

# Senior Citizen News

by Justine Weatherford

This afternoon, as on most Thursday afternoons, women are invited to come to the craft and social session at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Materials, instruction and refreshments are furnished there—the big necessary other ingredient is more women who will enjoy the activity and friendship offered.

Next Tuesday, Nov. 7, a special color slide program is planned at 3:30 p.m. in the Elks Diningroom before the usual 4:30 p.m. dinner. This Election Day social time is a special event—so, senior diners, remember to come an hour early on Tuesday.

On Wednesday Nov. 8, I understand that the ladies of the Pine City Extension group will be making doll clothing for the Christmas dolls that the Neighborhood Center has collected and will have them looking extra pretty for gift presentations.

On Wednesday afternoon an additional Flu Clinic is being offered at the Center from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

The Social Security representative from the Pendleton office will come to Heppner on Thursday morning, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. until noon (not on Friday as usual because of the Armistice holiday.)

We haven't been reminding any persons who are interested in completing their high school education that GED classes are conducted at the Neighborhood Center each Thursday evening. Vicki Tollefson is the teacher again this year; she works under the extension program of Blue Mountain Community College. If interested, call Vicki at 676-9224 or just come to class at 7 p.m. Thursday.

County Chairman Ardith Hunt presided at a well-attended Senior Citizen Advisory Council meeting in Irrigon on Monday afternoon, Oct. 30. The 23 attending heard reports from the district Nutrition Project Director Rogena Marks and from the district Homemaker Director Ruby Kirk.

Martha King reported on the Heppner Mealsite; Helen Martin reported on the Lone Mealsite; Clarence Howell reported on the Irrigon Mealsite. Suzanne Jepsen spoke about the Tri-County Homemaker Program. All reports were favorable.

Truman Messenger, county transportation chairman, was recognized for having taken training in passenger assistance techniques. District 12 Director Rollin Reynolds, Pendleton, reported that all senior buses are now being reconstructed in Portland. Paul Jones, chairman of the Morrow County Senior Center Site Committee, reported that various sites are being examined by the committee for possible use for building a Senior Citizen Building.

Director Reynolds read a letter from Governor Straub concerning a merit system for auto insurance rates. Input on this matter was requested. Seniors were invited to respond to the state insurance office in Salem.

As the meeting adjourned it was announced that the next Morrow County Advisory Council meeting will be Monday, Nov. 27, at 1:30 p.m. in the Columbia Basin Electric's board room in Heppner. Then council members joined the regular diners at the Irrigon Mealsite for their Monday dinner.

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# BMCC hosts regional English conference

Over 100 people from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Michigan, British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan attended the Pacific Northwest Regional Conference on the Teaching of English in the Two-Year College held recently at the Columbia Inn in McNary Center.

Representation included high school teachers and superintendents, university and four-year college professors and college administrators as well as two-year college instructors.

The conference consisted of nine workshops covering a variety of topics such as film,

Shakespeare, creative writing, humanities curricula and college composition. It was considered a complete success, noted Murray Innes, chairman of BMCC English department.

Highlighting the conference were the keynote address by Dr. Hazard Adams, professor

of English literature at the University of Washington and former head administrator and founder of the University of California at Irvine; and the poetry readings by Madeline DeFrees of the University of Montana and Kim Stafford, itinerant poet and teacher. Adams concentrated on the

problem of the declining interest in the humanities throughout the country, the causes of this problem and the possible solutions.

The conference was designed and administered by Innes, chairman; Dorothy Baskins, assistant chairman; and Tom Munck, local arrangements

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