

Heritage Museum to hold workshop and appreciation meeting



Pictured is Cindy Breidenbach at work on the microfiche machine at the Morrow County Heritage Museum at 444 Main Street. As a volunteer, Breidenbach assists the public with requests about local family history or county history. A workshop and appreciation meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at the museum for new and returning volunteers. For more information contact Merle Cowett at 676-9216.

HES celebrates 50th birthday of The Cat in the Hat



Brandi and Jordan Sweeney, Gibson, Tiffany, and Tresslyn McCurry read books by Dr. Seuss. -Photo by Alita Nelson

Students, staff, and community members at Heppner Elementary School celebrated the 50th birthday of The Cat in the Hat on Thursday, March 1, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the elementary gym. The event was designed to promote literacy awareness among all of our community members.

Jack Thompson, Heppner Elementary School principal, read The Cat in the Hat, while Jannie Allen, fifth and sixth grade language arts teacher, memorized Horton Hatches the Egg for a delighted audience. Me Me Flaherty also entertained small groups with superb reading and storytelling while families gathered for a night to remember Theodore

Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss. Cookies and "Seuss Juice" were served for refreshments.

During the day, Mary Ann Elguezabal read Cat in the Hat in Spanish. The custodians and SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) coordinator, Barbara Moore, read with different classrooms as well.



SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) coordinator, Barb Moore, a.k.a. The Cat in the Hat.

Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics awards Riverside Jr/Sr High School with Award

On Friday, March 9, Betsy Shane, a junior high school mathematics teacher at Riverside Jr/Sr High School, was recognized for her leadership and service in the mathematics education community by the Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics (OCTM). OCTM "recognizes educators who have made exceptional efforts above and beyond what was asked of them to ensure that all Oregon students have the opportunity to learn significant mathematics."



Betsy Shane

Winnie Miller, President of OCTM, said, "Betsy has been truly one of the math greats for a number of years. She has been actively involved with OCTM. She has served several ODE projects, including being a problem solving facilitator. She currently is one of the school and district test coordinators. Betsy is dedicated to helping 7th and

8th graders learn math. She loves to make math meaningful for students and strives to make math accessible to all her students. She has given of her time by participating in the Standard Setting Workshop, teaching classes to assistants in our area, and attending OML and NWC conferences. All of us with Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics thank Betsy for her diligence and genuine interest in stimulating and fostering interest in the learning of mathematics. Congratulations for having such as dedicated educator on your staff."

Betsy Shane has worked for Morrow County School District for six years, serving for the last two years at Riverside Jr/Sr High School. Jay Rogers, a fellow high school math teacher, had the following to say about Betsy. "I have worked with

Betsy for two years at Riverside and I have never seen such a dedicated math teacher. She not only leads at the school level but she is also a leader in the world of math at the district and state levels." Speaking towards Betsy's ability to impact her kids, Principal Dirksen noted, "Betsy is an excellent teacher who has made exceptional efforts above and beyond what has been asked of her to ensure that all Riverside students have the opportunity to be successful."

The Morrow County School district looks forward to Shane's continued success and positive impact on students.

School district announces new administrative assignments

The Morrow County School District has announced new assignments for administrators for the 2007-2008 school year.

Joe Chavez, formerly the English Language Learner director, will be moving to Riverside High School to assume the assistant principal position. According to the district, the building level administrative duties will further his administrative experience. The school district believes Chavez's leadership will add to the RHS culture.

B.J. Wilson, who was acting as Sam Boardman

principal as well as special ed director will become programs director, responsible for overseeing special ed and ELL programs. "Wilson has been effective in special ed despite his time restrictions." Said Morrow County Superintendent Mark Burrows.

Thad Killingbeck will move from Windy River Elementary to Sam Boardman Elementary as principal.

Mark Jones will become principal of Windy River. "Jones is well

qualified for this promotion," said Burrows. "Prior to his teaching and administrative work at RHS, he was a sixth grade and title-reading teacher."

Burrows said, "These assignments are truly promotions for each individual that will add to their personal expertise as well as the efficiency of the district. While they are all excited about their next year's responsibility, they all recognize they have almost a half year of work on behalf of their kids in their current capacities."

Creative Arts and Crafts Club to meet

A workshop in oil painting by artist Betty Crosswhite is planned for April 27 and 28 at the fair annex. Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will be sponsoring the event. They will have samples of the paintings at their March 22 meeting in GD's banquet room at 1 p.m. This year's selections are Irish castle, seascape, floral, or

landscape. Participants may pick their favorite and then bring the proper size canvas, etc. for that painting to the workshop.

This is the last week to sign up and the class must be paid for by March 27. For more information contact Joyce Ward at 676-9195.

Also on the agenda is a watercolor workshop to be held in the summer.

Anyone wishing to have this class and is unable to attend the meeting needs to call Trish Sweeney at 676-9226.

Meetings are open to the public and new painters are welcome to participate in the workshops.

Senior Center lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, March 28. The menu consists of roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and hot bread.

Ione School wildlife class gets special visit from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife



Students from Erin Heideman's wildlife class listen as ODFW biologist Steve Cherry talks about cougars.

On Tuesday, March 13, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife visited Erin Heideman's wildlife class at Ione School.

Steve Cherry, a biologist with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife brought a 150-pound male cougar that had

been captured through the Oregon Cougar Management Plan. The students were taught about the physiological aspects of a cougar, how many cubs they have, their teeth and claws, the difference between cougars and wolves, and how to properly measure a cougar.

The class, consisting of juniors and seniors, was taught about Oregon's Cougar Management Plan. As both the cougar and human populations have grown, so have the number of conflicts and damage complaints. The management plan is designed to address the conflicts between the growing numbers of cougars and humans. This plan establishes a minimum desirable cougar population

of at least 3,000. It does not set a targeted cougar population level or a ceiling. The number of cougars in Oregon may exceed 3,000 as they do today, but the draft plan calls for managing no fewer than 3,000 cougars. The current cougar population in Oregon is estimated to be 5,100. After being nearly eliminated by the mid-1960s, today they have a healthy population.

The cougar is now on loan from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to Ione School. The wildlife class will be having the cougar tanned and will attempt to save as many of the bones as possible.

Ione School is appreciative to Steve Cherry and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for the cougar and all of information that was provided to the class.

For more information about the Cougar Management Plan visit the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's website at www.dfw.state.or.us.

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