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Who rules America?

Who Rules America? is the question that Professor G. William Domhoff asks in his current book of the same title.

Professor Domhoff will address these issues in a special presentation at Blue Mountain Community College in the Pioneer Theater on Thursday, February 4, at 7 p.m.

Domhoff, a professor of psychology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, has done extensive research on social class and the power structure of the Untied States. He has written numerous books on class and power including "The Higher Circles", "The Powers that Be", and "Who Rules America Now?".

Domhoff presents evidence that suggests there is a social upper class in the United States which is a ruling class by virtue of its dominant role in the economy and government.

The presentation, sponsored by the Blue Mt. Community College Social Science Department, is free to the public.

For more information, contact Tina Martinez at 278-5925.

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she has volunteered in more ways and for more projects than could possibly be recounted and her ability to give is endless."

Barbara Struthers (not pictured)

Barbara Struthers is a Pacific Northwest homesteader, growing up on a farm in Poverty Gulch, Idaho. Prior to moving to Heppner, she lived in Condon where she and her husband raised two children.

She has always been active in her church and in activities with her children and grandchildren.

Struthers is one of the most active seniors in the community, said presenter Ann Spicer. She does bookkeeping for the senior center, is on the senior nutrition committee, organizes the seniors' entertainment and writes for the Gazette-Times.

She, too, is "quietly instrumental in nearly every church activity at St. Patrick's Catholic Church." For six years she was a weekly volunteer at Heppner Elementary School, working with second graders to develop reading skills. "She gets as much from the second graders as she gives, which shows in the joy she brings to her volunteer work," said Spicer.

The evening's entertainment included musical performances by Final Warning, the Sentimentalists and Rick Drake and Brent Dickenson.

The guest speaker was Merna Debolt, who gave an entertaining performance as Lucy Meriwether Marks, the mother of Northwest explorer Meriwether Lewis.

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen Bobbie Rankin and her princesses, Brooke Boyer, Nonnee Walters and Tracy Rankin, were crowned by past queen Maci Childers, now a member of the Pendleton Round-Up court.

Master of ceremonies Larry Mills gave an update of the situation concerning the closure of the Kinzua Resources mill in Heppner. "We need to look at it as positive as we can," said Mills.

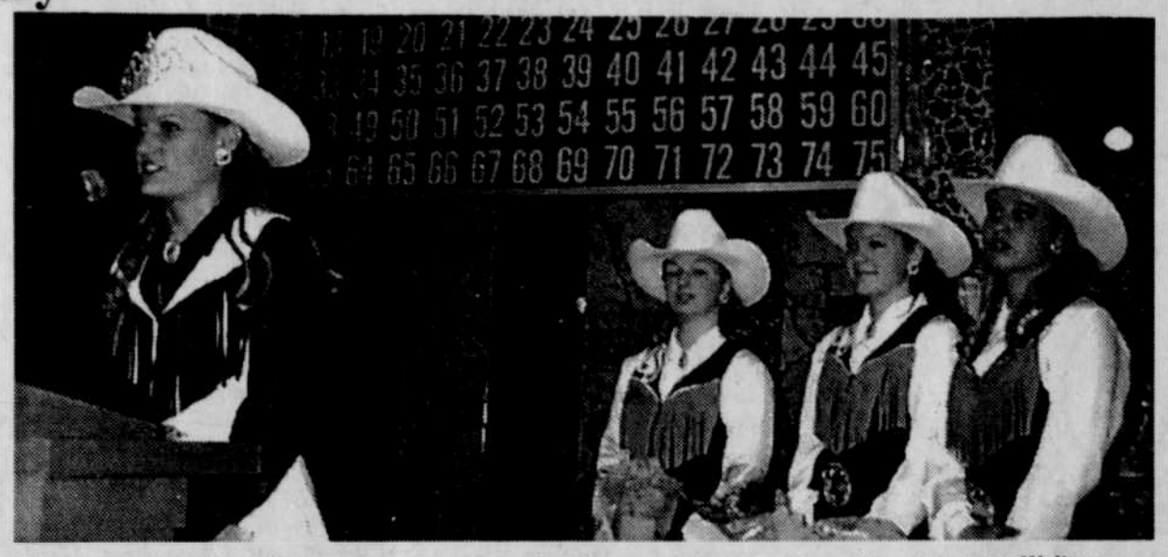
Ann Spicer, on behalf of the Soroptimist Club, announced that the club has terminated its relationship with Soroptimist International to reorganize as a local community service organization.

Spicer presented Soroptimist awards as follows: Senior Center-$500 for the general fund; Heppner Daycare Center-$500 for the building fund; Oregon Trail Library District-$250; Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation-$250; Lexington Fire Department-$250; city of Ione for park enhancement-$250; Morrow County 4-H Council-$250; a second gift to South Morrow County Neighborhood Center-$100; South Morrow County Scholarship Trust-$1,250.

Social hour was hosted by the Morrow County Grain Growers. The Heppner Garden Club provided decorations and the Heppner High School senior class provided servers.

Contributors included the Morrow County Livestock Growers, the Morrow Development Corporation, Northwestern Motel and the Morrow County Health District.

Ginger Keithley won the Peterson's Jewelers gemstone drawing.



Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo (L-R) Queen Bobbie Rankin and Court Nonnee Walters, Tracy Rankin and Brooke Boyer are crowned at Town & Country Banquet.

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Tourism council elects officers

The North Central Oregon Tourism Council (NCOTC) has elected its officers for 1999.

Carol Jauregui was elected chair of the council, taking over from previous chair John Edmundson of Heppner, who was not seeking re-election. Current vice-chair Carrol White of Maupin and secretary Joe Weber of Moro were re-elected to their respective positions. Sue Newstetter of Mt. Vernon, was elected as treasurer, taking over for Tim Kimble.

Jauregui, of Service Creek, says she is excited about the possibilities that have been created. "We have generated a lot of momentum and raised a good amount of money for marketing activities in our region," she said. "We have reached a point where people will start seeing some noticeable results."

With Kimble stepping down, a new representative from Grant County must be found. Newstetter says it will be hard to replace Kimble. "Tim is going to very tough to replace; he did a lot of great work for us. But I am confident a representative from Grant County will step in and serve our council well."

The North Central Oregon Tourism Council is a non-profit organization whose mission is to make tourism a viable industry for Morrow, Gilliam, Grant, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties. Each county is allotted two representative positions.

The 12-member council includes small business owners, community leaders and concerned citizens. The council meets on a bi-monthly basis.

Suggestions for discussion topics at meetings are welcomed. For more information on the council and its activities , contact Eric Endicott at 503-598-8806.

Legion, Auxiliary plan potluck

Heppner Legion and Auxiliary will kick 1999 off with a potluck on Monday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church basement.

Activities in which the unit participated in 1998 include reaching its membership goal by Dec. 21; sending Christmas gifts in the amount of $600 to the Portland Veterans Hospital; awarding a scholarship to Sarah Baker, who is attending Blue Mountain Community College; donating $50 to Pioneer Memorial Foundation; sending $366 to the veterans' home in The Dalles. The Auxiliary raised their share by a food sale.

Members and friends are welcome to come and attend the meeting.

Klamath First Federal donates OTPR buckle

Klamath First Federal Manager Sharon Harrison presents a belt buckle to Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess Brooke Boyer. "I'm looking forward to a terrific year on the court," said Brooke. "We have a great bunch of girls."

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We will be discussing such topics as: *BASIC REPLANT OPTION; CAT POLICY CONVERSION; WINTER REPLANT OPTION B; PREMIUM INCENTIVES; BUYUP OPTION QUOTING.*

We have also invited Skip Matthews and his staff from FSA to answer questions on the Federal Disaster Payment Crop Insurance Program & Requirements.

Please plan to attend. The information that will be shared could make this one evening worth a whole week on the combine this summer.

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