

UMESD Board invites three superintendent candidates to interviews

The Board of Directors for the Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (UMESD) has invited three candidates for the superintendent position to an interview on February 25. All three candidates have accepted the invitation.

The board will interview the candidates during a closed session on Monday, February 25, at the UMESD. At 4:30 p.m. that day, an open forum with a stakeholder's panel (comprised of a representative from each

of the 12 school districts in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, six UMESD staff members and Blue Mountain Community College President John Turner) will be held. This panel will be open to all UMESD staff and the general public. Only panel member will be allowed to ask questions.

Following the forum, there will be a social hour from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the UMESD. At 6:30 p.m., the Board of Directors will meet in executive session. The board has not yet decided when it will make its final decision on who will fill the superintendent position. The position became open in April 2007 when former Superintendent George Murdock resigned to take the publisher-editor position at the East Oregonian newspaper in Pendleton.

The three candidates invited to the interviews include Michael Lasher, Mark Mulvihill and Connie Kennedy.

Michael Lasher is currently the Chief Operations Officer and Human Resources Director of the UMESD, where he has worked since 1996. Prior to coming to the UMESD, Lasher was the assistant director of telecommuni-

cations at the University of Idaho in Moscow from 1993-96. Before that, Lasher was a network/systems manager for North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene from 1989-93, an administrative programmer at Whitman College in Walla Walla from 1985-89, and a computer operator at ESD 105 in Yakima, WA from 1982-85. Lasher earned his Bachelor of Science degree in general studies from Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston, ID; a master's of science in applied information management from the University of Oregon; and completed his requirements for initial administrative certificate in educational administration at Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

Mark Mulvihill is currently the deputy superintendent of the Hermiston School District where he had been employed since 1997. While in Hermiston, Mulvihill has also been an assistant superintendent, director of elementary curriculum, and principal at both Desert View Elementary and Sunset Elementary Schools. Prior to arriving in Hermiston, Mulvihill was principal of the junior high school at the Grant School District in John Day from 1995-97. Be-

fore that, Mulvihill taught at Sherwood and Washington Elementary Schools in the Pendleton School District from 1987-95. Mulvihill earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education and master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande (now Eastern Oregon University), and received his doctorate in educational leadership from Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

Connie Kennedy is the assistant superintendent at the Hood River School District, where she has been since July 2004. Prior to that, Kennedy was principal of the junior-senior high school in the Rainier School District in Washington from 2003-04, and was also the director of the special education and curriculum from 2002-03 in that district. Kennedy earned her associate's degree from Mt. Hood Community College and her Bachelor of Science degree from Portland State University. She then earned a master's in teaching education and administration from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, and an executive leadership in superintendent preparations from Portland State University.

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Flu vaccine still available at Morrow County Health Department

The Morrow County Health Department has announced that flu vaccines are still available. There is no cost for the vaccine and shots will be available until the health department's remaining supply runs out.

The vaccine shots will be distributed during the department's regular clinic hours and no appointment is necessary.

For more information call the Morrow County Health Department at 676-5421.

Ione superintendent's contract extended

The Ione School Board on Monday, February 11, extended Superintendent Bryn Browning's contract for two years with an additional year remaining on her previous contract.

Browning is in her fourth year as superintendent/principal of the Ione School District, and her new contract extends her tenure



Superintendent/Principal
Bryn Browning

through June 30, 2011.

The school board's review of Browning highlighted her achievements and dedication to the district.

There are 28 employees/staff at the Ione School District and 162 students in grades K-12.

Schedule of events for St. Patrick's festivities

Thursday, March 13 - "From Cenacle to Calvary," an original play written by Father Condon and original music by Joe Lindsay, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall. Two other play presentations will be held at the Grange Hall in Ione on Sunday, March 9, at 5 p.m. and at St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Monday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 14 - Texas Hold 'em will be sponsored by Heppner Daycare and Preschool at the Heppner Elk's Lodge at 7 p.m. For more information contact Brandi Sweeney at 676-5530.

-The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will hold its first annual Amateur Boxing Smoker Event at 8:30 p.m. at Heppner High School. Gates will open at 7:30 p.m. All entries must be received by Thursday, March 13. Admission is \$10 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 8-12 and children eight and under are free. There will be no presale tickets. For more information or for entry forms call the Chamber office at 676-5536.

-Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., show and sale at Les Schwab.

-Heppner Public Li-

brary will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

-Morrow County Museum will be open from 1-5 p.m.

-Vendor's Square will be held all day at the Neighborhood Center on Main Street. For more information call 676-5024. There will be crafts, food and other treasures from local and visiting vendors.

-Cornerstone Gallery will be showing works by special artists all weekend.

-Friends of the Library will be selling books at City Hall from 1-6 p.m. to benefit the Heppner Library.

-Mrs. O'Leary's Stew Feed will be held from 5-7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center and will be prepared by the Heppner United Methodist Church members.

-Lind's Concession will open at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of Heppner Family Foods. The concession will feature corn dogs, elephant ears, funnel cakes, nachos, beer battered onion rings, cotton candy, caramel apples, etc.

-Rolling Thunder BBQ will open at 10 a.m. in City Park at the corner of Church and Main Streets. Featured will be BBQ sandwiches including tri-tip, corned beef, pulled pork, and pulled chicken, BBQ nachos and bratwurst.

Saturday, March 15 - Breakfast will be served from 7-10 a.m. at St.



Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will be prepared by the O'Senior Center. The cost is \$5 for all you can eat.

-St. Paddy's Motocross will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds beginning a 9 a.m. Signups will be from 7-8:30 a.m. Admission is \$5 and children ages five and under are free. This event is sponsored by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee.

-Sheep Dog Trials will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will continue throughout the day at Thompson's Ranch, three miles northwest of Heppner on Bunker Hill Road off Highway 74.

-Children's Carnival Games will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will go to the HHS Drama Club and St. Patrick's.

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-KUMA Coffee Hour will be held at 10 a.m. upstairs at the Elks Club. Come hear music, stories and blarney. Enter the Irish Brogue Contest and win cash prizes.

-Heppner Public Library will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

-O'Senior Center will be serving homemade

Irish soup, rolls, cobbler with ice cream, and coffee from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. The cost is \$3 for children 12 and under and \$6 for everyone else.

-The Stable of Youth/Shamrock Lanes will hold an Irish Sweepstakes/Mixed Doubles No-Tap Bowling Tournament at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

-Leprechaun Run will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park for children ages K-6. Participants need to meet at 11:15 a.m. at the park.

-Cruz-In Parade will be held at noon on Main Street and will include antique and classic cars.

-The Great Green Parade will be held at 1 p.m. on Main Street.

-O'Kiddie Tricycle Races will be held right after the parade at the BEO drive through for children ages two to five years old. Tricycles will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Heppner Daycare and Preschool.

-CEILI, Irish entertainment featuring John Doherty and the Irish Singers and more, will be held from 2-4 p.m. upstairs at the Elks Club.

-Ewe-Do-Bingo will be held at 2:30 p.m. in front

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Fire departments hold controlled burn in Lexington



A manufactured home in Lexington goes up in flames Sunday as the Heppner, Ione and Lexington Fire Departments held a controlled burn. The thick black smoke from the fire could be seen from quiet a distance away. The burn went off without any serious problems.

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