

## Local Bank of EO employees earn promotions

Becky Kindle, John Qualls and Ed Rollins have each been promoted to Senior Vice President positions with the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

"We are pleased to announce the promotion of these three individuals. Each fills a critical role within our organization, and they are key to the continued success of the bank," said president and CEO Jeff Bailey.

Kindle was promoted to Senior Vice President of Operations. She has been with the bank since 1998 and has served in virtually all operational areas of the bank. She is currently enrolled at Pacific Coast Banking School, with anticipated graduation in August.

"Becky brings the utmost professionalism and leadership to the bank's operations area. She also uses those skills giving back to our community through

her role on the Morrow County School Board and her involvement in numerous other organizations," said Bailey.



Becky Kindle

Kindle currently lives in Heppner along with her husband, Jim. They have two children at home.

Qualls was promoted to Senior Vice President-Senior Loan Officer. He has been with the bank since 2002.



John Qualls

Before relocating to Heppner in 2007, John was a loan officer in Gilliam County. John was recently elected to the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op board of directors. He is also a major in the Oregon Army National Guard and has served two tours of duty in Iraq.

"We appreciate and applaud John's military record and are pleased to have him back as part of our

team and our community," Bailey said.

Qualls currently lives in Heppner along with his wife, Doashea, and their three children.

Rollins was promoted to Senior Vice President of Credit Administration. He began his banking career in Montana in 1997.



Ed Rollins

Ed has been with the bank since 2004, starting as a loan officer in Ione and Arlington before accepting a job in Heppner in 2007. Ed is currently enrolled at Pacific Coast Banking School.

He serves as chairman of Willow Creek Economic Development Group and has been active in ICABO in Ione.

"Ed has demonstrated his ability as a leader within the bank, and his contribution to organizations in the Willow Creek Valley is appreciated," said Bailey.

Rollins lives in Ione with his wife, Tricia, and their two children.

## NFIP pays for loss avoidance

With the rain, ice and snow South Morrow has experienced in the last year, area property owners may be interested to know that the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is willing to pay up to \$1,000 for loss-avoidance measures. Those with flood insurance can take advantage of this benefit even if their home or business does not actually flood.

The NFIP is managed by FEMA. According to the NFIP policy wording, "We will pay up to \$1,000 for costs you incur to protect the insured building from a flood or imminent danger of flood..." Loss

avoidance measures include sandbags, supplies and labor or moving insured property in order to protect in from flooding. The program pays for "reasonable expenses" for moving insured property, or for supplies such as sandbags and sand to fill them, fill for temporary levees, pumps, and plastic sheeting or lumber used in connection with those items.

NFIP also pays for the value of work—at the federal minimum wage—that the policy holder or other members of the household perform.

A caveat to this is

that the coverage only applies if damage from a flood is imminent and the threat is apparent enough to lead a person of "common prudence" to anticipate flood damage. A general and temporary condition of flooding near the location must also occur, or a legally authorized official must issue an evacuation or other civil order in the community in which the property is located.

For more information on the program, contact Christine Shirley, NFIP coordinator, at 503-373-0050 ext. 250 or christine.shirley@state.or.us.

## Scholarship trust elects officers

Bill Rietmann of Ione was elected president of the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust for the 2012 year at the SMCST's annual meeting in Heppner on January 30. Ginger Bowman was elected vice-president. Del LaRue was elected treasurer, and Sharon Harrison, secretary.

Board members are Missy Cutsforth, Martha Munkers and Carrie Grieb.

The South Morrow county Scholarship Trust was established several years ago to provide funds to grant scholarships to graduating seniors from Heppner and Ione high

schools. Applications for this year's scholarships are available on the Heppner and Ione school websites. For questions, call the counselors at the Heppner High School and the Ione High School. Scholarship application deadline is April 2, 2012.

## FAIR QUEEN

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tate, David Sykes, printing of coronation tickets. These and many more sponsors will be recognized closer to and at coronation for their monetary and award sponsorships.

"The support from the community and county so far has been fantastic,"

said Sylvia Sandford, court director. "We are so excited to celebrate Maggie's official crowning and night of fundraising with her family and friends. She is going to be a great county representative as well as role model for future queens."

Tickets are now

on sale for the coronation and can be purchased in advance at Murray's Drug in Heppner, the fair office at 676-9474, from queen chaperone Jean Collins at 676-8037 or from Sylvia Sandford at 541 571-5930. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth; children five and under are free. All proceeds go to benefit Queen Maggie's year.

The court is also looking for donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, services, desserts, etc. for silent and live auction items. Please contact either Jean or Sylvia with those contributions.

## BMCC offers "brown bag" investing, retirement classes

Blue Mountain Community College will offer a "brown bag" series of classes during the month of February to help individuals plan and save for retirement.

The four one-hour classes will be held at noon at the Blue Mountain Community College location at 300 Front Street NE in Boardman. The classes will be taught by Rita Van Schoiack, financial advisor and owner of Blue Mountain Investment Management.

The classes consist of a two-part series; the first

series is a primer on basic investment principles and the second series covers the fundamentals of retirement planning. Depending on individual needs and knowledge, the series can be taken independently of each other or as offered. The goal of the courses is to help attendees gain the skills to estimate how much money they need to retire, learn how to create retirement goals, review investment basics and more.

The class dates are as follows: Investment Basics Part I, Tuesday, Febru-

ary 7; Investment Basics Part II, Tuesday, February 14; Retirement Basics Part I, Tuesday, February 21; and Retirement Basics Part II, Wednesday, February 29.

The classes are free, but a workbook for each series can be purchased for \$5 each.

Advance registration is required. Call Anne Morter at 541-422-7040 or e-mail her at amorter@bluecc.edu to register or for more information. Students may also register online at www.bluecc.edu.

## Club hosts creation scientist

The Heppner AWANA club will have a parent's night open house at their usual meeting place, the Adventist Church, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 9.

Everyone is welcome to come and see what the AWANA club is doing. Russ Miller from Creation, Evolution, and Science Ministries will bring the council time. Cookies will be served after the meeting. At 8:30 p.m., Russ will talk to the Heppner Youth Group at the same location.

Russ Miller is an internationally known speaker who is in the Northwest for the Stealing of the Minds Conference in Spokane, providing a rare opportunity to meet one of

the leaders in the Creation Science movement. The students at the university in his hometown of Flagstaff, AZ invited him to speak on campus several years ago. The more liberal professors were so upset that they instituted a college-credit class entitled "Refuting Russ Miller." Anyone interested in finding out more about this controversial man can visit his website at www.creationministries.org.

Russ and Joanna Miller also will be visiting Dick and Karen Temple the week of February 6 thru 9. The Temple's veterinary clinic will be closed part of that time.

Jonathan Carden, the Development Officer

for Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, VA, will also be staying with the Temples February 6 and 7. Patrick Henry College is a Christian college that welcomes home-school students. Their team of law students has consistently beaten other colleges world-wide in the Moot Court competition. Any student wanting to attend a top-level college is encouraged to call the veterinary clinic and set up an appointment with Carden.

On February 7, Dr. Temple will be interviewing Miller and Carden on the Creation Foundation show on RLB TV. The programs will be aired later on channels 47 and 49.

## Flaiz, dentist to the masses

On a recent visit to Columbia River Community Health Services with the Medical Teams International Mobile Dental Clinic, Dr. Ted Flaiz took a short time to reflect on his life and career as a dentist.

Flaiz was born in India to parents who were missionaries. After spending the first 12 years of his life there, he came to the United States, where his father trained to be a physician.

Flaiz attended dental school at University of Oregon Dental School—then called North Pacific Dental School—and was then drafted to serve in both World War II and the Korean War. Upon leaving active service, he and his wife Phyllis moved to Prineville and set up a thriving dental practice.

After 17 years, the couple felt called to do mission work, much like his parents were. Their first assignment was to establish a dental clinic in Ethiopia. Six years later, following the fall of Emperor Hile Silasi, the Flaiz family moved to Tanzania and established a dental clinic there. After four years in Tanzania, the Flaizes moved on to Barba-

dos, then Granada and then a cascade of assignments in Bangladesh, Zimbabwe, Djibouti, Russia, Cameroon, Borneo, Indonesia, Trinidad, New Guinea, Thailand, Malawi, Honduras, Costa Rica, Peru, St. Kitts/St. Thomas, Palau, Yap, Saipan, the Martial Islands, Ulithi, Japan, Ecuador, Mexico and Fiji. All their assignments involved treating underserved patients, most often doing "shade tree dentistry" and pulling up to 75 teeth in a single day.

Over the past 11 years, Flaiz has turned his attention to helping those a little closer to home, working locally with Medical Teams International on their Dental Van. Medical Teams International provides dental services to those who lack the income or the insurance to be seen in a regular dental office.

Flaiz's commitment to oral health is evidenced by the staggering numbers he has accumulated. Over the past 11 years, Flaiz has worked for 3,717 hours at 513 Dental Van events, nearly one event per week. He has treated 6,216 patients; one patient every two days for 11 years.



Ted Flaiz (right) pulling teeth on a mission trip to Bangladesh with assistant Roger Cook. -Contributed photo

Finally, he has provided \$2,813,010 in free dental services; that is, \$700 in services every day for more than 11 years.

Even a look at "a day in the life" is impressive. In an average day, Flaiz will work for seven hours, see 12 patients, spend more than a half an hour with each patient and provide that patient with an average of \$453 worth of services...for free.

If you know a dentist who would like to donate their time and talents to the Dental Van, have them contact Mindy Binder or Maria Romero at Columbia River Community Health Services, 541-481-7212.

## BIRTH TO COLLEGE

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concerning reporting of suspected child abuse.

-received a report on final construction bond expenditures with \$239,555.85 in remain-

ing bond proceeds/interest, \$18,662 in energy credits, a \$224,500 expenditure for the HVAC heating project and a \$30,013 expenditure for the fire alarm project for a subtotal of \$3,704.85 with an additional \$24,500 expenditure for the pool solar project for a \$20,795.15 shortfall.

-approved a resolution approving the IMESD local service plan.

-commemorated the Ione School Board Appreciation Month with cake and small gifts.

-scheduled an executive session prior to the next meeting concerning staff evaluations and re-

newals for all certified and classified staff and administration.

-heard an update indicating that the Oregon School Board Association is struggling as an organization and is at a crossroads.

-heard from Archer that he is "extremely pleased" with the district's new hires.

"Your (applicant) pool was amazing," commented Colette Blakely, human resource coordinator with IMESD.

-heard that the February board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28.

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**Public Comment Period Extended**  
to Feb. 27, 2012, for the Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman EIS

To allow for additional public input, the U.S. Navy, in cooperation with the National Guard Bureau and the Oregon National Guard, is extending the public comment period for the revised scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The revised scope includes a proposed new Military Operations Area at Naval Weapons Systems Training Facility Boardman. Public comments can now be submitted through Feb. 27, 2012.

Visit [www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com](http://www.NWSTFBoardmanEIS.com) for project information and to submit comments online.

**Mail written comments to:**  
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Attn: Mrs. Amy Burt - NWSTF Boardman EIS Project Manager  
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All public comments previously received during the scoping period are still valid and will be considered in the development of the Draft EIS. Previously submitted comments do not need to be resubmitted.

**Comments must be postmarked or received online by Feb. 27, 2012.**

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