IMESD superintendent tapped for Education Investment Board

InterMountain Education Service District Superintendent Dr. Mark Mulvihill has been selected by Governor John Kitzhaber to serve on the newly-created Oregon Education Investment Board.

As IMESD superintendent, Mulvihill is also superintendent of the Ione Schools.

Pending Senate approval on Sept. 22, Mulvihill will become one of 12 members of the board and the only representative from eastern Oregon. This board, chaired by Gov. Kitzhaber, will serve as a unified public education system that begins with early childhood services and continues throughout public education from kindergarten to post-secondary education.

"I am honored to be selected by Governor Kitzhaber for this position and to provide Eastern Oregon and rural education with a strong voice at a statewide level," Mulvihill said. "It's exciting to play a role in creating a seamless 0-20 education system for our students."

"One of the new board's duties will be to ensure that early childhood services are streamlined and connected to public education from kindergarten through grade 12 and that public education from K-12 is streamlined and connected to post-secondary education. In addition, the board will recommend strategic investments in order to ensure that the public education budget is integrated and is targeted to achieve the education outcomes established for the state.," said Mulvihill.

"Mulvihill has a strong presence as a leader for Education Service Districts and education statewide, serving in a variety of capacities," said a release. In 2009, he was appointed by then-Governor Ted Kulongoski and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo to serve, respectively, on the state's Quality Education Commission, and Race to the Top committee. He is currently serving as the president-elect of the Oregon Association of ESDs and is a member of the Confederation of School Administrators Policy and Vision Task Force. With his appointment to the Oregon Education Investment Board, Mulvihill will resign his position on the Quality Education Commission in order to balance his duties statewide and at IMESD.

Mark Mulvihill

"Mulvihill played an integral part in the recently successful merger between the Umatilla-Morrow ESD and the Union-Baker ESD, which created the IMESD in June 2011," continued the release. Prior to that, Mulvihill served as superintendent of the Umatilla-Morrow ESD since 2008.

Mulvihill earned his master of teacher education from Eastern Oregon State College in 1992, after having already obtained a bachelor's of science in elementary education in 1987. He earned his doctorate of education in 2007 from Lewis and Clark College.

In 1987, Mulvihill started his career in education as an elementary teacher and high school coach in the Pendleton School District. In 1995, he became principal of Blue Mountain Junior High in John Day. In 1997, Mulvihill relocated to Hermiston to serve as an elementary principal at Sunset Elementary. He later became director of elementary curriculum/principal at Desert View Elementary in Hermiston in 2007, and then advanced on to assistant superintendent of the Hermiston School District in 2005 and deputy superintendent in 2007.

Other members of the Oregon Education Investment Board include:

• Richard C. "Dick" Alexander, banker and entrepreneur, board member of the Children's Institute, and leader in the Ready for School campaign to ensure early childhood success

• Julia Brim-Edwards, director for U.S. states/global strategy for NIKE, Inc., Government and Public Affairs, co-founder of the NIKE School Innovation Fund, and former co-chair of the Portland School Board

• Dr. Consuelo Yvonne Curtis, superintendent of Forest Grove School District and former member of Oregon Quality Education Commission for eight years

• Matthew W. Donegan, co-president of Forest Capital Partners and president of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education

• Dr. Samuel D. Henry, of Troutdale, professor at Portland State University, former chair of the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, and member of the Oregon Board of Education

• Nichole Maher, executive director of the Native American Youth and Family Center in Portland and co-chair of the Communities of Color Coalition

• David Rives, of Tigard, president of the American Federation of Teachers-Oregon and teacher of English to speakers of other languages at Portland Community College

• . Ron Saxton, executive vice president and chief administrative officer of JELD-WEN Inc., and former chair of the Portland School Board

• Dr. Mary Spilde, president of Lane Community College and co-chair of the Post-Secondary Quality Education Commission

• Kay D. Toran, president and chief executive officer of Volunteers of America - Oregon and board member of the Oregon Community Foundation, University of Portland, and Chalkboard Project

• Hanna Vaandering, elementary school teacher and vice president of the Oregon Education Association

• Governor Kitzhaber has designated Springfield Schools Superintendent Nancy Golden to serve as his alternate in the role of board chair.

Catching a ride

This gobbler, catching a ride in a soldier's backpack, looked happy at the time, but met the inevitable end, providing dinner for soldiers in Afghanistan last Thanksgiving.
The photo was taken by U.S. Marine Sergeant Michael McCabe of Heppner. He is the son of John and Sonja McCabe and the grandson of Mary Jean and Ernie McCabe and Sonny and Sharon Biddle, all of Heppner.

DA's report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report.

-Dustin Mathew Phillips, 20, was convicted of Rape in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to 36 months' probation with numerous probation conditions, $1,678 in fines, fees and assessments. He was also convicted of: a second count of Rape in the Third Degree, a Class C Felony and was sentenced to 36 months' probation with numerous probation conditions and $1,208 in fines, fees and assessments; and Custodial Interference in the Second Degree and was sentenced to 24 months' supervised probation with numerous probation conditions and $1,208 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Ryan Lee Pettyjohn, 30, was convicted of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, a Class A misdemeanor and sentenced to 180 days in jail with 162 days suspended, three years' bench probation with numerous probation conditions, $1,428 in fines, fees and assessments and one-year's suspension of his driver's license. He was also convicted of Reckless Driving, a Class A misdemeanor, and sentenced to 180 days in jail, suspended, three-year's bench probation with numerous probation conditions, $668 in fines, feels and assessments, 90 days' suspension of his driver's license and ordered to pay $206 to Columbia Basin Electric and $100 to Wind Wave Communication.

-Andrew Evan Burt, 32, was convicted of Harassment, a Class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended, 18 months' bench probation with numerous probation conditions, $1,048 in fines, fees and assessments. He was also convicted of Contempt of Court-Punitive and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended, 18 month's probation with numerous probation conditions, $280 in fines, fees and assessments

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, August 31 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include barbecue brisket sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, spiced oranges and flat apple pie. Menu is subject to change.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's Office has released the following marriage license report.

August 9: Hector Aguilar, 35, Ione, and Alma Delia Ramos, 31, Ione.

August 11: Aramando Madrigal Rodriguez, 37, Boardman, and Gloria Mendoza Tapia, Kennewick, WA.

August 12: Joshua Lee Henrichs, 36, Heppner, and Kimberly Louise Wallace, Heppner, 33.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

-Joshua Scott Ehm, 30, Heppner, No Operator's License, $244 fine.

OYCC crew goes back to class for outdoor ed

The Morrow County Oregon Youth Conservation Corps crew went back to class on July 20 for some outdoor education that will complement the conservation work the crew has been doing since July 5

Mitch Mund with the Oregon Department of Forestry spoke to the youth crew about the importance of forestry management and how healthy forests provide a sustainable flow of environmental, economic, and social benefits. He also introduced the crew to the different species of trees that are present and gave the crew tips on how to recognize healthy trees versus unhealthy trees.

Travis Schultz, wildlife technician with Fish and Wildlife based out of Heppner gave a presentation on protecting and enhancing Oregon's fish and wildlife, their habitats, and how to ensure that there will be fish and wildlife for our use and enjoyment for now and in the future.

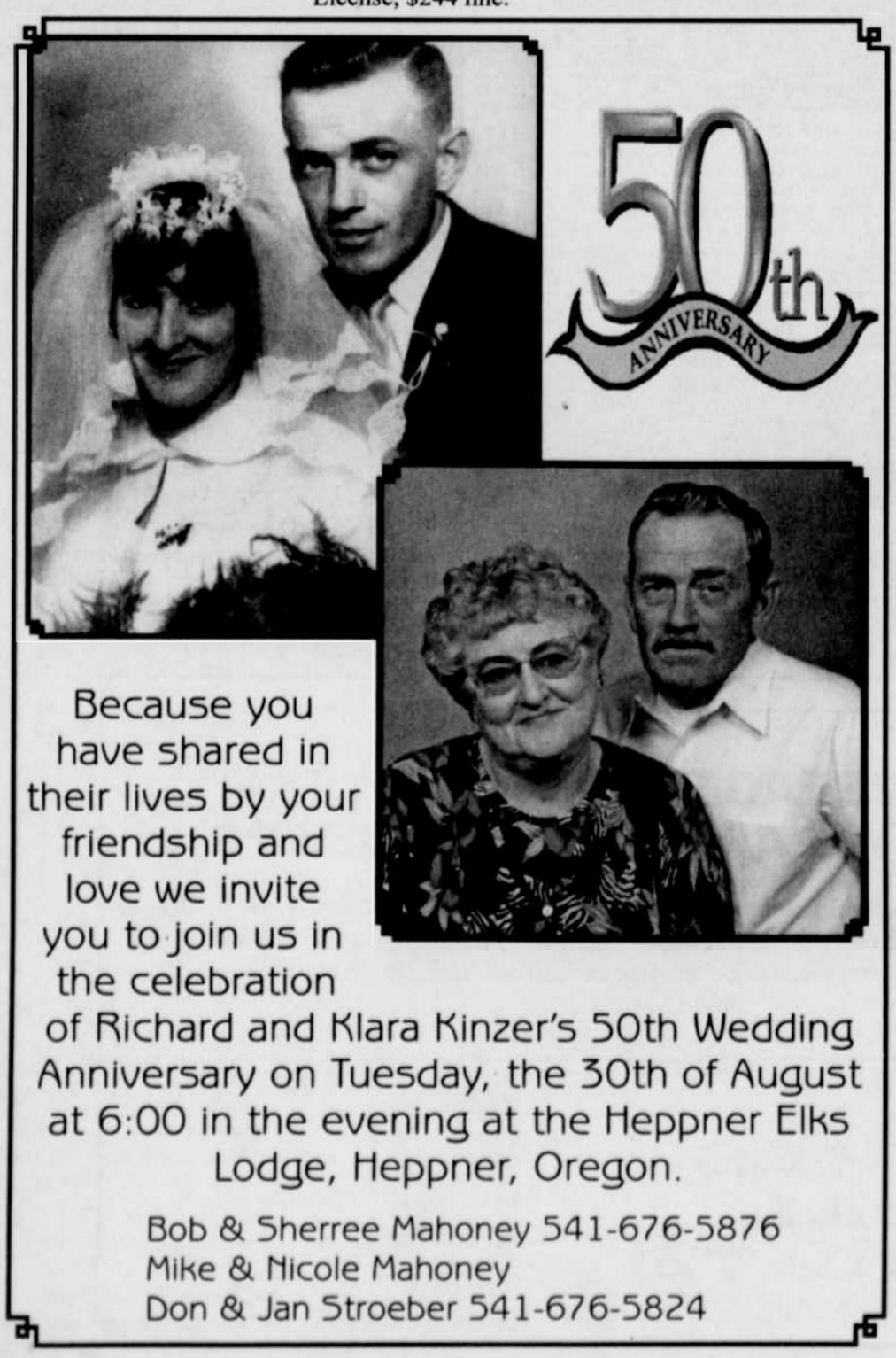
Dean Robinson with the Heppner fire and rescue unit spoke with the OYCC crew about the importance of protective gear in case of a fire as well as what types of fuels and vegetation should be avoided in order to minimize fires. He also spoke about the importance of fire management, suppression, fire mobilization and tracking and how support of state, federal, and international fire partners is critical.

OYCC students complete outdoor education

Lastly, Dave Pranger, Weed Control manager for Morrow County Public Works, advised the crew about the importance of keeping noxious weeds under control, how to control them, and how to identify many of these types of plants.

"The purpose of the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps is to establish a disadvantaged and at-risk youth work program in order to perform conservation work of public value, to protect, conserve, rehabilitate and improve the natural, historical and cultural resources of the state, and to utilize such programs to increase education, training and employment opportunities for disadvantaged and at-risk youth for the purpose of improving work skills, instilling the work ethic, and increasing employability," according to a release.

Community Action Program East Central Oregon (CAPECO) has partnered with Morrow County Public Works in the development of a summer work crew for several years that has worked on such diverse projects as trail clearing and maintenance at the OHV park, clean up and maintenance of the fairgrounds, diversion ditch clean-out, and campground clean up at Cutsforth and Anson Wright parks.



Because you have shared in their lives by your friendship and love we invite you to join us in the celebration of Richard and Klara Kinzer's 50th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, the 30th of August at 6:00 in the evening at the Heppner Elks Lodge, Heppner, Oregon.

Bob & Sherree Mahoney 541-676-5876
Mike & Nicole Mahoney
Don & Jan Stroeber 541-676-5824

Enjoy dinner at The Office Pub & Grill in downtown Ione.

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