

Head Start announces classes

Umatilla-Morrow Head Start has announced the following classes available in August. For more information or to pre-register for classes, call Child Care Resource & Referral at 1-800-559-5878 or 541-564-6878

Family Child Care Overview: Monday, August 6, 6-9 p.m.; Pendleton, Monday, September 10, 6-9pm, Hermiston; Morrow County, upon request. This class is required by the Child Care Division for anyone wishing to become a registered family child care provider and for individuals who want to learn more about Oregon's laws governing child care. CCD Certifiers will be on hand to talk about the rules and regulations and to explain the on-site health and safety review process. The class is free.

Starting Points: Tuesdays, August 14 and 21, 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Hermiston. Starting Points is a two-session training series on professional development, designed for professionals in the field of child care and education. The classes provide hands-on activities to guide participants through the foundations of Oregon's professional development system. Participants receive the information and materials needed to apply to the Oregon Registry. There is a follow up with one-on-one consultation. The trainer is Betty MacTavish. The class is free.

Building Blocks Social Emotional: Mondays, August 13, 20, 27, September 10, 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Pendleton. "Building

a strong emotional foundation is critical for children's success." The new curriculum looks at four major building blocks: Topics include: building positive relationships, creating supporting environments, guiding children's behavior and responding to the individual child. Participants will receive a manual, handouts and workbooks at each class. Instructor is Starla Halverson. The cost is \$5 per session or \$20 for all four sessions. Scholarships are available.

Smart Snacking (Spanish): Monday, August 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Hermiston. Participants are invited to learn many fun ways to prepare nutritious snacks for the children in their care with hands on preparation and samples provided. Participants will leave with "many ideas and recipes for snacks that the children will love to eat and prepare on their own." Individual issues will be addressed. Instructor is Lydia Duarte. Cost is \$5. Scholarships are available.

Food Handler Certification Packets (self-study): \$10.00; Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect Packets (Self Study): \$15.00. Packets are available in the Head Start office.

According to the Head Start news release, child care providers urgently needed in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Interested persons may call the office to see how to become a provider to give quality child care to the youth of our community. Mentoring is available for all aspects of child care business, said the release.

Condon Chamber of Commerce and libraries of Eastern Oregon to sponsor Chautauqua program

The Condon Chamber of Commerce and the Libraries of Eastern Oregon will sponsor an Oregon Chautauqua program by Richard Etulain entitled, "The Magic West on Film." This free, public program will take place on Saturday, August 18, at 7 pm at the Condon United Church of Christ, 110 S. Church Street. This program is funded by the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

"Films about the American West have entertained audiences around the world for more than a century. Why have these adventure stories, with their simplistic plots lines and stereotypical portrayals of cowboys and Native Americans, dancehall girls and local schoolmarm, so captured our imagination? Do these films deal primarily with the historical West, or are they a reflection of sociopolitical attitudes at the time of their making? Could a combination of these impulses allow Westerns to resonate so deeply in the American psyche?" said a news release.

Richard Etulain's slide-illustrated lecture offers insights to these questions through a historical overview of one hundred years of Western films. By considering classics

like "Stagecoach", "High Noon", and "Shane", as well as modern Westerns like "Geronimo", "Lone Star", and "Brokeback Mountain", participants will explore the popular genre's changing images of heroes and heroines, Native Americans, and attitudes about the environment.

The Oregon Council for the Humanities was founded in 1971 as an independent, nonprofit, affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. According to the release, "OCH believes that knowledge and ideas are fundamental to the health of our communities. Our public and educational programs encourage Oregonians to learn about and discuss social, cultural, and public issues." OCH receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Oregon Cultural Trust, grants from foundations, and contributions of individuals.

Those interested may visit OCH on the web at www.oregonhum.org to learn more about the programs, or contact Carol E. Hickman at (503) 241-0543 in Portland, (800) 735-0543 statewide, or at chickman@oregonhum.org.

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

Music, music, music.... Whether at their home or in a park, music often fills the air surrounding the residents of Willow Creek Terrace, and they view this fact with great pleasure. Several residents journeyed to Irrigon for 50's and 60's music in the park on July 16, and last Monday, August 6, several traveled to the Boardman Park to hear Joe Lindsay's engaging songs. The Carlson family entertained on the hill on July 25, and the Jepsen family came with music on August 1. Dan Van Schoiack offered a delightful "first" at the Terrace, when he recited Cowboy Poetry on July 28. Though not accompanied by instruments, the rhythm and rhyme of the poetry created its own music.

Verna Brinda, who had a positive view of life, especially enjoyed music. So it was especially appropriate that three of her favorite songs played by the Ol' Time Fiddlers were selected for her graveside service on July 21. Several residents attended the service for their ex-neighbor and could almost see Verna keeping time to the tunes. She is missed.

August continues the busy-ness of the Terrace residents, as they choose from the scheduled daily and weekly activities and from other options that come their way. For a few weeks now, several residents have been riding the bus on Tuesdays to the Senior Center for Bingo. They will have the opportunity to take the bus to the Morrow County Fair on August 15, the perfect chance to see if anyone from the Terrace won a prize this year.

Staying at home has its rewards, also, as did Tuesday evening, August 7. To celebrate National Night Out, they sat down to a formal steak dinner. They will not have to be dressed up, though, when they join the Sun Rise Party on the 28th. Maybe pajamas will be acceptable attire for the 6:30

a.m. gathering to watch the lunar eclipse.

The Olympics have also returned to the Terrace, with three of five Friday's events so far completed and medals awarded. Week #1 offered the Putting contest. Medallists: Gold, George Jefferies, Silver, Harriet Batty, and Bronze, Juanita Martin. Week #2 featured the Water Balloon Toss (at the Staff). Gold, Juanita Martin, Silver, Stubby Rogers, and Bronze, George Jefferies. Week #3 saw contestants vie in the Watermelon-Seed-Spitting contest. Dot Halverson took the gold, Juanita Martin the silver, and George Jefferies the bronze. Manager George Nairns adopted Halverson's method in her non-qualifying attempt and said that it really works. The Olympics will continue for two more Fridays, and this writer wonders who will take the medals and if Martin and Jefferies can continue to place in the top three positions.

Helping with last Friday's game were Janet Greenup and grandchildren Riley and Evan Kolman, and Brook Anotegui. They are just a few of the many volunteers who help things happen on the hill. Several volunteers have been sharing their garden harvest this summer, and the staff and residents are thankful to Wendy Appleton, Will and Lori White, Paul and Susan Hisler, Floss Watkins, Patti Smith, and Bill West for the fine-tasting produce. Volunteers are needed to assist residents on the trip to the Morrow County Fair on Wednesday, August 15, so interested persons are asked to call Willow Creek Terrace at 676-0004 to volunteer. Diana Sharp is organizing the trip.

Residents of Willow Creek Terrace welcome visitors who come for a chat, to play some games, to work on a puzzle, for a movie, to enjoy a meal, to sit on the patios or in the gazebo, visitors who simply come by to enjoy the view from the hill with them.

Shanna Rietmann named NWC scholar-athlete

Shanna Rietmann of Heppner was included in a total of 28 Pacific student-athletes who have been recognized with selections to the 2006-07 Northwest Conference Scholar-Athlete teams.

Athletes were recognized in each of the conference's 18 championship sports. In addition, an at-large team was selected, honoring athletes not in a conference championship sport, such as wrestling and lacrosse.

To qualify for the Northwest Conference Scholar-Athlete teams, a student-athlete must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher through the spring semester and must have participated a full season on their varsity team.

Rietmann, a biology major, plays women's basketball. Her parents are Mark and Tami Rietmann of Heppner.

**Heppner GT
Deadline
Mondays at 5 p.m.**

HHS FFA members plan fund raisers, other activities

Fourteen FFA members from Heppner will be representing the community on a trip the National FFA Convention in October.

"Due to the nature of the trip, there are a lot of expenses, so the kids have been participating in quite a few fundraisers and have a few coming up that they wanted to share with you and the area," said FFA advisor Beth Dickenson.

"The kids are very excited about the great opportunities that getting involved in such a great organization offers to them," said Dickenson. "They

are putting together a double booth for the upcoming Morrow County Fair and will be sharing "then and now" photos and experiences. With the chapter having its first opportunity to show at the fair as FFA members, they are excited about showing off their accomplishments over the course of the year."

Dickenson said that the students are looking for photos and memorabilia that past Heppner FFA members may have that can be used in the booth. Everything will be returned, she said.

Health Department schedule

Morrow County Health Department lists its office hours for the month of August:

Thursday, Aug. 9 - Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch;

Monday, Aug. 13 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12:30-1 p.m. for lunch;

Tuesday, Aug. 14 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12:30-1 p.m. for lunch;

Thursday, Aug. 16 - Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch;

Monday, Aug. 20 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12:30-1 p.m. for lunch;

Tuesday, Aug. 21 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12:30-1 p.m. for lunch;

Thursday, Aug. 23 - Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch;

Monday, Aug. 27 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12:30-1 p.m. for lunch;

Tuesday, Aug. 28 - Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12:30-1 p.m. for lunch;

Thursday, Aug. 30 - Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch.

Over the Tee Cup

Willow Creek Country Club ladies' play day was held July 31. Low gross of the field was Loa Heideman. Low net of the field was Pat Edmundson. Least putts of the field was Carol Mitchell.

Other winners are as follows:

Flight A-Low gross Karen Thompson; low net Betty Christman, long drive Loa Heideman.

Flight B-Low gross Luvilla Sonstegard, low net Jackie Allstott, least putts Pat Dougherty.

Flight C-Low gross Joanne Barbee, low net Lois Hunt, least putts Betty Carlson, long drive Joanne Barbee.

Other events include closest to the pin-Jackie Allstott.

There were 13 players altogether.

Steele graduates from NROTC at OSU

Navy Ensign Jesse N. Steele, son of Mary Jo E. Larsen of Pendleton and William L. Steele of Irrigon, recently graduated from Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC), at Oregon State University in Corvallis. Steele graduated with a bachelor of science degree in environmental science.

The NROTC program was established to educate and train qualified young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the Naval Reserve or Marine Corps Reserve.

Steele will soon report for duty to Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Fla., to begin training as a Naval aviator.

Steele is a 1997 graduate of Riverside High School of Spokane, Wash., and joined the Navy in September 2000.

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Stargazing program offered

A tour of the summer night sky and the opportunity to witness a portion of the Perseid meteor shower will be lead by a park ranger on Sunday, August 12.

The program will take place at the Painted Hills overlook in the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, Painted Hills Unit, 10 miles west of Mitchell, Oregon. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last three hours.

Participants should bring a pair of binoculars and dress for the outdoors. Those planning to attend should bring a blanket to lie upon and look to the sky. A telescope will be provided for use during the program. Participants can expect to see a few satellites, star clusters, a galaxy or two and meteors.

No reservations are needed and the program is free.

In case of severe cloud cover, or smoke, the program may be cancelled.

For further information call 541- 987- 2333.

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