

Elementary students get civics lesson at city hall

Field day slated

Area musicians join forces



Ione Elementary School fourth and fifth-grade students got a lesson in government during a visit to Ione City Hall on Tuesday from Ione Mayor Betty Gray (pictured with students), city clerk Cindy Doherty and maintenance supervisor Dan Anderson at Ione City Hall.

A field day to tour and discuss the grass seed research plots at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 1/2 mile south of Hermiston at 2121 S. First Street (formally Hinkle Road) has been scheduled for Thursday, May 31.

In addition to the tour, there will be in-the-field presentations on topics of interest to grass seed growers of Lower Umatilla Basin.

These research plots were established in the fall of 1997 and were expanded to 10 acres in the fall of 1998. Major research efforts include plots to study seedling herbicide tolerance and a variety evaluation for Fine Fescues, Kentucky Bluegrass, Tall Fescue and Perennial Ryegrass. In addition, there are plots to study pea herbicide carry-over effects, mildew and rust control.

The field day program will start off with announcements and an update of current concerns to grass seed growers in the Umatilla and Morrow County areas, followed by a tour and discussion of the herbicide and variety plots lead by Dan Ball, OSU Extension weed control specialist. Disease control plots will be reviewed by Phil Hamm.

For more information call the Extension Office at (541) 567-8321.

Three hours of pesticide credits for Oregon and Washington will be available for the morning tour.

A field day to tour and discuss the cereal plots at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 1/2 mile south of Hermiston at 2121 S. First Street (formally Hinkle Road) has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 6.

In addition to the tour, there will be in-the-field presentations on topics of interest to irrigated cereal producers of Lower Umatilla Basin.

The field day program will start out with announcements and an update of current concerns to cereal growers in the Umatilla and Morrow county areas, followed by a tour and discussion of the variety and forage production plots lead by Kolding, Phil Hamm will review disease issues.

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Professional soloists from Portland and New York will join regional musicians for a performance of Beethoven's famous Symphony #9 on May 20, 21 and 23. These concerts will feature the combined forces of the Oregon East Symphony and Chorale, the Grande Ronde Symphony and Community Chorus, the Eastern Oregon University Chamber Choir and the Baker City Community Chorus, all conducted by OES Music Director Kenneth Woods.

Bass-baritone Dean Ely of Buffalo, NY, will join Janice Johnson, Kathryn Alexis Crump and Brennan Guillerooy of Portland as soloists in the final choral movement of this symphony which sets to music Schiller's poem, "Ode to Joy."

The concert schedule is as follows: Baker City: St. Francis Cathedral, 7 p.m. Sunday, May 20; Pendleton: Vert Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 21; LaGrande: Loso Hall, on the EOU campus, 7:30 Wednesday, May 23. Tickets will be available at the door on the night of the performance.

Sponsors include the East Oregonian, the Red Lion Hotel, Bart Adams, MD, Steven Neal, MD, the Leo Adler Foundation and an anonymous donor. For more information, call 276-0320.

Fossil Beds offer hike

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will offer a ranger-conducted hike into the spectacular Blue Basin fossil beds on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 10 am. This two-hour hike will feature the geologic and fossil history of the basin.

The tour will begin at the Blue Basin trailhead, located three miles north of the Sheep Rock Unit visitor center, along State Route 19. Participants should bring good hiking shoes, a sun hat, jacket, water bottle and a camera. Reservations are not needed and there is no fee.

WCC plans Jack and Jill

The Willow Creek County Club golfers will have a Jack and Jill mini-tournament on Friday evening, May 18, at 6 p.m.

Couples will play in a nine-hole modified-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 for the event are Earl and Peggy Fishburn, Jim and Cam Wishart, and Louis and Betty Carlson.

Tree seedlings available

An assortment of Ponderosa Pine, Douglas Fir and seedlings will be available on a reservation basis Friday, May 18, from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District office at 430 Heppner/Lexington Hwy.

Morrow SWCD organizes the dispersal of these excess trees each year in cooperation with the USFS. "Trees provide shade, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat as well as minimizing soil erosion," said a SWCD spokesperson. "Take advantage of this opportunity and plant a few trees this spring to enhance your property. Survival increases if trees are healed in now and planted this fall."

Please bring containers such as burlap sacks or garbage bags to protect the trees in transport.

For more information, call the SWCD office at 676-5452.

President's budget funds dam

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fiscal Year 2002 (FY02) budget, as transmitted to Congress by President George W. Bush, includes \$3.9 billion for civil works projects that meet the nation's water resource needs. "These projects will help to maintain and manage navigable waterways, effectively operate flood damage reduction and multiple-purpose projects, and restore and regulate wetlands and other important environmental resources across the nation," according to a news release.

At the local level, the Corps'

Portland District is expected to receive about \$140 million of the national budget to fund, work in the Rogue, Willamette and Columbia river basins.

The Corps operates 19 multiple-purpose projects within Portland District, as well as the sediment retention structure built in response to the 1980 Mount St. Helens eruption, the Willow Crock project near Heppner, and Willamette Falls Locks at Oregon City. In FY02, about \$58.5 million is proposed for operation and maintenance activities.

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