

Business Notes



Wayne and Maureene Marr

Couple bring teamwork to local church

Wayne and Maureene Marr arrived in Vernonia recently to serve as pastors to the congregation at the Assembly of God Church.

Technically, Wayne Marr is the pastor, but Maureene Marr, who also has considerable experience in church music and education programs, will serve along with her husband.

Wayne and Maureene were friends in elementary school in Chicago Heights, Illinois, but went separate ways as adults.

Wayne attended North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he earned a degree in theology. His first church was in Brainerd, Minn., in 1954.

He subsequently served at Assembly of God churches in North Dakota, Southern California, Arizona and, most recently, Glenn's Ferry, Idaho.

He also married; he and his late wife had three children, all of whom are now adults. He was widowed five years ago.

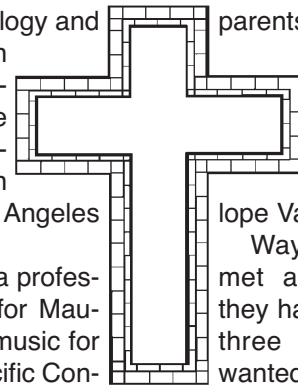
Maureene moved to Southern California, where she studied music, theology and Christian education at Life Pacific College, a Four Square college in San Dimas, and earned an AA degree at Los Angeles City College.

Music was both a profession and a hobby for Maureene. She taught music for 13 years at Life Pacific Conservatory, was pianist at Angeles Temple, and gave private

music lessons.

She moved to Portland and attended Portland State University, where she studied – music, of course, but returned to California when her aging parents needed help. She started attending the Lancaster Assembly of God while living with her sister in Antelope Valley.

Wayne and Maureene met again, in California; they have been married for three years. They both wanted to come to Oregon and were happy to answer the call to Vernonia.



Conference set on woody biomass opportunities

Opportunities for conversion of woody biomass from thinning overly dense forests, into green electric energy, biofuels and other bioproducts will be explored January 3 in a day-long conference at the World Forestry Center in Portland.

Designed to inform policy makers and stakeholders, the conference precedes the annual Oregon Business Summit, January 4, in Portland, where conversion of forest biomass will also be on the agenda.

“The time is right for Oregon to explore the environmental, social and economic “triple win” offered by woody biomass from Oregon’s overstocked federal forests,” said Allyn Ford, CEO of Roseburg Forest Products and a director of the Oregon Business Council.

Conversion of woody biomass by thinning Oregon’s overstocked forests poses a unique opportunity to address three challenging needs:

- Restoring Oregon’s forest health and wildlife habitat and reducing the risk of severe fire.
- Helping meet the state’s goal for renewable energy
- Providing jobs and revitalizing rural economies

The conference will explore findings of a new woody biomass study commissioned by

the Oregon Forest Resources Institute (OFRI) along with other biomass-related work.

OFRI is co-sponsoring the conference with the Oregon Business Council, The Nature Conservancy, the Oregon Forest Industries Council, the American Forest Resources Council and the Oregon Forest Biomass Working Group.

Dr. Jim Bowyer, biomass consultant and professor emeritus of the Department of Bio-based Products at the University of Minnesota, will kick off the conference with an overview of bioenergy and biofuels.

Bowyer was part of the study team spearheaded by Mason, Bruce & Girard, Inc., a Port-

land-based natural resource consulting firm. Energy and forestry experts from Pacific Energy Systems, Inc., a Portland energy consulting firm and Oregon State University’s colleges of forestry and agriculture also participated in the study. (The study can be ordered through the OFRI website www.oregonforests.org.)

Registration is required for the conference, which is free and open to the public. It runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the World Forestry Center’s Miller Hall. The conference agenda, registration form and additional details are posted on the OFRI website at www.oregonforests.org.

Kline gives lesson in budgeting

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fixed assets (ie., land or buildings), he explained, so even ending up with a negative equity can be misleading because there may have been an increase in fixed assets by purchasing land or other assets, so cash flow can be affected without the net change in overall equity being affected as negatively as it may appear.

Kline used made-up dollar figures for the Learning Center as an example of the right side

(liabilities) of the balance sheet being negatively impacted while the left side (assets) gained value from the Learning Center. “I wasn’t involved in the decision or building of the Learning Center, but I think Vernonia is an awful lot better off due to this expenditure,” Kline said. He went on to say, “We want to spend dollars on services and expenditures that do good for the community and are consistent with our goals.”

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