

Boardman appoints new budget committee members

Tuesday night the Boardman City Council appointed Julie Gisi, Jim Hollandsworth, Ted Lieurance, and Kathie McGowan to the Boardman Budget Committee. These appointments fill the last vacancies to the Budget Committee roster of seven members.

Mr. Hollandsworth will complete a term ending December 31, 2009. Mrs. Gisi, Mr. Lieurance, and

Ms. McGowan will serve terms ending December 31, 2011.

The Budget Committee meets annually in May to prepare the budget for the city and the Urban Renewal District for recommendation to the Boardman City Council. The Budget Committee is one of two committees the council appoints volunteers to; the other is the Boardman Plan-

ning Commission, which meets monthly and currently has three vacancies. Interested parties should contact Boardman City Hall for consideration to serve on the Boardman Planning Commission.

In other city news, councilors approved supporting the formation of a Communications District, they renewed a contract

with Boy Scout Troop 602 to place American flags along Main Street during select holidays, and the council heard a presentation by Carol Michael regarding ideas to beautify Boardman.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Boardman City Council is Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 7 p.m. at Boardman City Hall.

Birth Announcement

Penelope Clover Keys – Josie Proctor Keyes and Josh Keyes of Portland announce the birth of a daughter, Penelope Clover Keyes on Friday, January 30, 2009, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland.

At birth she weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Mike and Kay Proctor of Heppner and Dr. Tom and Peg Rheuben of Sisters.

Heppner Christian Church to host Valentine's Sunday Breakfast

Heppner Christian Church will host a Valentine's Sunday Breakfast on February 15 from 8:30-10 a.m. All couples and families are invited to attend.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Men's Breakfast Fellowship.

Applications being accepted for Young Artists Competition

Inland Northwest Musicians is accepting applications for its ninth annual Young Artists Competition, sponsored by the Hermiston Kiwanis Club.

Scheduled for Sunday, March 8, at the Vert Club Room in Pendleton, the competition is open to young musicians in four age categories: Elementary Division (through grade 5), Junior Division (grades 6-8), Senior Division (grades 9-12), and Young Adult Division (through age 25).

Pianists, orchestral musicians, and vocalists are welcome to perform for

a panel of adjudicators. All participants will receive critique sheets and winners will be chosen from each division. All winners will receive \$100 cash prizes and some winners may be selected to perform with the Inland Northwest Orchestra in its May 2009 concert.

The entry fee for the competition is \$25 and the deadline for application is February 20. For more information and application materials, contact Alice Massy, Young Artists Competition chairman, at 541-276-7340.

Fletcher appointed to Rural Health Coordinating Council

Andrea Fletcher of Lexington has been appointed to the Rural Health Coordinating Council by Governor Ted Kulongoski for a two-year term. The consumer position represents the Eastern Oregon Health Service Area.

The Rural Health Coordinating Council is the advisory body to the Oregon Office of Rural Health (ORH) on matters related to the health care services and the needs of rural communities. The Council assists the ORH in fulfilling its statutory role by reviewing and analyzing legislative proposals and communicating with legislators and policymakers to further development of rural health care delivery systems. It also provides general recommendations on technical and financial assistance to rural hospitals, recruitment and retention programs for physicians and other primary care practitioners, community grant fund distribution and statewide coordination efforts for providing health care in rural areas.

Chamber Lunch Meeting to be held

Bill Hansell, Umatilla County Commissioner and representative of "Oregon 150" will be the guest speaker at the Chamber Lunch Meeting at noon at John's Place on February 12. He will give an update on Oregon 150 and some of the activities tied into the celebration. Please RSVP your attendance by Wednesday afternoon, February 11. The cost is \$9.

-Thursday, February 19: Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group will be hosting their annual meeting at the Senior Center, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Kimberly Lindsay will be the guest speaker and will give an update and talk about the "Secure Residential Treatment Facility" in Heppner. Please RSVP your attendance by Tuesday, February 17. WCVEDG will pick up the expense for the lunches. The meeting is scheduled from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

-Thursday, February 26: Shelley Wight, public health educator for the Morrow County Health Department will be here to speak on "Smoke Free" being instituted statewide.

Quilts to be made for American Red Cross

The Willow Creek Branch Relief Society will meet on Tuesday, February 17, from 6-9 p.m. at the LDS chapel in Lexington to make quilts for the American Red Cross.

The local chapter recently assisted an apartment complex during a fire in the Boardman area. Those planning to attend are now in need of quilts to "wrap around" people during their time of need.

The chapter is in need of the following items: material, batting, quilting frames, yarn, thimbles, and quilters.

To volunteer or donate items, contact Sherri Smith at 676-8719. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to 676-8719.

Heppner Walk MS scheduled for April 18



Pictured are participants from last year's Walk MS that was held in Heppner. -Contributed Photo

Mark your calendars, the Heppner Walk MS is scheduled for April 18.

The registration check-in begins at 8 a.m. at All Saint's Episcopal Church. The walk will start at 9 a.m. at the city park on main street. Once again a free breakfast will be served at the church following the walk.

Register online at www.walkMS-oregon.com or call 1-800-344-4867. Walk as an individual or form a team. Walk MS brochures with registration information will be located in local businesses. For more information contact Co-Chair Merilee McDowell at 541-676-5238 or Joan Basile at 541-676-5832.

Career Showcase to introduce careers to students

A butcher, baker or candlestick maker? More than 1,200 area eighth grade students will have the opportunity to learn about various career options in the Eastern Oregon area at the 12th annual Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (UMESD) Career Showcase, Feb. 11, at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Eighth grade students from the 12 Umatilla and Morrow County school districts, as well as from area home school programs, 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. These "pathways" serve as the Showcase's theme. 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 2009 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. Students will begin arriving at the Convention Center at 9 a.m., and students will meander through the various booths in three groups until 2 p.m.

Booth participants include several departments from within the UMESD, as well as Pacific Power, Blue Mountain Community College, the Umatilla Chemical Depot, Umatilla Soil and Water Conservation, Pendleton College of Hair Design, Mary Kay, East Oregonian and more.

Casino Night planned for St. Pat's weekend

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce is planning a Casino Night on Saturday evening, March 14, and is looking for 20-25 individuals who would like to help with this event. A Casino Planning Meeting was held on Monday, February 9, to start talking logistics.

This event is being coordinated by Victor and Nancy Vander Does.

The Chamber is also looking for volunteers to help with the Cruz In event on Saturday morning. Anyone who wishes to help with the Cruz In is asked to call the Chamber at 676-5536.

M.C. Museum Farm Foundation to hold annual meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Morrow County Museum Farm Foundation will be held Tuesday, February 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the museum. The meeting will include reports from the officers and the elections of directors.

The directors whose terms expire are Robert Laughlin, Merle Cowett, and Peggy Fishburn. The other members of the board are Cliff Green, Bob Harrison, Bob Jepsen, Cherie Clark, Archie Ball, and Larry Mills.

Morrow County Parks to meet

The Morrow County Parks meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, at 6 p.m. at Columbia Basin Electric conference room at 171 Linden Way in Heppner. The public is invited to attend.

Agenda items include updates on the three county parks, Anson Wright, Cutsforth, and Morrow-Grant OHV Park; election of officers for 2009; scheduled events for this year, and grants update.

Congratulations Max and Betty on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Please join us at the Heppner Senior Center to celebrate!

Address: 182 N Main St. Heppner, OR 97856
Date: February 21st, 2009 @ 1pm
Light Lunch and Dessert will be served

RSVP TO DALE: 360-892-2138 or 360-772-2845

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Ladies Night- February 12th
Chefs- Lorrie Fox & Cindy Doherty
Menu- Parmesan chicken, potato casserole, salad, dessert

Elks Annual- February 21st
Ladies Tea @ 2:30, Lodge @ 3:00, Dinner @ 6:30
Dinner- Baron of beef & Pork tenderloin