

### Pettyjohn's under new ownership



Larry and Kerry Pettyjohn, former owners, with new owners John and Shelley Wight.

After 14 years as manager, John Wight and his wife, Shelley decided to purchase Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply from Larry and Kerry Pettyjohn and Steve and Deanne Pettyjohn, co-owners since 1989.

Wight was hired in 1989 after original owners, Howard and Jo Pettyjohn decided they didn't want to spend as much time in the store as needed. From there Wight became familiar with the store and familiar with the public.

The business will remain a farm and building supply store and will maintain its regular business hours. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you need help with your farm or building needs contact Pettyjohn's at 676-9157.

### First Christian Church to hold special program



One in Heart

First Christian Church will be holding a special drama and music ensemble performed by One in Heart, from Boise Bible College, Sunday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m.

One in Heart consists of members Delci Ferdinand

from Lewistown, MT, Jeannie Pugmire from Prineville, Elizabeth Trueblood from Tacoma, WA and Chris Wey from Oregon City.

The groups inspiring and entertaining program, answering the question "What's so amazing about God's grace?" consists of contemporary and traditional Christian music, audience participation, drama and multimedia selections.

Their purpose is to minister to those who attend and to share a message of good news. The group travels throughout the Pacific Northwest representing the Bible College at youth rallies, conventions, area churches, Christian schools and retirement homes.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church at 676-9209.

### Irrigon seeks award nominations

Irrigon will be honoring hard working members of the community at a community awards banquet on the evening of Dec. 6.

Irrigon residents are encouraged to nominate deserving people for: "Man or Woman of the Year," "Volunteer of the Year," "Educator of the Year," and "Outstanding Young Adult."

Nomination forms can be picked up at Irrigon City Hall, Bank of Eastern Oregon in Irrigon, Kegler's Market, Huwe's and Irrigon Market. Completed nomination forms can be submitted to the Bank of Eastern Oregon or to the Chamber at P.O. Box 678, Irrigon, OR 97844.

For additional information, contact Patti Burres at 922-2888.

### 4-H to honor students at Achievement Night

Achievement Night for the 2002-2003 4-H year will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School cafeteria. Dinner will be served and guests are asked to bring a dessert. Awards to be presented are, Record Book Awards, County Medals, Member and Leader Recognition, Gold Club

Awards and Leader of the Year.

There will also be door prizes being given away throughout the evening. All 4-H members and their families are invited and encouraged to attend this fun-filled evening. For questions, please call the Morrow County Extension office at 676-9642.

### Agricultural safety workshops scheduled

SAIF Corporation's ninth annual agricultural safety seminar series for Oregon employers will be held in Pendleton on Tuesday, Nov. 18, and in Hermiston on Thursday, Dec. 4.

The free four-hour seminar is designed primarily for owners, operators, supervisors and foremen, but anyone working in the agricultural industry is welcome to attend. Small employers attending the seminar will meet the instructional requirement for House Bill 3019 that exempts small agricultural

establishments from random OSHA inspections. SAIF has also received two hours of pesticide re-certification credits from the Oregon Department of Agriculture for these sessions.

SAIF is pleased to have Kirk Lloyd, president of Risk Management Resources, Inc., join SAIF staff once again this year to talk about the most common types of tractor and spray equipment hazards. As an independent consultant with deep experience in agriculture, Lloyd specializes in the unique needs and challenges of the agricultural business community.

SAIF Loss Control Consultant and seven-year veteran with the agricultural safety seminars Christy Witzke will cover techniques that successful Oregon businesses use to reduce workplace injuries through hiring, training, accountability, communication and retention practices.

Topics include: Injury trends on Oregon agricultural operations; Tractor and Spraying Equipment Safety and Compliance; Learn how to stay in compliance with OSHA tractor and spray equipment regulations and keep your employees safe and injury free; and The Search for Excellence: Review best practices from last year's session and discuss additional techniques to reduce workplace injuries and increase productivity.

Pendleton sign-in is at 9 a.m., and the seminar runs from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Lunch is provided. Hermiston sign-in is at 12:30 p.m., and the seminar runs from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Early registration is required, as seating is limited. Participants will receive a registration confirmation letter with the address and facility location approximately one week prior to the seminar. For more information, contact the SAIF Groups Division at 1 (800) 285-8525 or visit SAIF's Web site at www.saif.com.

### BMCC offers business help through BizTips

by Arthur Hill

Welcome to BizTips from your Blue Mountain Community College BizCenter. If you own or manage a business, work in a business, or you're just interested in business, check this column for ideas you can use. Then contact us by phone or e-mail and share a business idea. When we use it, we'll let our readers know who sent it to us if you include your name and e-mail address.

Our first BizTip comes from Salem. On Oct. 30, Governor Kulongoski announced the Governor's Employer Workforce Training Fund. Not only is there more money available for employee training (\$6 million statewide), it's also easy to apply for a grant under the new program. Your local Workforce Response Team will review proposals and award grants. The turn-around time from proposal to a "yes/no" decision is 30 days - maximum.

Here's our BizTip on the new program - Projects that score high on creating or keeping high-wage jobs, projects that lead to skill certification, and projects that make your business more competitive stand a better chance of getting funded. You have to match the amount of the grant, but not necessarily in cash. Your match can be wages paid during training, use of the facility where the training takes place, supervisor time for some of the training, etc. One more thing. Projects that include several businesses in related industries, or projects with trade association endorsement also have a better chance of getting funded. If you'd like help putting your grant proposal together, call Debbie Fine at 276-9050, ext. 230.

Our next BizTip is about "Lean Manufacturing." Many people think this is some kind of consulting hype - this year's management hula-hoop or pet rock. Others think it's only for big manufacturers. Actually, it's been around since the early 1950's, and it's a program for eliminating waste in any size or type of business. Waste can be the inventory you store until the next order comes in, or the time it takes to get tools ready to do a job, or even the time a patient waits while their insurance information is processed. In other words, it's anything in business that doesn't add value to your product or service. One company in Eastern Oregon increased pay for their welders by \$4 per hour by reducing wasted steps and materials. To find out more about how "Lean" is helping area

### Arthur Hill

Art Hill is Vice President, Customized Training at Blue Mountain Community College. With an undergraduate degree in English and an M.B.A. in Finance, his career spans business ownership and management, from Fortune 100 companies to his own educational publishing company.

Hill has spoken at technical conferences in the U.S. and Taiwan, and is currently Chair and member of the Governor's Workforce Response Teams in five counties of Eastern Oregon. He is active in the BITS training consortium of Oregon community colleges, the Oregon Small Business Development Center Network, and the Eastern Oregon Regional Alliance. Hill enjoys sailing, mountain biking, and skiing throughout the region. He and his wife Blanche have two daughters, Stephanie and Margaret.



Arthur J. (Art) Hill

### Umatilla-Willow Subbasin Plan to be discussed

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NWPPCC) (formerly Northwest Power Planning Council-NWPPC) was created in 1980 by Congress to ensure the states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington a voice in how the region plans for its energy needs, while at the same time mitigating the effects of the hydropower system on fish and wildlife in the Columbia River Basin. The Bonneville Power Administration spends millions of dollars annually on projects and research to implement the fish and wildlife program.

Currently, the NWPPCC is emphasizing the development of local subbasin plans to guide project funding. When our plan is completed in May 2004, it will become the source for specific actions and projects recommended by the Council for Bonneville

Power funding and implementation. The Umatilla-Willow Subbasin Plan is one of 62 plans of this type currently under development in the Columbia River Basin.

Morrow County and the Willow Creek Watershed are represented by the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District and the West Extension Irrigation District on the Umatilla-Willow Core Partnership. The Core Partnership, the first expectation of subbasin planning, is local stakeholders, fish and wildlife managers, tribes, government agencies and citizens working at the local level to develop a plan that addressed the needs of the subbasin. The second expectation is broad public involvement, a critical component to developing the plan.

The three main parts of the subbasin plan are: Inventory, Assessment and the Management Plan. The Core Partnership has hired a Program Manager and Technical Writer to assist in gathering information for the inventory and assessment and to write the plan.

A public meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Pendleton City Hall Council Chambers to report on the activities and progress of our planning process. Please plan to participate, your input is important to the process.

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