

## Morrow County music teacher awarded Muzak Heart and Soul Grant

On October 20, an informal check-signing ceremony acknowledged the check Darlene Marquardt received for her music program at Irrigon Elementary School. The grant was from the "Music Matters" Grant Program.

The Muzak Heart & Soul Foundation's mission is to redefine and support music education. Music Matters Grants for 2009 focus on educational reform in school music programs and independent music programs.

Marquardt has been teaching both music and/or business classes for Morrow County for the last 12 years. She teaches both music and technology for Irrigon Elementary School and is currently also the director of the school's after-school program and administrator



Pictured are Joel Chavez, Principal of Irrigon Elementary and Darlene Marquardt, Music Specialist. -Contributed Photo

of the Study Island software used by the school to help

students prepare for state OAKS exams.

## South Willow Creek Valley strategic combined communities planning meeting scheduled

Strategic Plans have been developed by each of the communities (Heppner, Lexington and Ione) and during this process there were some "common thread" and potential cluster development goals identified by each community. With the coordination and assistance of Karen Kendall from Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) a combined community meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 16. This meeting will be held at Heppner City Hall and will begin at 6 p.m. State, county, private and local agencies will be present to help determine next steps, possible funding and contact information to assist accomplishment of

identified community and combined "shared" goals and strategies.

South Willow Creek Valley "Common Threads" and Potential Customer Development identified are:

-Housing-Provide adequate and affordable housing to meet existing needs and future demand in each community.

-Utilize Modern Technology to promote area -improve or create websites for each community and promote the "community niche".

-Green Energy Development - be proactive to develop green energy development in the South Willow Creek Valley, e.g. wind farms, bio fuels.

-Medical services

and providers-Promote and support the local medical services and providers in developing healthier communities.

-Tourism/Marketing-Work together to promote local events and recreational opportunities to promote increased tourism by developing combined marketing strategies; e.g., OHV Park, motorcycle and bicycle groups, outdoor and seasonal recreation.

Plan now to attend this very informational meeting on Monday, November 16. Pizza and beverages will be provided. RSVP to Heppner Chamber at 676-5536 or email to heppnerchamber@centurytel.net so an accurate count can be made.

## GOV. CANDIDATE

goal of keeping in touch and ultimately offering the new facility needed health services.

-approved surplus-ing outdated equipment, including old exam tables and CPR dummies.

-approved credentials for Dr. Content "Betsey" Anderson, a provider with the district, and Dr. Rudy Stefancik, a pathology consultant.

-received the following financial report: the district had \$543,246 in gross patient revenue for September, with \$93,454 in revenue deductions and \$449,791 in net patient revenue for \$547,103 in total operating revenue, \$597,466 in total operating expenses and an \$8,524 non-operating gain for a \$41,839 loss for the month.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 446 patient visits with 39 new patients, 79 seen by a nurse

and 12 no-shows; Irrigon Clinic had 166 patient visits with 24 new patients, 72 seen by a nurse and 14 no shows; Heppner Ambulance had 27 total page-outs with 21 transports for \$20,583 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 36 total page-outs with 17 transports for \$21,493 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 19 total page-outs with 10 transports for \$10,008 in revenue; there were two flights; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had five admissions, one swing bed admission, 19 admitted for observation, one swing nursing facility admission, 489 outpatients with 73 total emergency room encounters, 1603 lab tests, 113 x-ray procedures, 33 CT scans, 19 EKG tests, six colonoscopy procedures, four endoscopy procedures, 72 respiratory therapy procedures 127 Home Health patient visits; four Hospice admissions; and 876 pharmacy drug doses for \$51,195 in drug revenue.

## Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on October 21 in Boardman with Judge Tallman, Commission Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable, payroll taxes for a total of \$80,477.55.

**Road Report:** Continuing work on the new siphon drain system at Cutsforth Park pond. All of the concrete work has been finished and are currently working on building a cyclone fence around the top of the siphon box for safety reasons. Removed a few old stumps, and added gravel to some areas to create more parking. Relocated the slide to the area of the swings and put up a fence between the 4H building and the new restroom. The graders are continuing to work on various roads. The grading has been completed on Sanford Canyon, Shobe Canyon, Balm Fork, Rietmann Lane, Johnson Grade, Elmer Griffith, Morgan Road, French Lane, and Hanna Arbuckle. After receiving good moisture the Blake's Ranch Road and Ditch Creek Road were once again graded. The graders are currently working on the Sunflower Flat Road, Upper Little Butter Creek, Hardman Ridge and in the areas north of Ione. The crusher crew continues with crushing rock at the Clarks Canyon pit. Some of the crew has been out

replacing road designation signs and catching up on the rural addressing signage. The following permits were presented to the court with a recommendation of approval: Permit #OGD for Columbia Basin Electric Coop on Wheatland Road; Permit #141 for the City of Heppner about 6.5 miles up Willow Creek Road; Permit # OGP for CenturyTel on Morgan Road; and Permit #142 for Arnold and Shiela McClure on Peters Road north of Wilson Lane. Letters sent to various property owners regarding the placement of locked gates on County Roads were reviewed.

**Ione Energy Development:** The following representatives from 2 Morrow Energy, LLC: Jerry Rietmann, Brad Eaton, Sarah Pluvinski and Andrew O'Connell introduced themselves to the county court. The group informed the court that they were signing leases on property in Morrow and Gilliam Counties for a very large wind farm. An application with the Energy Facility Siting Counsel for this project has not been filed. They are in the very preliminary planning stage. Mainly just introducing themselves to various interested groups.

**Boardman Rest Area:** Ms. Sharyl McCulloch with the Oregon Travel Information Council (OTIC) introduced herself and explained that the OTIC is an independent council. They take no tax

money. They make their money from the blue sign program along the freeways (Food Next Exit, Gas Next Exit). On January 1, 2010, ODOT will be turning over the maintenance and management of seven key rest areas to OTIC and Boardman is one of those. They are interested in exploring how the rest areas can help with economic development benefits. OTIC believes in working with community leaders to develop a vision for each area. They are limiting the coalition to 20 people just to keep the process flowing. Ms. McCulloch asked if the court would like to appoint someone to be a part of the coalition. The court decided to work with this effort.

**Special Transportation (ST):** It was reported to the court that there is some funding available from the State Special Transportation to purchase and operate a bus for the citizens of the county. This bus could be used to transport individuals from community to community for doctor appointments, legal appointment, visiting, shopping or for special activities. The plan is to set up a regular schedule and bus stops for the bus. It would run one day a week, probably beginning in Heppner, then traveling to Lexington, Ione, Boardman, Irrigon and then on to Hermiston or Pendleton. Other destinations may be added as needs determines. This transpor-

tation program will not be limited to senior citizens all county residents would be allowed to use this service. The court learned that the Good Shepherd Care Van currently serves several Boardman and Irrigon residents who need to go to the hospital or doctor appointments at Good Shepherd. The Special Transportation Committee recommended the county use some of the ST funds to compensate Care Van for this service. The court concurred with the recommendation.

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee:** On the recommendation of this committee the court appointed Dean Large for Position 1 and Larry Lindsey for Position 2 for an addition term.

**Board of Property Tax Appeals:** The court appointed Dwayne Carroll and John Qualls as Board members and Ed Rollins as governing body representative and chairperson for the board through June 30, 2010.

**Tippage Awards:** The court reviewed and approved a \$1,000 request for the Inland Northwest Musicians. The Court reviewed and approved a request from the Knights Booster Club and the Irrigon Junior/Senior High School for an extension of their 2008 award through December 31, 2010.

Reviewed various correspondences and meeting notices.

## HEALTH DISTRICT

police right after North Korean soldiers were pushed back to the North.

In his high school years, he suffered from tuberculosis for more than five years. Fellow town people mistook him for a person with mental illness. During his years of suffering from tuberculosis, Lim memorized 7,500 English words and also volunteered at the Yeosu home town orphanage. He was able to finish his high school, but he was not awarded a diploma because of non-payment of tuition. Lim went to Pochun near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) to work as a houseboy for U.S. soldiers for one year in order to pay the tuition. He received his diploma.

Lim then entered Seoul Theological College. He was able to finish four years of college in eight years working part-time as a U.S. military missile base student chaplain.

In 1963, when he was 28 years old, he married Grace Park who was a local high school teacher. It will be their forty-sixth anniversary this year.

In 1966, Lim came to the U.S. to study his Master in

Divinity degree and later was awarded a doctorate in humane letters from the same seminary. He founded American Royal Jelly Health Products, which is an international health and beauty supply company.

When he turned 50, he began to serve as the local president of Korean Society, president of the National Korean American Federation and president of Asian American Voters Coalition.

In 1990, Lim began to serve in public office. He ran for the nomination of the Republican candidate for the gubernatorial race. In 1992, after having run for governor, he ran for state senator for District 11 and garnered 60 percent of the vote. He became the first Korean-American as a first generation Korean immigrant to serve in any state senate in the U.S.

During his first tenure, he worked on the public welfare system, tort reform, minority rights, international trade plus many other issues.

Lim and his wife have three children and four grandchildren. They have lived in the Portland area for the last 43 years.

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*God bless you.*