

Employers invited to jobs fair

Employers seeking to expand their applicant pool are invited to participate in the Eleventh Annual Jobs Fair, sponsored by Blue Mountain Community College. The jobs fair will take place in the Hermiston Community Center on Tuesday, May 4, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce and Hermiston Foods assist with the event.

The fair is open to anyone who is looking for or thinking about a new job. BMCC students are invited to attend. Employers from throughout the Northwest

will recruit for a number of job positions, which may include construction workers, electricians, computer operators, bank tellers, security guards, nurses, corrections officers, cashiers, equipment operators, irrigators, accounting clerks, clerical workers, truck drivers and mechanics.

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 is no charge for attendance. Potential employees are invited to bring their resume. Last year nearly 600 area residents attended the fair.

There will be a \$25.00 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.or.us.

Obituaries

Elmer Elden Padberg

Elmer Elden (Paddy) Padberg, 76, of Lexington, died Thursday, April 8, 1999 at St. Mary Hospital in Walla Walla, Washington.

A memorial service for Mr. Padberg was held Monday, April 12, 1999 at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

He was born October 30, 1922, in Heppner, to Oris and Katie Fridley Padberg. He attended schools in Heppner and graduated from Lexington in 1941.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Force.

On November 1, 1942, he married Eileen Sperry in Asotin, Washington.

Mr. Padberg and his father began a machine shop in 1947, known as Padberg Tractor Repair. The name was later changed to Padberg Machinery, Inc. He began farming in 1966 and continued until his retirement.

Mr. Padberg was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge and Ione Legion for 51 years. He served 20 years as a councilman for the city of Lexington and was on the Lexington school board for four years.

Survivors include his wife, Eileen, and son, Lee, both of Lexington; daughter, Jill Perkins of Pendleton; a sister, Doris of Ukiah; a brother, Charlie of Walla Walla, Washington; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heppner Elks Lodge Renovation Fund, P.O. Box 494, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Merle Becket

F. Merle Becket, 90, formerly of Heppner, died Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at a Portland nursing home.

Memorial service was held Monday, April 12, 1999 at Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner.

Mr. Becket was born March 27, 1909, on the family ranch on Eightmile near Heppner, to Francis and Daisy McFerran Becket.

He grew up on the farm and attended school at the Eightmile schoolhouse. Later he attended and graduated from Heppner High School, then attended the University of Oregon and Oregon State University.

On August 28, 1934, he married Louise Thomson at Heppner.

Mr. Becket returned to Heppner as a banker and later traveled around the state with First National Bank. He retired from banking in 1971.

He also sold insurance and real estate.

He was an avid horseman and showed horses throughout Oregon.

Survivors include his son, Paul of Portland; and brother, William of Milwaukie; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise, in 1997.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

County court clarifies CSEPP issues

At the April 7 meeting of the Morrow County Court, the Court clarified some CSEPP issues with an Oregon Emergency Management representative and approved expenses for attendance of the computer manager at a troubleshooting school and for a piece of computer software.

Road Report: The Court approved a flexible aid road maintenance agreement with the state; approved an approach permit request onto Tom Camp Road; and heard that an insurance claim has been filed for the shoulder damage on McNab Road from a cement truck turn-over; work to replace the bridge on Valby Road will begin on April 12; shoulder widening and repair work on Hanna-Arbuckle, Gooseberry and Dry Fork has been completed; pothole patching is about 80 percent completed in the north end and 20 percent in the south end of the county; drilling on the Wright pit, slowed because of snow, should be completed by April 16; work on Patterson Ferry will follow completion of work on Spur Loop.

During a public hearing the planning director presented an ordinance which would amend the Morrow County Comprehensive Plan to add a site to the Goal 5 Aggregate Inventory. The site to be included is referred to as the Hellberg/West Irrigon Pit, which abuts the ODOT, the county, Wesley Wise and Hellberg pits. The planning director expressed concern over a rock quarry in an area that has residential properties around it., described the significant-use requirements, and described the access to the pit. The permit requires an easement from either ODOT or the county for access to Gravel Pit Lane. Questions arose about the resolution of whether or not this would be a good source for gravel and concern about the smell from a batch plant, traffic jams and access through a residential area. Discussion continued on several points, the observation that access off the highway would eliminate travel through residential areas; a suggestion that access off Gravel Pit Lane might involve changing a yield sign to a stop, lowering the speed limit and prohibiting the use of exhaust brakes. The planning director suggested creating conditions on the permit to accommodate landowners' concerns. An existing state stockpile of gravel on private property was questioned as an exception to code enforcement.

The judge voiced the need for consistency with requirements for permitting and zoning, and the assistant road master suggested contacting ODOT about the stockpile and other issues, so they will be "in the loop."

The court discussed with a Boeing representative and the planning director the acquisition of an Ione-Boardman Road navigation easement. According to a court report, Boeing considers all requirements of the agreement, which must be

signed by Boeing, the county, and the US Navy, met by them so would like confirmation soon. County counsel had not yet submitted comments on the latest draft of the Boeing-County contract.

The court approved three or four loads of fill material for the lone Schools ball field repairs.

The planning director requested a letter from the court in support of Senate Joint Memorial 12. Discussion followed, including information that Umatilla County Commissioners will not support it.

Morrow County Sheriff advised the court that the Umatilla County jail per-bed rate has been lowered to \$53. He also reported that savings of \$9,600 have resulted from the restructuring of the communications department, which enables the communications corporal to track jail billings. He further informed the court that in the recent academy graduation, both of the county's deputies were honored-one for academic achievement and one for defensive tactics.

The court agreed to accept the Special Transportation Committee's recommendation to adopt the state's ranking system for special transportation projects for years 2000-2003.

In response to a request from the Heppner mayor for approximately 70 truckloads of fill material to cover "Unocal" property, the court agreed that it might be good use of tipage fees but not appropriate for tax dollars. Submitting an application for SCERT prioritization will be recommended.

Advertising Deadline
12 noon Tuesday

Local Angus breeder recognized

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 1999 Pathfinder Report.

Only 1,813 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, Missouri.

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 American Angus Association.

The 1999 Pathfinder Report lists 6,899 individual cows. It is published in the April 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 77, and several hundred breeders have a single cow that qualifies for the exclusive listing.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Alcohol affects this community in several ways, says Tiah Sanderson with Morrow County Behavioral Health.

"Following are some statistics that are fairly shocking and need some attention," said Sanderson. From April 1, 1997, to April 1, 1998, the local juvenile dept. had approximately 28 minor in possession (MIP) cases; 24 were male and four were female-ranging in age from 12 to 17 years. From April 1, 1998, to April 1, 1999, the local juvenile department had a "whopping" 51 cases; 40 were male and 11 were female, ranging in age from 10

to 18 years of age, according to Sanderson.

"This is not just a north end problem," she stressed. "In fact it is almost equally balanced despite the larger population at the north end. The numbers for 98-99 reflect only seven of the same youth re-offending. These are only the youth that got caught. The next question to address," she added, "is where our youth are getting this alcohol?"

For more information about prevention programs or other statistics, call the Morrow County Behavioral Health office

at 676-9161 or 481-2911.

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Walkers join in fight against MS



Walkers participate in Heppner MS walk

First Row: Jessica Re, Riley Kollman, Whitney Matthews. Second Row: Susie Re, Janet Greenup, Amy Kollman, Brian Kollman, Merilee McDowell, Kay Fowler, George Jefferies, Sara Greenup, Marie Van Etta.

"The Heppner MS Walk was another huge success," said local chair Merilee McDowell.

Twenty-five enthusiastic walkers joined thousands across

the nation to make a big difference in the fight against multiple sclerosis, said McDowell, who added that

walkers from Ione, Hermiston and Heppner raised a total of \$3,300 with some donations still coming in.

Violin, fiddle students plan recital

The violin/fiddle students of Peg Willis are planning a recital on Friday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

Adults and children will play, as a group, a variety of music including Sukuki songs, jigs, hoedowns and waltzes.

Admission is a cash or food donation for the South Morrow County Neighborhood Center.

Refreshments will be provided after the concert. Everyone is invited to attend.

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