

BMCC classes to be held in Morrow County

Fall term classes are underway at Blue Mountain Community College, including a selection in the south Morrow County area. Interested students are invited to pre-register for classes by either sending in their registrations or contacting Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, at 422-7040.

Windows 95 is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Heppner Elementary School.

Jan Hood, from the BMCC main campus, is the instructor. The cost is \$37 per person. The class will cover many of the things needed to help run computers better. The class is also helpful for Windows 98 users. Students should be familiar with the keyboard and the mouse.

Excel, Microsoft's spreadsheet program, will be covered in a class on Saturday, October 16, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Heppner Elementary.

The class will cover the basics of using Excel and teach the many uses of spreadsheets.

Students should have some basic computer knowledge and be familiar with the keyboard and use of the mouse.

Jan Hood is the instructor and the cost is \$37.

Handgun Proficiency is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Boardman Firing Range. By successfully completing the class and the firing session, students will fulfill the proficiency requirements needed to obtain a concealed weapons permit. Students must provide their own firearm and ammunition for the firing session. Anyone with a felony conviction is ineligible for the class.

Cost of the class is \$25 tuition plus a \$10 lab fee. Pre-registration is required.

A free resume workshop is on the calendar for Tuesday, October 26, from 4-6:30 p.m. at Heppner High School. This provides an opportunity to craft a new resume or retool an old one with the professional advice of the staff from the Pendleton Skills Center.

Students should bring a detailed work and/or volunteer history. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

Dutch elm disease found in Heppner

Trees in Heppner have tested positive for Dutch Elm Disease, according to Kathryn Kettel, OSU Extension agent.

Dutch Elm Disease (DED) affects most North American and European species of elms, including American, slippery, Scotch and English elms. The Chinese elm and Siberian elm are quite resistant and plant breeders have developed a number of disease-resistant cultivars, said Kettel.

A fungus that grows in the xylem tissue causes DED. Xylem is basically the tree's plumbing system that moves water from the roots up through the trunk and out to the leaves. The disease restricts water movement through the tree, resulting in wilted and yellowing leaves, twig and branch dieback, premature defoliation and often the death of the tree.

Look for brown streaks if you cut into the sapwood of infected branches. The DED spreads primarily by the feeding and breeding activity of elm bark beetles.

The best way to control the spread of Dutch elm disease is to monitor all elm trees regularly for symptoms. Infected trees are evaluated, then pruned or removed depending on the severity of the disease. Sanitation is also important. Removed infected trees should have all wood destroyed or burned before the elm beetles emerge from the wood in the spring.

The only positive way to determine if a tree has DED is to isolate and culture the fungus and send samples from suspected trees to a diagnostic laboratory. To do so, select twigs about six inches long from recently killed branches that show brown streaking of the wood just below the bark.

For more information about Dutch elm disease, call the Morrow County Extension Office, 541-676-9642.

Another free workshop concerning preparing computers for Y2K is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Heppner High School. The Small Business Administration, working through BMCC's Small Business

Orchestra and chorale announce inaugural season

Inland Northwest Musicians announces its inaugural season. This new organization, under the direction of R. Lee Friese, will present an opening season of orchestral and choral music performed by a group of volunteer musicians.

"One of the most exciting aspects of Inland Northwest Musicians is that it will truly be a regional arts organization," says Alice Massey, concertmaster. "Since our volunteer musicians come from all over northeast Oregon and southeast Washington, we have deliberately developed our entire program to represent and serve all of those areas. We have members on our board of directors from each population base in our region, and we have designed our concert season to include performances of all concert presentations in both Pendleton and at least one other community. This is one aspect of our program that really makes us unique." Several Morrow County musicians will be performing with the Inland Northwest Orchestra and Chorale this season, including Clint Carlson, Sarah Carlson, Laura McElligott, Ben Stillman, Isaiah Stillman, Kathryn Unruh and Jennifer Waldrup. In addition, Loren Unruh is the Zone 4 board member representing Heppner and surrounding areas.

The inaugural concert in Pendleton will be held on Sunday, October 10, at 3:15 pm in the Vert Auditorium. The same performance will also be presented on Saturday, October 9, in Athena. Literature for the opening concert will include Beethoven's Symphony #3, also known as the "Eroica" or "Heroic" Symphony. Other works on the first concert include "Irish Suite" by Leroy Anderson and "Berceuse and Finale" from Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite."

Music director and conductor R. Lee Friese says of the opening concert, "Beethoven's 'Eroica' Symphony is possibly his crowning achievement in the symphonic form and set new directions for this form. 'Irish Suite' is Leroy Anderson's most effective attempt at serious composition. Stravinsky's 'Berceuse and Finale' is both incredibly beautiful and lyric, as well as brilliant and dynamic."

The Inland Northwest Musicians season will continue with concerts on November 13 and 14. That presentation will include both the orchestra and chorale in a presentation of Vaughn Wilham's "Towards the Unknown Region," as well as the "Festive Overture" by Shostakovich and selected shorter works for chorus.

On December 17, 18 and 19, the Inland Northwest Musicians will present a Christmas offering of Handel's "Messiah." The performance on Dec. 19 is scheduled in Heppner in conjunction with Morrow County's Willow Creek Symphony and the two groups will join together to play a portion of the concert. Funding for this concert is being sought through sponsors so it can be offered free of charge to the community.

The season will continue with performances on February 19 and 20 of Haydn's Symphony #31, Mendelsohn's "The Hebrides," "And God Created Great Whales" by Seattle composer Alan Hovhaness, and Faure's "Elegy," featuring principal cellist Jane Bane as soloist.

Concerts on April 1 and 2 will include both the orchestra and chorale in a performance of Faure's "Requiem" and Vaughn William's "Serenade to Music." "Lincoln Portrait" by Aaron Copland will also be presented. On May 13 and 14, the orchestra will perform "The Swan of Tuonela" by Sibelius, Bizet's "Carmen Suite #1," "Polevetsian Dances" from Borodin's "Prince Igor," and the Poulenc Concerto for Organ.

"I am excited and optimistic

Development Center is sponsoring the seminar.

Free materials will be provided to participants to ensure that their computers are ready to make the leap into the year 2000.

For more information or to register, contact Anne Morter at 422-7040.

about Inland Northwest Musicians," said Friese. "I feel good about the heart, spirit, and philosophy of the group. I have programmed literature which audiences throughout the Northwest have said they want to hear in terms of scope, variety, and substance. I welcome audience input as to the literature we program, and over time will attempt to bring everyone's particular interests to our concert programs."

Inland Northwest Musicians is now offering memberships for sale for their opening season. A membership includes unlimited admissions to concert performances anywhere in the region during the 1999-2000 season. Members will also receive Inland Northwest Musicians newsletters, free admission to all receptions and pre-concert events, and voting rights at the annual meeting of the board of directors. An adult membership costs \$40. Senior (over 60) memberships and student memberships cost \$25. Family memberships for parents with children under age 18 may be purchased for \$125.

"This is a great entertainment bargain and opportunity to support a marvelous regional arts organization," says Massey. "Music is for everyone, and our memberships allow the buyer the flexibility to use their admission in the way that benefits them the most."

Anyone wishing to purchase a membership or get more information about Inland Northwest Musicians may call local board member Loren Unruh at 676-9873, the Milton-Freewater office at 938-0645 or the Pendleton office at 966-6649.

OSW publication gives fruit leather instructions

Since ripe fruit is in bountiful supply right now through fall, it is the perfect time to try making your own fruit leather. Great on hikes, camping trips and for snacks and sack lunches, fruit leather can be fun to make. An Oregon State University Extension Service fact sheet, "Making Dried Fruit Leather," is available at no charge. The two-page publication includes information on the equipment needed to make fruit leather from apples, apricots, bananas, berries, cherries, grapes, oranges, pears, pineapple, plums, strawberries, tangerines and tomatoes.

Instructions for selecting and preparing fresh fruit and several methods for making fresh fruit puree are also included. Methods for making leather from canned fruit, preserving fruit color and drying the puree are also included. Information for storing and using the leather is also provided.

"Making Dried Fruit Leather," FS 232, is available from the Morrow County OSU Extension Service in Heppner, or download it at: eeseorst.edu. Click on "Educational Materials List," then "Family and home," then "Food Preservation and Storage."

Court discusses fair arena, Docken Building lease-purchase

By Doris Broanan

The Morrow County Court and Public Works Director Guy Van Arsdale discussed a variety of issues at the September 8 county court meeting. Discussion included gravel pits; some wording in the lone-Boardman Road Agreement and the fact that Boeing now has a report on squirrels at issue; a street approach request; and concern of the Soil and Water Conservation District Board over county weed control.

County, state and Boardman personnel discussed the county's building permit program. The question of whether the county should contract with the city of Boardman for services or continue with the state arises out of the county's interest in providing a responsive service and local control. The county is seeking consistency, plan-review at the local level and enforcement of zoning ordinances. Study of the issue continues.

The court approved purchase of a replacement GIS (geographic information system) server, requested by computer manager Ed Struthers, as the present one is outdated and not upgradable. He also asked the court its plans for the current phone system.

County council, Bill Hanlon, and the court discussed lease-purchase agreements for the fair arena and the Docken Building. Hanlon presented what he expects to be the final version of the lone-Boardman Road Agreement, in which requested language changes have been completed. After related discussion, the court agreed to sign the contract with Boeing Agri-Industrial Co. and Portland General Electric. Hanlon read the recommendation from the museum board for a contractor on the agriculture collection project, and the court approved, with stipulations. Hanlon agreed to examine the petition request to annex precincts five and six into the Oregon Trail Library District.

An Oregon Department of Transportation representative talked to the court about the state's Transportation Improvement Plan and the effects HB2082 would have upon the proposed plan, showing a map of Region Five's projected construction projects and of candidates for HB2082 bonded projects. He reported that Region Five's share of the new gas tax is 36 million dollars. He distributed information on the Hinton Creek Highway (from the bridge to the fair grounds) and Horseshoe-Bend projects, for which a public hearing will be held on November 15.

Camp Fire sign-ups underway

Sign-ups for membership in the Oregon Trail Council of Camp Fire Boys and Girls is presently going on.

Information flyers are available at Heppner Elementary School on the school office counter.

Children interested in Camp Fire are requested to fill out the flyer and mail it to: Oregon Trail Council of Camp Fire, P.O. Box 115, Pendleton, OR 97801

"Camp Fire promotes healthy fun, educational activities, and community service," says a group news release.

For more information, call the office at 276-6181 or 1-888-276-6181. Groups will be forming soon. Adults or teens interested in working with Camp Fire youth, should contact the office.

The court discussed the on-call policy of the Behavioral Health Department.

On September 15, the Morrow County Court further discussed the GIS server purchase approved last week and agreed to withhold that approval until after they have discussed the recently discovered budget shortfall, as a whole.

The court reviewed the lease agreement with Mid-Columbia Bus Company for buses to be available in Boardman for evacuation purposes. Concern over some of the language resulted in the decision to speak to the county counsel about the contract.

The court approved an approach to the recently acquired gravel pit and told Van Arsdale that the county will be responsible for a road into the pit. Van Arsdale reported the status of the Patterson Ferry project and said that the crew is ready to start work on Olson Road. He also explained that striping paint is now non-corrosive, so the painting apparatus should last longer, and he gave the court a copy of the weed manager's time by job codes. Van Arsdale reported that the Coal Mine Road should open on September 16. He also reported that he has received a request for a phone at the Anson Wright Park host's trailer. He explained that very little cable would be necessary, the hosts offered to pay for installation in their name, and the phone could be installed for local and credit card calls only. He and the court discussed the differences between this location and Cutsforth Park. They also discussed an upcoming airport meeting, a road tour and a request from the mayor of lone.

The court and Assessor Greg Sweek discussed the concern of some employees over the budget shortfall and the need to have a work session to examine revenue sources and technological services and the long-term future of the county.

Senator and Mrs. Nelson addressed the court about SB622, the concept of which is to "bring telecommunications for Oregon into the future." He explained several issues including a required needs assessment, which he said will have to be other than traditional so that communities like Heppner will not lose out. Nelson recommended contacts for the court to use for gaining information and for communicating the county's needs, and said that he is "very positive about the potential this bill has for Oregon communities."

The court then heard a group presentation on the Heritage Trail that included a vision of enriching residents' and visitors' lives, building sense of community, and people knowing and experiencing the natural, cultural, and industrial heritage of the area. A member of the group, Planning Director Tamra Mabbott provided a draft plan, goals and objectives, a slide show, and maps of the proposed route. From the National Park Service, Brian Bodin explained the concept plan process and

suggested huge benefits from a project like this, including protection of resources and economic development from tourism, recreation and family activities. Discussion continued on public support, need for volunteers, and importance of county-level support.

Mabbott presented the court an ordinance amending the Morrow County comprehensive plan map to expand the Irrigon urban growth boundary to include 17.18 acres for construction of a new school, agreed upon at a meeting with the Irrigon City Council. Mabbott and the court discussed a report regarding options for pursuing impact aid, and she suggested the court study the report and meet later to strategize. She also reported that the lone-Boardman road agreement had been corrected by PGE to indicate the sheriff's office would patrol weekly. The court agreed to show it to Morrow County Sheriff Verlin Denton before agreeing.

Children and Families Director Dar Merrill presented Child Care Development grant proposals for court approval, which was given, to Child Care Resource and Referral, Boardman Daycare, and Heppner Day Care. Merrill reported that adjustments made to the state budget results in Children and Families Fund getting additional money for administration. The court signed an amended budget document to reflect this. The court accepted a resignation from the commission.

The court opened and read the one bid received on the heating and air conditioning system for the Coast to Coast store in the Gilliam and Bisbee building. The court will refer it to the general maintenance supervisor for comparison to the bid specifications.

From Boardman, Kathy Moore touched briefly on the building permit program and informed the court that the Columbia River Enterprise Zone will be on the next Boardman council meeting agenda.

The court agreed to send the county clerk to a training seminar of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. It agreed to a refund of property tax resulting from a stipulated judgment. It approved a resolution approving the diversion plan for the Central and Eastern Oregon Juvenile Justice Consortium. It agreed to send a letter to the Soil and Water Conservation District asking the Corps of Engineers to change their draw-down procedures, to address water quality issues. It also discussed the question of signage at the Port of Morrow.

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