



PAT BRINDLE (standing) admires one of the handmade items made by visitors to the Neighborhood Center. The crafters gather each Thursday at the center on West Willow Street.

Neighborhood Center hub of Christmas activity

Among the many tables at the recent Artifactory, was one stocked full of hand crafted items ranging from macrame owl hangers to pot holders to colorful Christmas decorations. The items were made by senior citizens who gather every Thursday at the Heppner Neighborhood Center to enjoy each others company and to work on craft projects.

The seniors' group is sponsored each month by a different church, or service organization which provides coffee, refreshments and often craft materials and new project ideas. Pat Brindle, Neighborhood Center director, said that a new schedule of sponsors for next year is

being made and any organization interested in becoming a part of the program should contact her at the Center.

The proceeds from craft items made by the 10 to 15 women who get together every week go back into the self-supporting program for scissors, glue and materials not provided by the sponsoring organizations. Each person makes one of every project for herself and one to be sold at the Artifactory, the summer sidewalk sale or at the Neighborhood Center.

Another project in which the Center is currently involved is getting together the ingredients for the Christmas baskets distributed to low income

families each year in cooperation with the Childrens Services Division.

Maxine Gray, in charge of curling and dressing dolls for the baskets, needs volunteers to help with the 30 odd dolls she is getting ready for Christmas.

In Santa's workshop, Heppner brand, at the old library building on Willow Street, the Juvenile Advisory Committee under the direction of Carolyn Holt has been repairing toys for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Brindle said that donations of toys, money, food or clothing are still needed and appreciated, and can be dropped off at the Neighborhood Center.

Lori Witt wins state wool contest

Lori Witt, Irrigon, won a trip to Denver next month by placing first in the Junior Division state competition of the Make It With Wool Contest.

The state contest was held Monday at the Portland Sheraton with Miss Witt modeling her beige jacket and pants ensemble as she did at the recent district competition in Heppner.

The national contest in Denver is scheduled for Jan. 18-20.

Transformer capacity increases


In the past two weeks, many transformers in Heppner have been changed to a larger size unit to meet increasing higher usage by the residential members, according to Columbia Basin Electric Co-op officials.

During the past two years, most of the transformers on the CBEC system were numbered and identified as to the

individual members served off of each transformer. This information was placed in the computer service the Cooperative utilizes, and transformer load information was then obtained. The transformer load and demand reports have shown the need for many transformer changes as the

loads have increased. Additional transformers have been changed in Lexing-

ton and Ione this week as determined by the loading reports.



Peace

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Autograph party Dec. 16 to honor senior authors

People whose stories appear in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program storybook "Golden Yesterdays" will be honored at an autographing party, part of the group's annual Christmas Potluck dinner, Friday, December 16, at 11 a.m. in the Pendleton V.F.W. hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place.

Copies are still available for Christmas of the RSVP publication which contains stories by and about such Heppner area folks as Catie Padberg, Frances Mitchell, and Marion Hayden.

Della Scrivner tells of her

precious first bathtub. Chuckle with Bill Weatherford as he tells of "Fun at Heppner's Jail". Theta Lowe gives a hint of how she impressed her boy friend. Jessie Furlong conjures up how it used to be "Cooking For the Harvest Crew." The story of the "Creamoline Horses" is told by Gerald Swaggart. Alena Anderson's "Fall Into the Well" is also recounted.

These stories and others will warm your heart as you read of the "good old days". Altogether there are 85 stories in the book by senior citizens of Umatilla and Morrow

Counties. The book is a project of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Blue Mountain Community College. It has attracted the attention of people interested in preserving tales of how things used to be.

Other Heppner folks with stories in the book are: Cleo Van Winkle, Rachel Harnett, John Canaday, Della McCurdy, Edna Lyons, and Gus and Mary Nikander.

Copies may be obtained in Heppner at the Museum, Library, and Neighborhood Center for \$3 or you may write to RSVP at 414 1/2 S.W. 13th, Pendleton.

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