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Childcare resource and referral services available in Morrow County

By Katie Wall

The Umatilla-Morrow Head Start offers a program called Childcare Resource and Referral. This is a free of charge program that gives aide to child care providers and parents looking for child care.

Candy Green from Heppner is a parent/provider consultant, who wants to make sure the people of Morrow County know about this program.

Green said that the program is involved in assisting child care providers who wish to receive training and become registered providers in Oregon. Once a provider becomes registered the program works as a referral service, as well as a technical support group. Providers can call with question including Oregon laws and resources available to providers. There are also scholarships available to providers wishing to receive the training to become registered.

For the parents of Morrow and Umatilla counties the program provides them with a directory of registered providers. A parent can call the service and get a list of three to four child care providers in area of Morrow and Umatilla counties they need. For example, a parent in Heppner, who may work in Hermiston and would like to have their child cared for there, could call the service and get a list of child care providers in Hermiston. The service does not, however, give recommendations of one provider over another. "We suggest that the parent check out the provider and its environment and choose a provider based on their own opinion," said Green.

The Childcare Resource and Referral service has over 200 provider listings for Umatilla County and about 30 for Morrow County. They also have two parent/provider consultants available at their office in Hermiston.

Green would also like to let registered providers know that the service offers a "lending library." The library includes learning activities and materials, books, videos, as well as equipment such as cribs, and toddler size tables and chairs. For those providers in Morrow County that would like to utilize the library but cannot get to Hermiston, Green offers to bring materials to and return them for the provider.

For those who would like more information, Green is in Boardman on Fridays at the DHS building in Boardman. Or, she can be reached in Hermiston at their offices located at 110 NE 4th St., and by phone at 1-800-559-5878, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Births

Hunter Quaid Greenup- a son, Hunter Quaid Greenup, was born on August 14, 2002, to Tiffanie and Travis Greenup, at Good Shepard Medical Center, Hermiston. Hunter weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces. His sister is Blake Greenup. Grandparents are Barry and MaryAnn Munkers and Bill and Cindy Greenup. Great-grandparents are Leonard Munkers, Rocky and Nita Proctor and Herb and Nancy Ekstrom.

Lexington Fireman accepted in the V.I.P.

Isaiah Stillman of the Lexington Volunteer Fire Department has been accepted to attend the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Stillman was approved through the Volunteer Incentive Program whereby FEMA will reimburse most of the expenses upon a successful completion of the class. Stillman will arrive in Baltimore on Nov. 16 and depart on Nov. 23 after an intensive six days of classes.

This process started for Stillman when he was challenged to find a class that they offered and apply for it. Lexington's Fire Chief Charlie Sumner had to send a special letter of reference recommending Isaiah for this class and asking for an exemption of requirements for him to be eligible. The class that he is scheduled to take is "Command and Control of Incident Operations". Stillman's long-term goal is to be a professional EMT and firefighter. At the age of 18 he has already completed training to become a NFPA Fire Fighter I and is a certified wildland firefighter. Stillman has been a member of the Lexington Fire Department for 3½ years but up until now has been limited by his age in how much he could do.

In October, Stillman will be trying to complete his wildland task performance book to become a Single Resource Crew Boss. Stillman will be taking classes from Blue Mountain Community College this coming winter term to prepare him for classes at

Chemeketa Community College next fall. Stillman would like to get an Associate of Arts Degree in Fire Suppression as well as in Fire Prevention. While going to college in Salem he will be working a 24-hour shift a week as a fireman. He would like to work a shift as an EMT also. He said, "In addition to the class at BMCC for the next year I will try to earn money for college and continue to serve our community on the fire department."

When asked about the upcoming training Stillman said, "The National Fire Training Academy will give me the opportunity to meet and to work with professional firemen who have like goals. This class will allow me to meet some college requirements and it will provide me with an excellent training opportunity. At the same time it makes me nervous for several reasons: I have never flown before, I will be working with professional firemen, and being back there where there are a few more people than Lexington."

When asked about what his family thought about his goal to be a fireman/EMT he replied, "They were apprehensive at first but are supportive of it now. A couple of things that have helped me over the years have been the motivation I have received from the various trainings and the encouragement received from various people."

Umatilla-Morrow ESD received grant

The Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education School Leadership Program in the amount of \$607,329 according to an announcement received from the office of Senator Gordon Smith. The grant was written in cooperation with Lewis & Clark College.

ESD Superintendent George Murdock, who was contacted via telephone by Susan Toy in the Department of Education, said he was told that the grant ranked third out of 175 which were submitted. A total of 20 grants across the United States were funded through the School Leadership Program.

Said Murdock, "Federal grants are incredibly competitive. To even secure one is a tremendous accomplishment. To be third out of 175 which were reviewed intensively by national experts is definitely something to be celebrated."

The grant program is designed to provide assistance to high-need local education agencies in the development, enhancement, or expansion of innovative programs to recruit, train, and mentor principals (including assistant principals) for high-need schools.

According to Murdock, the Umatilla-Morrow ESD proposed to partner with regional service providers in Eastern Oregon and the Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education to tailor and implement a program model that specifically focuses on rural areas. The title of the project is REAL—Rural Education and Administrative Leadership.

The ESD superintendent also noted that in addition to increasing the number and diversity of candidates who receive their administrator license, Project REAL will provide learning opportunities and structures to increase the effectiveness of current principals and decrease the effects of isolation caused by geography and a lack of accessibility to regular

professional development opportunities.

Al Meunier, who spent 16 years as a school superintendent in Northeastern Oregon and now serves as director of the Leadership Development Center which is housed at the ESD, will serve as project director. The Leadership Development Center is a joint project of Lewis & Clark, the ESD, and Eastern Oregon University.

Murdock said that the development of the grant documents was a team effort which involved Dr. Tom Ruhl, dean of the Graduate School of Education and Kim Locatell, program specialist from Lewis & Clark as well as Courtney Stenson, a resource procurement specialist with the ESD. He went on to applaud the hours of work which went into preparing the 105-page grant document.

Added Murdock, "we are currently in the midst of administering a Transition to Teaching Grant Program grant which was written in cooperation with the Northwest Regional Lab. The new component for administrators is a natural addition to our efforts to have a regional presence throughout Eastern Oregon in bringing high quality training to local educators." He also noted that Stenson had played a key role in the preparation of the "Transition To Teaching" grant request.

In addition to the Transition to Teaching Program and the new REAL Project, the Umatilla-Morrow ESD also operates the "Education Toolkit" program which provides training for about fifty-five new teachers in Northeastern Oregon and the Eastern Oregon Summer Institute, a two-week summer program which this year attracted nearly 300 teachers.

Both Meunier and Murdock, who played an active role in helping design and prepare the program design, will also be involved in its implementation.

For additional information contact the Umatilla-Morrow ESD, at (541) 966-3102.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

Two faces of Gordon Smith

To the Editor:

Will the real Gordon Smith please stand up? He presents two different faces in his current television ad campaign.

One strategy portrays him as a really nice guy. This is the compassionate Gordon Smith in the TV ads that run over and over each day, showing his concern for people, such as gays and lesbians, who are often the object of discrimination and hate. One can applaud his compassion while getting very tired of the frequency of the ads.

There is also the Gordon Smith whose campaign is almost like a pit bull in tenaciously attacking Bill Bradbury, again and again, for his voting record on taxation in the Oregon Legislature. Of course, at times that voting record was not that different from Gordon Smith's when they served together in that body. But this Smith strategy is neither kind nor strong on logic. In recent years, money has been desperately needed to fund Oregon's programs; attacking those who have voted for tax increases of various kinds to pay

for them seems more than unfair.

And if you remember, Smith ran this same type of attack ad against Bradbury before the primary election last spring had even selected Bill Bradbury as Smith's opponent. Gordon Smith can advertise at this level because he has raised much more money for this campaign than Bill Bradbury has. Smith started his barrage of TV ads two months before November's general election, at a level usually aired only in the last two weeks. The TV viewer is being bombarded with ads showing these two faces of Gordon Smith.

I suggest that Gordon Smith do Oregonians a real favor—stop repeating all those ads, and give the millions saved to the State of Oregon to help maintain police officers, correctional institutions, manageable class sizes in schools, etc. People would vote for him out of gratitude for the help with Oregon's current budget crisis... and relief at not having to watch all those ads for another six weeks.

(s) Linda Shaw
Heppner

4th Annual Morrow County Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Observation in Boardman

A trail of musical opportunities from Boardman Marina Park to Riverfront Center, as well as a pie baking contest, pie social and educational exhibits, will be part of the free afternoon activities for Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Heritage Observation, to be held Oct. 13 in Boardman.

The observation will be topped with a 7 p.m. concert featuring "Music from the Era of Lewis & Clark" by The Trail Band.

The event recognizes Oct. 19, 1805, when Lewis & Clark, the Corps of Discovery, Sacagawea, her French trapper husband Charbonneau and infant "Pomp" all visited and camped with native people on a sandy island in the Mid Columbia. The island, off shore from Irrigon Marina Park in North Morrow County, is now under the waters of the Columbia River.

The 2002 Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Heritage Observation will begin at 2 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 13, with free musical presentations along the Columbia River Heritage Trail. Visitors are encouraged to explore the level paved trail connecting Boardman Marina Park, Captain Al James Historic Barge Tug, Riverfront Center and the new Port of Morrow trail east of Riverfront Lodge.

Kinzel & Hyde, an acoustic blues duo from Portland, will perform outdoors at Marchelles, the site of the original Boardman OWRN Depot; Win Weston Combo will offer Old time fiddle music at the Riverfront Lodge; and The Shenanigans will play at the pie social.

An early "American style Pie Baking Contest" begins at 5 p.m. at Riverside High School, 210 Boardman Ave NE, Boardman. The pie contest is open to all. Judging for "Prettiest Pie," "Flakiest Pie Crust," and "Judges Favorite Pie" takes place at 5:30 p.m.

Head Start program gets funding

The Umatilla-Morrow Head Start program received \$343,000 in federal funding for the fiscal year 2003. The funds will be used to continue Head Start's on-going pre-kindergarten programs, for children ages three to five.

The announcement of the funding came Sept. 24 from Senators Gordon Smith (R-OR) and Ron Wyden (D-OR). Both senators praise the program. "This funding ensures that Oregon children will be granted the educational tools needed to have a happy, successful future,"

The free pie social will be held from 6 - 7 p.m. and will be combined with educational exhibits.

Lorie Watlamet, from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement, will have an exhibit on preserving cultural resources; & the new Columbia River Heritage Trail Map/brochure will be available. Afternoon activities and advertising for Lewis & Clark Heritage Observation are funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Riverside High School Auditorium doors open for The Trail Band concert seating.

Trail parking is available at Boardman Marina Park Boat Launch area, Captain Al James, and Riverfront Center. To reach the trail, take Interstate 84 exit #164, north on Main St. to the Columbia River. Turn left on Marine Dr. for Boardman Marina Park, or turn right on Marine Dr. for Riverfront Center.

Trail Band Concert tickets are \$10 if purchased by Oct. 12, and are available at these locations: in Boardman-Columbia River Title Company, 101 SW Kinkadee Rd., Boardman Pharmacy & Hardware, 202 1st St. NW, and Boardman Chamber of Commerce, 206 N. Main St.; in Irrigon-Irrigon City Hall, 1095 N. Main St., and Huwe's Washboard & Laundromat, 300 E. Highway 730; and in Heppner-Columbia River Title Company, 126 May St.

Concert Tickets purchased at Heritage events on Oct. 13 are \$12.

Concert Sponsors Include: City of Boardman; Morrow County Court; Potlatch; Boardman Pharmacy & Hardware; Boardman Health Care Center, North Morrow Community Foundation and others.

For more information about 2002 Morrow Co. Lewis & Clark Heritage Observation, call (541) 481-9457.

said Smith. "Throughout Oregon, Head Start is helping give kids the skills to succeed in both school and life," added Wyden.

Head Start, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, is a child development program that serves low-income families. The program not only provides pre-kindergarten programs, but also includes medical, dental and mental health care, nutritional advisement, and parental involvement in children's lives.

**\$500
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