

## Sod laid at Heritage Plaza



A crew from west Wind Nursery of Hermiston lays sod at Heritage Plaza.

Sod was laid at Heritage Plaza this last week in one of the final steps before the tentative ribbon cutting scheduled for May 28.

Due to warm temperatures some of the sod died and turned brown while still rolled. After the sod was laid, West Wind Nursery of Hermiston said they would wait a week to 10 days to see how much of the sod would take and then replace any of the dead areas with new sod. They will also finish trimming the area.

It is hoped that the grass will be green and mowed at least three times before the ribbon cutting, said Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen. Other

details to be finished include replacing the placer sign with a sign that says, "Welcome to Heppner" as well as planting flowers around the sign. Also, the Farm Foundation, along with help from Dave Fowler of Heppner High School, will be setting up a pumping system on the windmill so that it will operate, as it would have in the past.

Many volunteers have already put many hours into this project and more are offering to mow and maintain the grounds, informed Jepsen. Volunteers will be able to checkout the city's mower to help lighten the workload of the Heppner City Crew.

The site of Heritage Plaza is in the city's flood plain, thus no building can be done on the property. This made it a perfect area to turn into a plaza that everyone could enjoy, and would keep it from being an unusable area, said Jepsen.

Most of the monies for the work and materials for the Plaza came by way of grants to the City. Those grants and funding came in part from: Oregon Army National Guard, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department- Brownfields Fund, United State Forest Service, Morrow County Tipping Fees and Baker/Morrow Regional Partnership.

## BEO names Chairman, Vice Chairman

Ned Clark was elected Chairman of the Board for the Bank of Eastern Oregon and BEO Bancorp at a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the bank and holding company.



Ned Clark

Clark, a Heppner area resident, joined the board in 1992 and is serving his second stint as Chairman.

Clark is the manager and owner of Horseshoe Hereford Ranch, Inc., a century farm south of Heppner. He and his wife, Kathy, an insurance agent for the Joel Peterson Simmons Financial Group, have four grown children.



Joel Peterson

Joel Peterson was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank

of Eastern Oregon and BEO Bancorp. Peterson, an Ione native, was elected to the board in 1993.

Peterson owns and operates Daily Bread Farms, Inc., near Ione. He and his wife, Lea Mathieu Peterson, a teacher, are raising two boys on their family farm.

"These two gentlemen are veterans of the bank board, provide input on a wide range of topics, and are well qualified to lead the board's efforts to maximize shareholder value and monitor the profitable operation of the bank," said President and CEO George Koffler.

BEO Bancorp is a holding company for Bank of Eastern Oregon, which operates 11 branches in six eastern Oregon counties. Branches are located in Arlington, Ione, Heppner, Condon, Irrigon, Boardman, Burns, John Day, Prairie City, Fossil and Moro. The Bank of Eastern Oregon also operates a mortgage division and offers brokerage services thru BEO Financial Services. Its website is www.beobank.com.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center

Hope/Valby/All Saints Shared Ministry volunteers will be greeting the Wednesday noon meal participants on May 5 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu is not yet published.

Ed Baker has announced a bus tour to Bickleton, WA, for May 6. Bird watchers, take note: on the way and through the heart of Horse Heaven Hills, many birdhouses have been placed to attract Western Bluebirds and other species. The tour will cross into Washington at Umatilla, to Roosevelt, to Bickleton; the return will be by way of Goldendale, to Biggs and back to Heppner. Lunch will be at the most convenient town along the road... passengers' choice. Bus departure time is 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 6, at the Main Street entrance to the Center. There is a sign up sheet in the Center office. Approximate return time is between 3-4 p.m., the same day.

A dedication and recognition ceremony for all Morrow County World War II veterans is planned for 12 noon on Monday, May 24, in the Senior Center. This announcement comes from Ed Baker, Commander of the local American Legion Post. More details will be published later. District and state commanders have been invited to attend.

Monitors from CAPECO completed their survey and inspection of our kitchen-dining room operation. The St. Patrick's kitchen crew was given excellent marks in all categories and one cautionary note concerning the dishwasher thermostat. The Board has taken immediate action.

## Heppner Garden Club to hold plant exchange

The Heppner Garden Club will be hosting their annual Plant Exchange, Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

You do not need to bring plants to get plants. Those who wish to bring plants should have them in plastic containers or sacks.

## Farm Foundation appoints new board member

Jim Mayes has been appointed as the new board member for the Farm Foundation. The Farm Foundation is the governing body of the Morrow County Museum and Ag Center.

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communities-Heppner and Ione-would support a levy. All board members ultimately agreed to put a levy up for a vote.)

Mills said that if Dr. Boss retires and the migrant project does not go through, the district would probably hire another medical provider for the Boardman area. The migrant clinic would provide medical, dental, mental health and substance abuse services and would serve the general population, not just migrant/seasonal workers.

Vander Does, however, told Carlson and the board that he believes the migrant clinic in Boardman has little chance of federal approval. He said he learned that the scope of the federal migrant health care project was drastically reduced by federal authorities from 200 such projects nationwide to only 13 nationwide, which dramatically reduces the chances of approval for the Boardman project. Vander Does commented at the meeting that he attributes the reduction to the "Bush" administration.

Also at the Monday night meeting, the board unanimously accepted a \$6,615,774 proposed budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year. The proposed budget is down from \$7,161,946 adopted for 2003-04. Of that \$6 million-plus 2004-05 budget, only \$551,639 would come from taxes (after compression and estimated uncollectible taxes are deducted).

The proposed 2004-05 \$6,615,774 budget includes: Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Heppner-\$2,692,819; Home Health and Hospice-\$449,643; Nursing home-\$0; Boardman Ambulance-\$76,797; Irrigon Ambulance-\$32,090; Pioneer Memorial Clinic, Heppner-\$588,750; Boardman Clinic and contracted services-\$142,800; Irrigon Clinic-\$201,770; County Emergency Medical Services (other)-\$10,800; Revenue deductions and bad debt-\$734,634; Contingency fund-

\$1,199,762; Capital purchases-\$280,000; Capital lease principal reduction-\$105,000; Long term debt principal reduction-\$50,909; and Ending fund balance available for operations-\$50,000.

2004-05 proposed revenues include: Hospital-\$2,735,905; Home Health and Hospice-\$429,301; Nursing home-\$0; Boardman Ambulance-\$117,341; Irrigon Ambulance-\$71,512; Pioneer Memorial Clinic-\$528,560; Boardman Clinic-\$0; Irrigon Clinic-\$250,243; Other revenue-\$97,464; Donations and grants-\$45,000; Interest income-\$24,000; Capital leases-\$260,000; Operating and capital loans-\$0; Net working capital-\$1,454,809; Previously levied taxes-\$50,000. Total resources except taxes amount to \$6,064,135, with taxes required estimated at \$551,639.

In other business the board:

-learned that AFSCME, the hospital employees' collective bargaining group, has agreed to extend the current elective bargaining agreement by one year. The board indicated to Vander Does that they would like to convey their appreciation to the union for "graciously" approving the extension with no increases.

-learned that Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 439 patients in March with 26 of those new patients and an additional 53 patients seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 221 patients with 40 new patients and 65 additional patients seen by a nurse; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had 20 inpatient admissions; Heppner Ambulance had 15 total runs; Boardman Ambulance had 20 runs and Irrigon Ambulance had 9 runs.

-requested that Morrow County Sheriff Verlin Denton attend the next meeting to discuss the \$14,000 the sheriff's department has requested from the health district for 911 services.

## WCCC Ladies' Playday results

Fourteen ladies gathered in rainy, windy conditions at Willow Creek Country Club on Tuesday, April 20 for their Ladies' Playday.

Pat Edmundson took low gross of the field; Donna Morgan took low net of the field and Jan Paustian took least putts of the field.

In flight A, Betty Christman took low gross; Virginia Grant took low net and Edmundson took long drive.

In flight B, Lynnea Sargent took low gross; Luvilla Sonstegard took low net; Lorrene Montgomery took least putts; and Sonstegard took long drive.

In flight C, Jackie Allstott took low gross; Pat Dougherty took low net; and Bernice Lott took least putts and long drive.

Joyce Dinkins has a KP.

Also, be on the lookout for more information about the 18-Hole Visitation on Tuesday, June 1.

## Births

**Keilah Rebecca Mossman**-a daughter, Keilah Rebecca, was born April 18, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Marti and Kevin Mossman of Boardman.

**Jace Ryan Coe**-a son, Jace Ryan, was born April 20, 2004, to Nikki and Scott Coe of Heppner. Jace was 9 pounds 2 ounces and 20-1/2 inches long. He joins brother, Drew. Maternal grandparents are Pat and Trish Sweeney of Heppner. Paternal grandparents are Jan Coe of Heppner and Tim Coe of Fossil.



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## Wedding Tables

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