

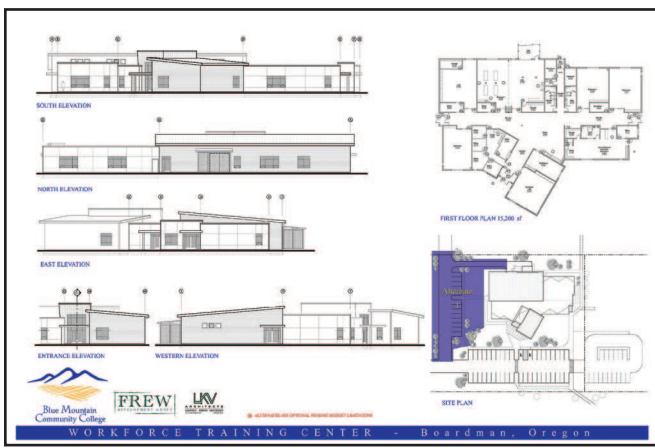
BMCC breaks ground on Boardman bond project

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BOARDMAN—Blue Mountain Community College broke ground last Wednesday on the second of three major construction projects approved by voters in its May 2015 bond measure. BMCC hosted a public groundbreaking ceremony for the Workforce Training Center on the facility's future site on property at the Port of Morrow in Boardman, adjacent to the SAGE Center. The land the property is on was gifted to the college by the Port of Morrow.

BMCC President Cam Preus was on hand, as well as Port of Morrow Executive Director Gary Neal, several BMCC Board members and representatives from BMCC's bond project management firm Frew

Development Group and contractor for the project, McCormack Construction. "This is just the right stuff for the City of Boardman and the Port of Morrow," said Preus. "We're proud of our partnership with the Port of Morrow. This would not have happened without them and the county leaders like Louis Carlson and Chris Brown."

The future Workforce Training Center will house BMCC's mechatronics, data center technician and early childhood education programs. In addition, the 15,250-square-foot building will have classroom space for other classes offered at BMCC. Upon completion of the center, the BMCC Boardman Center will move into the new facility. BMCC students in



the early childhood education program will have access to hands-on learning with children at the Port of Morrow's early learning center, which will be constructed next to BMCC's Workforce Training Center.

Chris Brown, one of the individuals who supported the bond's passage in Morrow County, said the groundbreaking was sig-

nificant because it marked a "promise made good" to county voters who supported the bond measure.

"The real value of what this workforce training project brings will be measured in years to come not only by our local industry, but to those students taking advantage of new workforce training opportunities closer to home,"

Brown said.

The \$4.78 million project is expected to be completed in winter 2017.

BMCC will break ground on its third major bond construction project in Pendleton—the Facility for Agricultural Resource Management (FARM)—on June 13 at 2 p.m. on the Pendleton campus. BMCC will also begin work on upgrades to electrical and HVAC systems, as well as natural gas line repairs, this summer.

Voters approved BMCC's \$23 million capital construction bond in May 2015, which included all of these projects, as well as additional safety, security and technology improvements, and improvements to the Milton-Freewater Center.

Weed board to meet June 7

The Morrow SWCD and Morrow County Weed Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, June 7, beginning at noon at 430 W Linden Way, Heppner. Agenda items include a Weed Supervisor report, minutes of the previous meeting, financial review, staff reports, Annual Work Plan review and approval, 2016/17 budget approval and partner reports. Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public. Contact District Manager Janet Greenup at 541-676-5452 for more information.

Music in the Park begins this month

Heppner's summer Music in the Park series begins its fourth season on Sunday, June 12, with the return of a crowd-pleasing favorite—the Tri-Cities Steel Drum Band "Bram Brata." The concert will be held at Heppner City Park on Main Street from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the concert will be moved to the Heppner Elementary gym.

This will be just the first of four monthly concerts this summer, funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and facilitated by Hopeful Saints Ministry. Food will be available for purchase, to help fund the Shared Ministry's ongoing efforts to provide clean water to needy people around the world. More information about Shared Ministry activities is available by calling the office at 541-676-9970.

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 any age. The planks provide an innovative approach to connect and energize young persons and encourage interest in science, math, and open-reasoning.

Library directors are reporting a great response to the addition of the planks. Kathy Street, Oregon Trail Library District Director, reported the planks have seen a lot of use at the Boardman branch.

They are most popular with the middle school patrons. They have been building complex towers. Currently the planks are at the Boardman branch and will be circulating to the Heppner and Irrigon branches in the near future.

CHURCH OF THE DOG

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 stereotypical in some respects—the free-spirited outsider steps in and opens traditionalist stoics to the redemptive powers of love. The dream aspects come in the form of a main character, Mara O'Shaunnessey, who can see auras and visit people in their dreams, not to mention shrink the occasional tumor with the power of her mind. Add to that the crusty old ranch couple, Edith and Earl McRae, and their estranged grandson,

Daniel, and you have a cast of characters both odd and unforgettable. It's all set against a backdrop all too familiar, with details about the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration—"so big, in fact, that the Saint Pat's decorations begin to displace Valentine's Day stuff in Murray's Drug Store sometimes around February 5"—including the sheepdog trials, Ewe Do Bingo and

"O' Team roping."

McLaren had that free snow day because she lived in Heppner during her 15-year stint as a teacher. She at various times taught kindergarten through 12th-grade art, as well as kindergarten through fifth-grade music, art, drama and

dance. Reviews of Church of the Dog vary widely. Publishers Weekly harshly calls

it "treacly" and says it "mistakes the characters' tendencies to natter on about God and ethics and spout goofy New Age-isms for plot or character development."

On the other hand, New York Times bestselling author Luanne Rice says, "Kaya McLaren is a deeply wonderful writer. From the opening scene of Mara in her grandmother's garden, through the wrenching finale on the ranch, I was stunned by this book. It's a

classic on the spirituality of everyday life..."

Certainly, the novel isn't for everyone, with a heavy New Age bent and a main character who saves a pig from certain death at the 4-H auction. However, it might offer some tips—if not on life and love, then at least some shopping.

"There are three places a man can get his wife flowers," advises Earl McRae, "the Red Apple Grocery Store, Murray's Drug Store, and in a field somewhere."

Families invited to Free Fishing Weekend

Fishing derby at Cutsforth Pond

SALEM, Ore.—Free Fishing Weekend in Oregon is June 4-5, and many events are planned around the state to help families make the most of this opportunity.

Locally, a free fishing derby is planned for June 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Cutsforth Pond.

During Free Fishing Weekend, fishing licenses, tags and endorsements are not required anywhere in

Oregon for anglers of any age.

Free Fishing Weekend is always the first full weekend in June, but remember, trout fishing is always free fishing for kids under 12 years old.

For families that can't attend one of the scheduled events, ODFW offers several resources at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/>.

HHS Class of 2016 ready to turn their tassels

By Caitlynn Bailey

"Senioritis" is running rampant at Heppner High School with students anxiously awaiting graduation. Many of HHS's Class of 2016 have been anxiously awaiting the graduation ceremony that is set for June 4 at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

At the ceremony these students will receive their long-awaited diplomas. Scholarships will also be awarded to chosen students who went through extensive application processes.

Although the distribution of diplomas and scholarships is exciting, nearly everyone's favorite portion of the graduation ceremony

is the senior slideshow. This presentation showcases each senior and shows the development of the class throughout the years. This is perhaps the most tear-jerking and bittersweet moment of the day.

"It's been a long time coming," said Tommy Bredfield, a senior at Heppner High School.

These soon-to-be graduates have put in countless hours of hard work. Throughout the year, each graduate has had to complete a senior portfolio that consists of several requirements. A financial literacy course with nine lessons, 40 hours of community service, and a detailed plan

for post-graduation are just a few of these requirements. Regardless of the student's future plans (college, workforce, military, etc.) each was pushed to meet these strenuous tasks.

"This is a very talented group of young adults. They will be greatly missed, but I'm sure they will have an impact on this world in their own individual ways. Life is just starting for them," said Beth Dickenson, an HHS teacher.

Each senior presented what they've accomplished throughout their high school career in front of a panel of staff, community members and students on Monday, May 23.

The class of 2016 has gone above and beyond in the community. Whether it was volunteering to help at the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, participating in Mustang Mop-Up, or even just smiling from across the street, they have brightened the community. They would appreciate your support as they take this important step in their life. The Heppner High School class of 2016 personally invites you to attend its graduation ceremony.

Community lunch menu

Church of the Nazarene volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, June 8, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sliced tomatoes, hot rolls, and chocolate peanut butter pudding. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday, June 2, at noon in the Heppner City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10; Heppner Family Foods will cater.

Lane Bailey & Jessica Hughes
 June 25, 2016

Tessa Gould & Kyle Ludwick
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