at the Heppner Elks Club dining room.

Secretary Keisling invites all citizens to attend and had the following comments on the breakfast:

"My legislative agenda consists of proposals that broaden citizen participation and increase accountability in the electoral process. Bills I've proposed include expansion of Vote-by-Mail to all primary and general elections, reform of the initiative process, a bill to enhance the usefulness of the of the Voters' Pam-

phlet and reduce its cost and an incentive for Democratic and Republican parties to open their primary elections to Oregon's independent voters.

As the session progresses, it is more important than ever for citizens to be informed about what their elected officials are doing, and for those of us in office to receive your input. Without increased citizen awareness and support, key issues with wide popular support may be ignored. I hope this breakfast can help highlight the action, and possible inaction, of this legislature on issues that are important to you and I as Oregonians."

For more information, call Barbara Bloodsworth, Morrow County Clerk, at 676-9061, or Mark Rhinard in the Secretary of State's office, 1-800-331-0509.

Racing pigs to perform at fair

The Morrow County Fair Committee is bringing the All Alaskan Racing Pigs to the fair this year.

Five racing sessions per day will be presented at the fair August 14-16. Four pigs will race per session. The two top pigs from each session will match off with the two top pigs from the following session for a "championship" race.

The Fair Committee is seeking

sponsors for the pigs at \$50 per sponsorship. Sponsorship is for one pig during one race. A pig will be drawn for each sponsor and identifying bibs with the sponsors' names and logs will be worn by the pigs during the race. A sponsor may sponsor more than one pig for an additional \$50 per pig, with a limit of three pigs per sponsor.

Anyone who wishes to sponsor a pig should call the fair office, 676-9474.

Jack and Jill tournament May 9

The Willow Creek Country Club golfers will have a Jack and Jill mini-tournament on Friday, May 9 at 6 p.m.

The tournament will involve a nine-hole modified couples type of play with the format determined by the committee in charge.

Prizes will be awarded for low

scores and special events. The charge will be \$3 per couple for members and \$10 per couple for non-members.

Light snacks will be provided by the committee in charge.

Hosts will be Duane and Robanai Disque, John and Pat Edmundson, and Gary and Martha Munkers.

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