

## Harvest Festival celebrated at Valby Lutheran Church

## Morrow Co. Senior Citizen Advisory Comm. meets

**Lexington news**  
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A fun time was held Saturday evening, Nov. 21 at the Lexington Grange Hall where the Blue Mountain Fiddler Association was present to play and sing. Preceding the program a stew supper was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Les McMasters and daughter Lisa of Hermiston, Willard Noble, Hermiston, Albert Langlitz, Wallowa; Sammy Morris, Salem; Walt Langlitz, Baker; Charles and Ella Trump, Wallowa; Gene Gurley, Irrigon; Chet Brown, Union; Bill Ralstead and Mr. and Mrs. Gill Baca of Islandists were Beryl Morris, Nadine Morris, Mildred Morris and Othella Brown.

The group sang and played "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" in honor of Wilbur and Marie Steagall who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this month and Joe and Hilda Yocom's anniversary which was Nov. 21.

Following an evening of musical entertainment the people enjoyed a bit of dancing. Plans are underway to make this a yearly affair at the Lexington Grange Hall.

Ken Palmer is again at home after a stay in Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baca of Island City visited Sunday at the C.C. Jones home. They all attended the United Church of Christ potluck dinner.

The committee on Womens Activities met at the home of Virginia Peck on Tuesday. Plans were discussed for the December card party and the Farm-City Banquet. Refreshments were served and the door prizes was won by Joyce Buchanan.

Venice Hendrickson was a Lexington caller on Saturday. A card party will be held at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Lexington on December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coble, Halfway, have both been ill. Bob has been in St. Elizabeth Hospital in Baker and Mrs. Coble is confined to bed at home.

A Christmas party will be held at the Lexington Grange Hall on Monday, Dec. 14. Instead of the usual exchange of gifts, a shower will be held to furnish the grange hall's kitchen.



A Harvest Festival was held at Valby Lutheran Church on Sunday, Nov. 22. The festival was a community-wide celebration of thanks for a bountiful harvest, said the Rev. John Maas.

A service of thanks was held and a potluck dinner was enjoyed by about 50 people said the Rev. Maas.

Hugh Salter, lone, was presented a plaque by Paul Tews that states, "For many years of outstanding service to wheat haulers," and was signed, "From your many friends in the community." Salter has been employed by Morrow County Grain Growers as an elevator operator for over 30 years.

In conjunction with the Harvest Festival, Roland Bergstrom gave a talk on the Valby Cemetery and a flagpole and plaque were dedicated to the church by the lone American Legion Post 95. The plaque states, "In memory of all veterans, pioneers and their descendants buried here." The flag was raised by Don Peterson and Jerry McElligott led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. "This will remind us that we don't really have it so bad in this country," said Jerry McElligott.

Dick McElligott was master of ceremonies for the evening's program. McElligott spoke of the importance of all people involved in wheat production and said that politicians say that three percent of the population produces the food for the United States, and that figure is incorrect, he stated, because it would be impossible to produce the food without all of the people who help. "This land has been farmed for 100 years. There's no reason it can't go on for another thousand if we'll take care of it," said McElligott. He also said the task of the farmers is to preserve the land, because the farmers will pass on some day and the people after them deserve it.

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Wednesday, Nov. 18, five of the six newly elected members of the Heppner Mealsite Committee attended the bi-monthly meeting of the Morrow County Senior Citizen Advisory Committee in the boardroom of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

County Advisory Committee Chairman, Doris Gollyhorn, lone, presided. The new Heppner committee members Chairman Bill Collins; Vice-Chairman Mary Nikander; Secretary-Treasurer Babe Harris; Bob Blue and Clayton Ayers were introduced.

These six represent the average attendance at the Heppner Mealsite-one com-

mittee member being elected for each 10 seniors who attend meals.

Mealsite reports were given by the committee members from the Irrigon Mealsite and from Heppner. At both locations attendance seems to be increasing. Ed and Rachel, Dick and Bill Cox, who are new to the travel and transportation committee for Heppner said that they hope to plan more bus trips whenever seniors and the weather can help them make plans.

There was considerable discussion by the 20 persons attending concerning the possibility of developing a multi-purpose senior center in the Heppner area similar to those developed and developing in other communities. It was suggested that more

Heppner seniors should try to visit these centers.

Lynnea Sargent was commended for the innovations she has helped implement such as the photography arrangements, the book, magazine and coupon table, the regular blood pressure testing and the discount bowling arrangements. The Heppner mealsite was praised for its practice of inviting the nursing home patients to meals and transporting them from and back to the hospital.

Before adjournment the group set its next meeting date for Monday, January 4. That bi-monthly meeting will be held at the Irrigon mealsite. Representatives from Irrigon invited the advisory committee to join the seniors there for dinner that evening.

## Neighborhood Center readies for Christmas

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Last Thursday, Nov. 19, a doll show took place during the crafty ladies work and social time at the Neighborhood Center. Twenty-five completely clothed dolls were on display. These dolls had been contributed to the center in pretty sad shape. Pat Brindle and center volunteers kindly and carefully bathed them, shampooed and restyled their hair and wrapped their heads in clear plastic before passing the dolls on to talented volunteers who took groups of them home where they patiently and skillfully fashioned clothing to fit them including a variety of dresses, crocheted sweaters, caps and booties.

The finished dolls which were displayed and which are

ready to be tucked into Christmas boxes looked even nicer than some new, off-the-shelf dolls do. Mrs. Brindle states that there are still 20 dolls out in volunteers' homes which will soon return completed. The center furnished much of the materials used in refurbishing the dolls from its stockpile of contributions, but it took caring and sharing volunteers to perform their restorations.

The Neighborhood Center will soon be instructing the South Morrow Ministerial Association and the school administrators about assisting with the annual collecting of foodstuffs, mainly canned goods, for Christmas boxes. The V.F.W. and its Auxiliary and the Juvenile Advisory Council have been yearly helpers in repairing toys other than dolls. Some juvenile

offenders have been happy to work off their penalties this way. One enjoyed the work so much that he came back and volunteered to continue helping after the penalty time was completed.

Pat Brindle reports that conditions are very different this year in that contributions of top-condition clothing have been scarce. Usually the center has had a good stock of children's and adult clothing to meet Christmas needs, but this year people are not giving up things so easily. All family aid given out by the center is handled very confidentially, only the professional staff knows to whom the help is going.

Last Friday Mrs. Brindle was in Pendleton attending a training class concerning the operation of the on-coming fuel assistance program in the

five counties of District 15 of Oregon. Details of this program, LIEAP (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) will not be announced until Dec. 1, when the BMEDC (Blue Mountain Economic Development Council) will be ready to begin giving out applications. It is expected that the program will be ready to begin giving out applications, filling in of vouchers for payment to fuel dealers (electric, gas, oil, propane, coal, wood) and lots of counseling and assistance by field workers.

Pat Brindle expects to supervise this program in Morrow County and to spend one day in Irrigon and one day in Boardman during alternate weeks after Dec. 1. Definite details about this program will be announced soon.

## New immunization law to take effect Dec. 1

A new immunization law requires all Oregon children in public or private schools and certified day care centers to be fully immunized against Measles, Rubella, Polio, Diphtheria and Tetanus, said a news release from the Oregon O.R.E.A. to hold meeting

Unit 9 Oregon Retired Education Association will meet Saturday, December 5, at 11 a.m. at the Peace Lutheran Church in Pendleton.

The White Eagle Grange will serve the luncheon. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the Christmas story in song, said a spokesperson.

Wheat-barley premiums due

Andy Bak, Federal Crop Insurance district director for Eastern Oregon, reminds farmers that the 1981 premiums for wheat and/or barley are due this month. The

State and Morrow Co. health departments.

A new standard form, the Certificate of Immunization Status will be required for all children entering school or day care centers for the first time as of Dec. 1, 1981 and for

all children who have no information on file with the child's school or Co. Health Dept.

Forms were mailed last week to students in Heppner and lone schools whose records are not complete or are not on file, said Morrow Co. Public Health Nurse Pat Wright.

Forms will be mailed to parents of Boardman and Irrigon students in December, said Wright.

The new law does not require fully immunized children, presently enrolled in

school to obtain a certificate, continued Wright.

The new law also states that those children whose parents fail to fill out immunization records and those children who are not fully immunized will receive exclusion notices this spring, stating that the child may no longer attend school, the news release stated.

One school immunization clinic was held in November and more are planned in months ahead so that children may be properly immunized, said Wright.

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