

Artist in education works with Ione students



Ione students (left to right) Matt Hams, Beth Morter, Kylie McElligott, Bruce McMinn and R.J. Ramos with artist in education Greta Pederson

Ione Elementary School students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade completed a two-week study recently with Greta Pedersen as part of the Arts In Education program, which is administered by the Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council. Artists from across the state are available to spend one or two week residencies at schools to enrich their curriculum. Ione has participated in this program yearly for many years.

Pedersen received a BA in music from Stanford University and is a former classroom music teacher. She is a professional musician and songwriter. Her video, "Music Is Magic," has been broadcast on the Learning Channel. While at Ione her program incorporated music into the language arts and social studies curriculum. Students learned songs and dances and made musical instruments from readily available materials as they are often made in the countries where the songs originated.

After the two weeks of learning and fun, students were ready to show parents and community what they had learned. The songs and dances they presented at a culminating program were from a number of countries and incorporated their languages.

Students sang "Funga Alafia" a song from Liberia, "La Granja" a song about farm animals which originated in Mexico and South America, "Day-O" from Jamaica, "Che Che Kule" from Ghana and West Africa and "Rattlin' Bog" from

Ireland. They also performed a Greek dance about the myth of Minotaur and Theseus and a dance from Denmark. Students had made Lummi sticks which they used to sing the Paiute Stick song and the Lummi Stick song. Younger students also sang the song "Languages" written by Peterson

and Pam Dankin which teaches familiar terms in Japanese.

Parents and community members commented that they enjoyed the program and felt the students had learned some interesting things about other cultures. Teachers said they felt this had been another rewarding experience with the Arts In Education Program.

2001 fair and rodeo court



Kelsey Greenup and Tammy Booth

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo have announced the selection of the 2001 court. The court includes Queen Tammy Booth of Boardman and Princess Kelsey Greenup of Heppner.

Tammy is the 16-year-old daughter of Sherrie Smiley and

Woody Earl. She is active in horse 4-H, where she has won numerous awards. Tammy enjoys working with horses and helping people with their horses and riding skills.

Kelsey is the 16-year-old daughter of Greg and Janet Greenup. Kelsey is active in horse and sheep 4-H. She is a member of Wranglers, the Catholic Church Youth Group and the Heppner School Basketball team. Kelsey carries on a long family tradition by representing Morrow County by being selected to this year's court.

Queen Tammy and Princess Kelsey say they are looking forward to this summer and are excited about traveling and representing Morrow County.

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County Court holds hearing on BRFD annexation

By Doris Brosnan

At the Feb. 21 session of the Morrow County Court, Judge Terry Tallman opened a public hearing on the proposed annexation of territory into the Boardman Rural Fire Protection District. The court reviewed the map of territory owned by the Port of Morrow and Umatilla Electric Cooperative, both of which petitioned to be included into the district. Hearing no comments in support or in opposition to the proposed annexation, the court approved annexation of the approximately 2700 acres into the district.

The court, county counsel Bill Hanlon and a property owner continued a discussion of a property on Columbia Avenue. At issue is ownership of the property in question, a 1984 easement and a sign installed on the property by the Port of Morrow. Hanlon reported that the County Assessor's Office shows that the county acquired the roadway from the state, with a 100-foot right of way. Consequently, Hanlon noted, the easement restriction from an encumbrance is ineffectual. The reason for the execution of an easement in 1984 is unknown to the court or Hanlon. All parties agreed that a title search could answer the question of ownership, but responsibility for the search, Hanlon stated, does not fall to the county.

Tallman and Hanlon will speak to the Mid-Columbia Title personnel.

Property owners appeared to further address with the court the issue of the bridge and road at the end of Eastgaard. In question is the status of the road north and south of the bridge, what the county did in 1981 regarding the road, jurisdiction over the bridge and whether or not the road is open to public access. Tallman said that in 1981, the county court closed but did not vacate the road south of the bridge. One of the property owners appearing purchased the bridge and partitioned two lots west of another piece of property and received from the planning commission permission to access his property with a 30-foot easement.

Tallman further explained that two property owners believed the bridge belonged to them when they bought properties and believed that the road was closed. Hanlon explained that he has reviewed records from 1981 and advises that the road north and south of the bridge and the 30-foot easement, remain public access. He added that the court has no jurisdiction over the bridge and he recommends that the county take no further action.

Morrow County Behavioral Health Director Kelly Sager discussed with the court the 19-hour-per-week part-time position of assistant coordinator for the after-school program created to address at-risk youth. Sager and Morrow County Juvenile Officer Carolyn Holt indicated they would like to make the program inclusive for all students. Continuation of the program, if successful, will depend on future funding sources, Sager noted. The court approved the temporary, part-time position until June 30.

Sager, also, clarified for the court that the increase in chemical dependency funds came from the state after a determination that Morrow County is under-served by the Office of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

Public Health Director Laura McElligott reported to the court that she will ask county counsel questions about the medical examiner contract and about the procedure to subpoena records.

McElligott explained the federally-funded Family Planning Expansion. The project includes a sliding-fee schedule for services, pays for services when the family income is 185 percent or less of the federal poverty level and is an expansion meant to allow people the choice of where to go for family-planning services. McElligott is "very interested" in providing this service through contracts with rural health clinics, allowing more patients access to services without the County Health Department's having to expand services. The health department would provide administrative service and perform quality assurance, which might create an expansion of the part-time secretary's time. The court agreed that McElligott should proceed and

she will meet with county counsel to prepare a contract.

Morrow County Public Works Director Burke O'Brien reported that the owner of a parcel of property - less than one acre, hillside, without timber - bordering Cutsforth Park has offered to sell it to the county. The court declined the offer. O'Brien and the court also discussed a parcel of land in the West Glenn Subdivision earmarked for a park and agreed to table the prospect.

In discussion about the Ruhl rock pit, O'Brien reported that Hanlon advised that a new agreement with the new owners is required. In discussion of hangar space at the Lexington Airport, O'Brien reported that the rental agreements do not specify "airplanes only," though each space is rented to someone who owns an airplane. He said, also, that he will compare the rental rates with those of other facilities.

O'Brien reported that the county's recycling rate of 20 percent exceeds the required 13 percent. He reported

that the crew will soon finish excavation of roots on Montana and are pouring the footings for the Blackhorse Bridge.

- Other actions of the court:
- approval of the purchase of a replacement printer for Justice Court, a vacuum for the annex building, a scanner and zip drive for the Juvenile Department and a printer for the Commission on Children and Families;
 - approval of a 40-foot access permit onto Bombing Range Road for Potlatch;
 - appointment of Judge Tallman to the Technical Advisory Committee for the Transportation Impact Analysis for the proposed racetrack at Boardman;
 - approval of a contract with CPA Lisanne Currin for budget officer services;
 - approval of an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan to add the Padberg Pit to the Goal 5 Aggregate Inventory.

Design results presented on library, city hall

Boothby Architecture will present the final report on the building design issues for a new proposed city hall and library building in Heppner, on Friday, March 9, at 7 p.m. in the dining room at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

The focus of the meeting is on the issues discussed at the October 28 workshop. Chris Boothby will present to the public the final report which has incorporated all of the comments received during the design workshop.

The workshop was the result of a successful grant application to the Oregon Community Foundation by the Oregon Trail Library District for including public input into the

conceptual design phase of a building project. By involving the public in the early stages of a project design, it was proposed that a better project would result with increased community acceptance.

Now that all of the comments and ideas have been considered into the conceptual design, the public will have an opportunity to view how those comments were incorporated into the final product. Drawings of the floor plans, elevations, streetscape and more will be on display for viewing and comment. Library and city officials are hopeful that the local citizens will attend the meeting to see, hear and comment on what a new city hall and library might look like.

Cub Scouts to hold Pinewood Derby

Cub Scouts Pack 661 will hold their annual Pinewood Derby in Heppner at the Elks Club on Sunday, March 4.

Weigh in and check in begin at 2 p.m. At 2:15 p.m., cars will be judged and a trophy awarded for

the following five categories: best Cub Scout theme; best paint job; best accessorized; most creative; and most realistic.

Race time is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

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18 Mo Co Gun Club A Wee Bit O' Ireland	19 NO SCHOOL - Parent-Teacher Conferences Museum Board	20 Chamber Lib. Story Time Happ. Can. Bld. Sr Center Bingo V BB here - Wah. Golf here - Har/Bld	21 HEDC Kids Club Mo Co. Court Lions Elks Bingo	22 WV Serv. Club Mo Co Arts & Crafts BPOE	23 W Cl. Symphony School SCHOOL DAY JV BB here - WM V BB @ M-F Track @ T. Dallas Golf @ Echo	24 E-Commerce Class yesterday & today V BB @ Dufur
25 Mo Co Gun Club	26 Housing Auth. Mo Co. Scholarship Med. Dist. Bld. Amer. Legion/Aux.	27 HCC Chamber Lib. Story Time Bookworms Sr Center Bingo	28 Kids Club Mo Co. Court Chamber Bld. Elks Bingo	29 United Rec. District	30 W Cl. Symphony School	31
SPRING BREAK						

PLEASE NOTE THESE ADDITIONS TO THE CALENDAR:
March 7-8: Little League Baseball Signups, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 5-7 p.m.
March 9: Town Hall Meeting about the city hall/library, St. Patrick's Senior Center, 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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