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Photo submitted by Jo Vowel
Ron Hunter (in red), pastor from Heart and Home Hospice and Robert Vowell during the ceremony.

Heart and Home Hospice Honors Marine Veteran

By Tami Waldron

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the 240th birthday of the United States Marine Corps, Heart and Home Hospice had a "pinning" for Robert Vowell to acknowledge his service in the Marine Corps. It was a lovely service and attended by 20 family and friends. Family came from Emmett and Cambridge, Idaho, and from Baker City and Halfway. Mr. Vowell's family expresses sincere appreciation and thanks to Heart and Home for honoring veterans who are their clients in this way.

New Snow Tires and a Lesson in Art Appreciation

Story / photos by
Gina Perkins

Like many other Baker County residents who heeded the looming forecast of snow in the news, I bought new snow tires on Saturday. Diana Brown told me just what I needed and besides me learning that, yes, my car does have tire sensors and that it has struts on the front and shocks on the back, Brown also gave me a design and art appreciation lesson.



Diana Brown of Les Schwab, is pretty happy about her signed Vera Neumann 60s piece that she purchased on Ebay.

Brown (Diana, not Rocky or Jim...) likes to collect pieces by Vera Neumann, a legendary designer and artist who was born in 1907. Brown opened with excitement a package that arrived at the counter and pulled out a 60's style dress that she had ordered from E-bay.

"Vera believed that all women should have access to beautiful things," explained Brown who said that I had no doubt seen some of her beautiful scarves which were sold over the years in mass at department stores where "every day" women shopped. During WWII, with many textiles going to the war effort, Vera found supplies in short supply. She happened upon parachute silk at an army surplus store and her signature scarves, which she always signed in the same way she did all of her pieces, became the rage. She also became widely popular with famous actresses like Grace Kelly and Marilyn Monroe and her iconic designs also graced the White House thanks to first lady, Bess Truman.

Vera Neumann died in 1993, but many people like Diana continue to collect her pieces, including the 1960s dress. Brown loves the fact they're reasonable--she can buy three scarves for \$12.

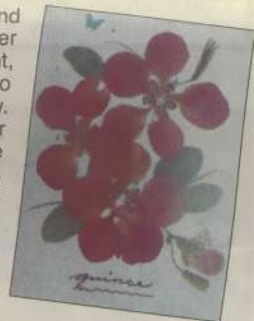
Brown has an eye for beautiful art and this includes the hand pressed flower note cards made by local resident, Phyllis Badgley, age 92, who was also getting her snow tires put on that day. Badgley always has several in her purse which she gives to people she meets during her day. Brown has been the delighted recipient of several over the years and says she always has Phyllis sign them.

"It's the best forged signature I can come up with," said a gleeful Badgley.

I picked up on Brown's suggestion and also had Phyllis sign mine...a beautiful red quince.

"Red's always tricky to get to hold its color," I learned from Badgley.

Who knew I could learn so much about art and culture while buying tires?



Phyllis Badgley

One of Phyllis Badgley's beautiful cards and her "best forged signature."

New Bridge Grange to Honor Governor Gale with Historical Kiosk

By Sherrie Kvamme

The New Bridge Grange and Community of New Bridge are happy to announce they are another step closer to achieving their goal of establishing a historical footprint within the little hamlet. The City of Richland and the Baker County Commissioners have written letters of support to include in the grant proposals requesting funding for a kiosk.

The New Bridge Grange approved having the kiosk built on their property at a recent meeting and Allan and Margie Garrison agreed to draw up the blue prints for the kiosk. Allan is a retired engineer and project manager for major construction projects throughout the United States. The original front door of Gale's home in New Bridge will be incorporated into the kiosk structure.

Joseph Gale was the first Provincial Governor of the State of Oregon, was highly influential in promoting sustaining economic progress to the Northwest, eventually moving to New Bridge where he and his wife raised their children. He was active in the education of the children of the area, he was the first Post Master in New Bridge and he promoted an overall betterment of the State of Oregon and betterment of Baker County, as well. In addition, Governor Gale was a gold miner, a United States Army scout, a saw mill and a ferryboat operator, the manager of a stagecoach station, a farmer and rancher. Gale was married to a daughter of Old Chief Joseph of the Wallowa Nez Perce, "Bear Claws," (Eliza).

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Just a Quick Text Really Can Change it All

By Gina Perkins

"We are in such an 'instant gratification' kind of world now. We can call, text, tweet, or update our status in seconds. Our 'smart' phones don't necessarily encourage smart decisions," said Melissa Brown, Safety Coordinator for McGinn Brothers Trucking.

Brown has been employed by McGinn Trucking for 10 years and has always been involved in the safety side of things.

"We really ramped up our safety program last year. I spent a lot of time researching different material to use for our own drivers. We use a lot from the Smith System. They are the leading provider of collision avoidance driver training," Brown explained.

When Don and Nancy McGinn could not find a Driver's Education program available during the time they wanted to enroll their son, Gus, they asked Brown to put together a presentation appropriate for high school students at North Powder Charter School.

Brown did just that.

Sandy Colton, a long time teacher at North Powder, was the driving force behind getting Brown the permission she needed to do the presentation. Instead of a single visit, Brown went once a week for four weeks to discuss distracted driving with all students in grades 9-12. Week one was a powerful assembly. Baker County Sheriff Travish Ash was a guest speaker and addressed the students.

"Then I showed the kids a documentary that followed four families who had been affected by distracted driving. This was a 'wow' moment for me, after the lights came back on, and I could see everybody, there were some upset faces for sure....I felt bad, but happy that it really got their attention. I had to change my closing discussion a little bit - I had planned to be kind of hard about it, but after seeing their faces, I moved more towards the importance of their lives and how something like 'just a quick text' really can change it all," said Brown.

Week two and three were spent in the classroom and Brown met with smaller groups so they could have more discussion. Students learned about all types of distracted driving including multi-tasking. They watched more videos and learned ways to be proactive, how distractions affect drivers, and how to avoid distraction disasters. The final week was the closing assembly.

The Oregon Trucking Association heard about the program Brown was doing for the school and sent them a copy of "Teens and Trucks: Curbing Distracted Driving" for her to show on the last day.

Brown said, "It was perfect for this age group and good for a wrap up during our final week. In addition to distracted driving, this video also focused on sharing the road, especially with larger vehicles."

Following the video, Brown also shared her own story about being in a life threatening car accident after she was hit by another driver.

Union County Sheriff Boyd Rasmussen was also present and talked to the students about the law enforcement side, including what happens when accidents occur.

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This information was provided to the North Powder Charter School students by Sheriff Boyd Rasmussen during the final assembly of the Driving Distracted Presentation:

Using a Cell Phone While Driving

ORS 811.507 A person commits the offense of operating a motor vehicle while using a mobile communication device if the person, while operating a motor vehicle on a highway, uses a mobile communication device. NO texting, using Facebook or talking to people on your phone while driving.

Notable exceptions include: Calling 911; While on farm equipment; 18 years or older using a hands free device or if you're a police officer. Fine \$80-\$500

Careless Driving

ORS 811.135 A person commits the offense of careless driving if the person drives any vehicle in a manner that endangers or would be likely to endanger any person or property. Fine \$130-\$1000. If there is an accident then the fine goes up: \$220-\$2,000. If you seriously injure someone, the court will also order you to complete: 200 hours of community service. Traffic safety; Fine \$12,500; Suspend driver's license for one year; Charged with assault crimes.

Reckless Driving

ORS 811.140 A person commits the offense of reckless driving if the person recklessly drives a vehicle in a manner that endangers the safety of persons or property. Class A Misdemeanor. Fine \$6,250. Jail one year.

Manslaughter II

ORS 163.125 Criminal Homicide constitutes manslaughter in the second degree when it is committed recklessly. If you text, use Facebook, or are talking with someone on the phone while driving and you kill someone....Class B Felony. 2-4 years in prison. Hefty fines. Probation

4-H Christmas Bazaar
Dec. 4, Noon-5:30 p.m. and Dec. 5, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
4-H Show Barn

Christmas on the Prairie
This Saturday, Nov. 21
in Prairie City
See their ad on page 10

Jingle Thru Joseph
Nov. 27, 28 & Dec. 4, 5
10-5 p.m.
Joseph Community Center

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