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New technology wave for school district

Continued from page one with a "non-custodial grandparent", an over-pressurization drill, a question and answer period and a bus tour/demonstration.

Funding for the high-tech bus project is being explored through the Oregon Department of Transportation, CSEPP and numerous other agencies. Representatives from those agencies, Morrow County Emergency Management, Morrow County Sheriff's Office, the Oregon Department of Education, Morrow County School District, Morrow County and Mid Columbia Bus will be on hand for the demo.

"I'm really excited," said MCSD Board member Ken Matlack, who is also the Morrow County Sheriff. "It's going to make a lot more parents much more comfortable."

In other business, the board:

-viewed a

presentation by Wade Smith on district testing.

-heard a report from board Chair Craig Miles on the Oregon School Board Association Governance Committee meetings.

-learned from board member Bill Kuhn of the Lions Club Vision for Kids program, which provides funding for eyeglasses and hearing aids for children in need.

-rescinded policy on board member ethics and board meeting procedures and adopted policies on board member standards of conduct, board meeting procedures, board policy implementation, hiring of licensed administrators, licensed evaluation of administrators, administrative staff development, public records, a request for public records for and public conduct on district property.

-approved the first reading of policy on parental rights.

James Earl Weatherford

Funeral service for James "Earl" Weatherford will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, February 17, 2007 at the Arlington Grade School Gymnasium. Concluding service and burial will follow at the Arlington Cemetery.

Mr. Weatherford, 79, of Arlington died Sunday, February 11, at the home of his son Marion Weatherford in Arlington following a short battle with cancer.

He was born March 27, 1927 at The Dalles, OR the second of three children of Frank and Daisy Weatherford. In 1931 the family moved from Arlington



James Earl Weatherford

to the Weatherford Ranch two miles west of Olex, to a house built around the turn of the century by Earl's great-grandfather, W. W. Weatherford. Except for time away in the military and college, Earl lived in this house the rest of his life.

He attended grade school at Olex, and graduated from high school in Arlington where he enjoyed playing sports, especially football. He graduated from Oregon State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Husbandry in 1951. He was a member of the Delta Chi Fraternity. Some of Earl's fondest memories were rowing with the Oregon State Rowing Club's varsity crew for four years.

Prior to college and during the end of World War II he was inducted into the United States Army and was stationed in Korea for about a year.

On November 18, 1951, he married Dolores Rosemary Fox at St. Peters Catholic Church in The Dalles, Oregon. St. Peters Church is now a historical landmark in The Dalles.

Earl and Dolores became the proud parents of six children: Grant Earl, Frank Merle, Cherie Annette, Robert Mark, Marion T. and Morris Fox. Earl and Dolores were very supportive parents, attending numerous school programs and games, and participating in many of their children's activities.

He farmed from 1951 until 1967 as a partner with his father on their Rock Creek Ranch and also on their Grant County Ranch, purchased in 1954. In 1967 upon his father's death Earl assumed full management of the ranches.

Mr. Weatherford was active in the Gilliam County community throughout his life. He was an Olex School Board Member during the 19 years his children attended school there. Four generations of his family attended school at Olex. He then spent many years as a board member of the Gilliam County ESD. He was President of the Gilliam County Historical Society during the time the History of Gilliam County was copyrighted in 1981. He was a lifelong member of the Arlington Nazarene Church, and was active in many roles there.

Mr. Weatherford is survived by his daughter; Cherie Woodworth and her husband Steve of Boise, ID and their children Joni and Jenna, sons; Bob

Weatherford and his wife Cathy Wilson of Portland, OR and their children Grant, Jared and Emily, Marion T. Weatherford of Arlington, OR and Morris Weatherford and his wife Tammy Treat of Kuna, ID and their children Justin, Alissa, Kylie and Makenzie. He was preceded in death by his parents, beloved wife; Dolores, sister; Helene, sons; Grant and Frank, and grandson Derek Dale.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arlington Church of the Nazarene, PO Box 497, Arlington, OR 97812 or to Condon Dollars for Scholars, PO Box 385, Condon, OR 97823 or charity of your choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

Donald C. Mc Elligott

Funeral Mass for Donald C. Mc Elligott will be held 11 a.m. Friday, February 16, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Concluding service and burial will follow at High View Cemetery in Ione. Recitation of the Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 15, at St. William's Catholic Church in Ione.

Mr. McElligott, 87, of Ione died Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

He was born March 19, 1919 at Heppner, the eldest child of Charles and Cecilia McElligott. He attended Davis and Ione schools, and graduated from high school at St. Mary's of the Valley in Beaverton. He then attended the University of Portland, where he graduated in 1941. He entered the Army Air Force and served in Africa as a transport pilot during World War II.

On March 29, 1948 he married Eunice Marie Hiatt in San Francisco, California. The couple farmed in the

Ione area until his retirement.

He served on the Ione school board in the 1950's and the Morrow County school board from 1965 to 1975. He served as the chairman of that board from 1967 to 1969. He was a Morrow County Judge for 7 years and also served as a Morrow County commissioner. He was a member of the Oregon Cattlemen, Oregon Wheat League, Farm Bureau, Heppner Elks, Ione American Legion, VFW, Willows Grange, he helped start and served on the Ione Fire District Board, was a member of St. William's Catholic Church and the Holy Names Society.

Survivors include his wife; Eunice of Ione, Children; Patrick McElligott and his wife Nancy of Dayton, Oregon, Maureen McElligott of Ione, Peter McElligott and his wife Nancy of Ione, Mary McElligott of Milwaukie, Oregon, Kathleen Cheung and her husband Alfred of Salt Lake City, Utah, Joan McElligott of McAllen, Texas, Paul McElligott of Ione, Carol Taylor and her husband Randy of Milwaukie, Oregon, Michelle Schwyhart and her husband Mark of Portland, Oregon, Jerry McElligott and his wife Anna McElligott of Ione, and Elizabeth Peterson and her husband Treve of Ione, 27 grand children, sister; Kathleen O'Leary of Silver Lake, Oregon, brother; Lawrence J. of Ione, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Eunice Helena, his parents, and a brother, Charles Richard.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to the Ione Education Foundation, PO Box 61, Ione, OR 97843 or to the South Morrow County EMT Association, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Career Showcase to introduce job options to area 8th graders

More than 1,300 area eighth grade students will have the chance to sample the job market and get a taste for some potential careers on Wednesday, February 14 during the 10th annual Career Showcase at the Pendleton Convention Center, sponsored by the Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (UMESD).

Eighth grade students from the 12 Umatilla and Morrow county school districts, as well as from the John Day-area schools and some private/parochial schools, will attend the Showcase, which will feature around 50 exhibitors. Career booths highlight jobs from the six career pathways - arts and communication, business and management, health services, human resources, industry and engineering, and natural resources. Exhibitors come from all over the local area, as well as from around the state.

Prior to their arrival, teachers provide students with a copy of the Careers 2007 newspaper from the Oregon Employment Department, as well as information about testing for certain careers, resume writing tips and college information, all provided by the UMESD. At the Showcase, students are required to ask questions of the exhibitors whose booths they visit and write down their responses to turn in to their teachers.

But eighth graders aren't the only students involved with the Career Showcase. Leadership students from Pilot Rock High School help guide the eighth graders around the Convention Center and answer questions about what sort of classes they've been taking in high school to prepare for college or the job market. Students in Pendleton High School's Spanish Club also are on hand to provide assistance to Hispanic students attending the Showcase who may have some language barriers.

"We encourage these students to take advantage of the Showcase and have a look at some of the booths while they're there," said Career Showcase Coordinator Craig Satter of the UMESD. "It's a great opportunity for them to take a look at what the area has to offer."

Students will begin arriving at the Convention Center at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, February 14, and the last group of students will depart by around 1:30 p.m.

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