

Spring luncheon honors volunteers

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

The involvement of volunteering citizens in community affairs has become more significant and better organized in recent years. Ten years ago a national effort, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) began. Eight years ago this program came to Umatilla and Morrow Counties under the leadership of Director June Wagner of Pendleton.

On Thursday, April 2, the annual Spring Recognition Luncheon honoring volunteer workers in Morrow County was held in the dining room of the Heppner Neighborhood Center. More than 25 attended, including two gentlemen volunteers, John Canaday and Bill Driscoll.

As those gathered enjoyed a potluck luncheon and visiting around the tables decorated with pastel-trimmed Easter bunnies made by the crafty ladies, an informal program was carried on.

Center Director Pat Brindle delightedly displayed the queen-sized quilt which the volunteers had created for her. Its many squares are decorated with very personal designs, several were done by Pat's family members. The red strips which join the squares are quilted with a heart pattern.

Volunteer Theta Lowe displayed forty neck scarves, each one different, which she had made as give-away favors. She asked volunteer Maxine Gray to model different ways the attractive scarves could be worn.

Toastmistress, RSVP Director June Wagner, complimented the volunteers of Morrow. She presented a 100 hour pin to Marie Steagall, Lexington, who is a recent recruit. Among the veteran volunteers who have compiled many hours of service, the director mentioned Martha Knig with over 2,600 hours, Theta Lowe and Alena Anderson with around 2,000 hours. Irene Anhorn, Rachel Harnett, John Canaday, Irene Swanson, Doll Campbell, Maxine Gray and Elsi Fox with around 1,000 hours each.

Most of those who attended the luncheon had, as requested, brought along pictures of themselves from bygone years. After these were

Chris Brown promoted to major

U.S. Army Major Chris E. Brown, a native of Heppner and son of Paul and Betty Brown, was promoted to his present rank on March 1 while participating in Team Spirit '81, a joint readiness exercise which is held in the Republic of Korea.

A ceremony was held at the Task Force Headquarters, Camp Page Korea. The promotion was done by Colonel Melville Drisko, commander of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, with fellow officers and Major Brown's staff personnel present.

Major Brown, a graduate of Heppner Schools, received his ROTC Army Commission and bachelor of science degree in 1969 from Oregon State University, and his master of art degree from Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington.

He attended Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga., and a special school on tactical warfare in Australia, and has participated in several exercises in Korea.

His present assignment is battalion operations officer with the 27th Infantry Bn., 25th Infantry Div., Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

He previously served as U.S. Army ROTC instructor at Notre Dame University.



Volunteers honored at spring luncheon

photo by MARY ANN CERULLO

passed around the table attempts were made to identify the individuals. Director Wagner held up each picture and properly identified it.

Visitor Rene Ledbetter called out lucky numbers from the list of those attending, and they were presented with door prizes such as an African violet plant from volunteer Geraldine Laws of Irrigon, or various items that had resulted from the RSVP refunding and coupon-saving efforts or some of the table decoration bunnies.

After the program, when the tables had been cleared, Mrs. Wagner and her assistant, Roberta Erwin, Pendleton, offered a short demonstration of some uses of dough art, a popular method of creating simple gift items.

Before departing each person was given a choice scarf by Theta and a pin-on yarn bunny from the center.



Maxine Gray models scarf made by Theta Lowe

Pat Sweeney takes over operation of mortuary in Heppner

Pat Sweeney, who has operated the Sweeney Mortuary in Condon, the past three years, has taken over operation of the Sweeney Mortuary in Heppner.

Pat Sweeney, 30, who will be operating both mortuaries from Heppner, moved to

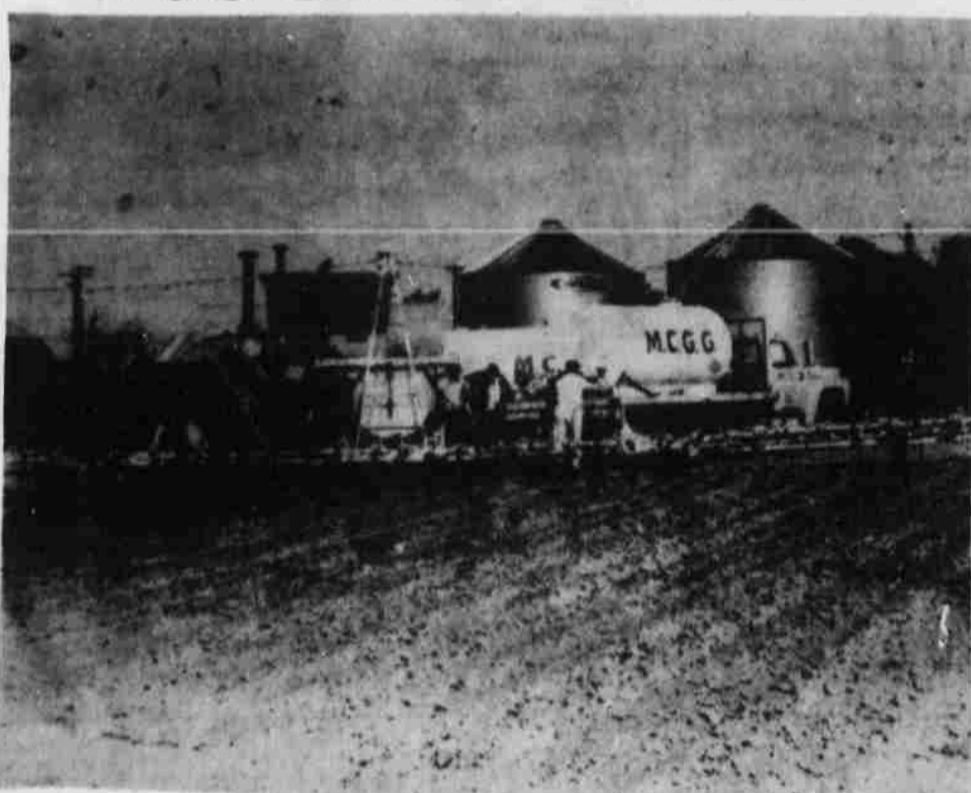
Heppner the first of April with his wife, Trisha, and children, Corey, Nicole, Cameron and Brooke.

Prior to moving to Condon in 1978, Pat lived in Portland. He is a graduate of the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science.



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Mary Ann Cerullo

Ever since I can remember, spring time in my family has meant cleaning up and beginning again.

This year, spring is beating the calendar. Along with leprechauns came the crocus, daffodils ... and slugs. And now that that phase has passed, here comes the first buds on our maple trees. Along with the buds comes the green returning to the lawn, a few weeds thrown in for good measure ... and still there are the slugs.

No, the slimy little critters aren't that obvious yet. Right now they are hiding out from our frosty nights which are still common here in Eastern Oregon. But just take a quick peek under those strawberry leaves. Another favorite hiding place is underneath any wood you have lying about the place.

Last week, my husband, Larry, got a sudden, but not uncommon, surge of energy and bounded into the backyard wearing his grubbies. He was determined to clean up the odds and ends that had accumulated around the woodpile and compost heap during the winter. I just gritted my teeth and hooked onto his coattails.

Sure enough, beneath the slabs of wood left from some summer building projects, huddled a family of small slugs. Their lives didn't last long.

Our next mission was to search out and destroy those slithering marauders before they cut down our young seedlings, recently planted this year. Two methods of destruction came to mind:

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Put out a few saucers of beer sunk to ground level in different locations of the garden overnight.

Those greedy worms will drink themselves into a stupor and drown to death!

The final step I let my husband handle, and that is, getting rid of the carcasses. Now it's time for a more pleasant task ... like weeding the garden.

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