

Open house slated at Teddy Bears Workshop

Teddy Bears Workshop, the day care center located in its new Gale Street building will have an open house this Sunday, June 1 from 1-5 p.m. Refreshments will be served and youngsters will be given balloons and may have their faces-painted.

"Everyone in the community is invited to the celebration," says owner and administrator Nancy Welborn.

Teddy Bears Workshop is painted gray and white on the outside. Inside teddy bear wallpaper borders the cheerful tones of the rooms and toys of all kinds for all ages can be found. In one room, a piano, television and a library of books allow children to explore. Once a week a music instructor will teach the children to march, make their own instruments and enjoy rhythm.

Stories are told everyday on the rug in this room. Stories and nursery rhymes come to life by use of fingerplays, puppets, flannel boards and plays with music enhancing many. A puppet theatre is used by the teacher as well as the kids. All the children have a chance to put on puppet shows.

In the larger room, games can easily be played at one end while at the other, creative play is going on, like puzzles, playdough, block building, legos, and spirographs. Children can explore in an area where there is a house, store, and dressing-up center. Welborn plans to add a kitchen center and loft later on.

Children experience cutting, pasting, painting, coloring, and drawing in various projects each morning.

One morning a week the youngsters learn to cook. They measure, pour, sift, stir, knead and shape and decorate many items such as pocket bread, yeast rolls, meat loaf, cookies, meat pies, turnovers, muffins, bread sticks and pudding. They make many of their snacks and part of their lunch, says Welborn. Children are provided a morning and afternoon snack along with a hot lunch. The meals are prepared to provide balanced nutritional food which meets state requirements.

Outside, a covered patio provides room for riding tricycles even during rainy days. A sandbox area allows freedom to build castles. A teeter totter and swing set provide additional fun. Welborn plans to add playground obstacle equipment later.

The Workshop emphasizes free play, but provides opportunities for playing croquet, badminton, baseball, tag, hide-and-seek, and circle games.

The Teddy Bears Workshop's summer program will feature crafts such as wheat weaving, pottery, macrame, wood whittling, loom weaving and kite making taught by members of the community. One day each week activities will be planned at the park.

This fall, the workshop will offer a pre-school program with tumbling and music segments offered weekly.

The center is open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Drop-ins are welcome. For additional information, call Welborn, 676-5429. She is joined by staff members Marcia Kemp, Cheryl Ripple, and Staci Toll.



Making butterflies...children at Teddy Bears Workshop learn symmetry.

Supervising RN named for home health

Molly Rhea has recently been named Supervising Registered Nurse of Tri-County Home Health Agency. She is a lifetime resident of Morrow County. She and her husband, Steve, have a four-year-old daughter, Macy, and a one-year-old son, Trevor. She is the daughter of Gene and Fay Pierce of Heppner.

The supervising RN graduated from Good Samaritan School of Nursing in 1979 and was employed at Pioneer Memorial Hospital for six years.

"Molly's enthusiasm, positive outlook, caring attitude for patients and her nursing knowledge are valuable assets for Tri-County Home Health Agency," says administrator Sandra Rill.

May has been a busy month for Tri-County Home Health Agency. The response was positive to a foot care clinic held May 6 at the Heppner Neighborhood Center and another is planned for sometime in June.

The home health agency participated in two health screenings this month. May 13 at Murray's Drug in Heppner about 50 persons took advantage of the blood pressure check, blood sugar screen and the pulmonary function test. Pioneer Memorial Hospital helped with this screening also. Results were recorded for the individual's physician.

May 20 a health screening was held in Boardman Pharmacy in



Molly Rhea

Boardman, approximately 35 individuals were screened for blood pressure and blood sugar discrepancies.

A 60-hour home health aide training was completed May 9 by three residents of the tri-county area. Carla Mabe of Fossil; Robin Hass-

Sees Heppner first time in 50 years

Grandchildren of Jesse James and Mary Alice Adkins, pioneer Morrow County Stockmen on Rhea Creek, gathered in Heppner last weekend to attend the Pioneer Memorial Picnic, to reminisce with family members and classmates and to view the old family home at the end of S. Main Street.

Betty Marie Adkins with her husband, Tom Fukuyama of Tacoma, Washington, had her first view of Heppner in 50 years. A daughter of Albert and Miriam Adkins, her family moved to Cottage Grove in 1936. She read one of her poems at the picnic, "I Have Been Too Long Away From Eastern Oregon".

Daughters of Ora and Laura Adkins here were Jean Adkins with husband, Wells Labberton of Yakima, and Hazel Adkins with husband William Hubel of Pendleton. They had lived in Eight Mile but stayed at the family home to attend Heppner High School.

Willis and Lynelle Adkins with granddaughter Aileen Adkins of Sequim, Washington, and Don and Aletha Adkins of Springfield, were a part of the family gathering. They were sons of Ralph and Ruth Adkins and spent part of their childhood in Heppner.

Eleanor Adkins with husband, Royce Nogle of Tacoma, was a daughter of Harley and Margaret Adkins. Margaret is living in a Nursing Home in Tacoma.

Irish songs highlight Pioneer Picnic program



Guests register at Pioneer Picnic

By Justine Weatherford
From 10 a.m. until mid-afternoon on Sunday, May 25, much happy visiting took place at the Morrow County Fairgrounds where older and newer residents of the county gathered for the 33rd annual Memorial Weekend Picnic.

The day's menu and program were arranged by descendants of the John Sheridan Kilkenny families. Ilene Kilkenny Laughlin was the honorary chairman of arrangements and the busy, hard-working committee included Bob and Judie Laughlin, Greg and Janet Greenup and Ed and Sheridan Tarnasky.

The details of registration and name-tagging were handled by members of Heppner Soroptimist International, the great rows of tables and chairs had been put in place with much help from Heppner Lions. Heppner Garden Club members arranged the flowers, mostly Iris from local gardeners. The wooden flower containers which were designed and built by the picnic committee bore the JK brand. Altar Society women from St. Patrick's Church helped with the serving of the meal.

The tremendous picnic dinner consisted of roast whole pig, turkey, corned beef and cabbage, baked beans, scalloped potatoes and beverages that were furnished by the Kilkennys and numerous salads and desserts brought by their guest. The rooms used were decorated with the Kilkenny Crest and family pictures from Ireland.

The day's program began with the presentation of the colors and a dedication to the war dead of the county by American Legion Post No. 87. Master of Ceremonies Mike Kilkenny read the roll of the honored dead. Ken Curtis blew taps.

Mike Kilkenny handled the welcome and introductions. The invocation was given by Rev. Francis Hebert of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

After dinner Billy Kenny sang "Galway Bay" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling". The young children of the Kilkenny families sang "An Irish Lullaby" under the direction of Lottie Laughlin. Pianist Ola Mae Groshens accompanied soloist Kenney and the children's chorus.

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Starting May 29, The Shoe Box will start receiving Dry Cleaning for Peterson's Dry Cleaners. Dry Cleaning will be picked up every Thursday.

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4-H Clubs

Two-Trackers
Beginning Wednesday, June 4 at 7 p.m. Two-Trackers 4-H Club will start the summer program. The club will continue to meet at Robinson's feed lot until baseball is over.

The program will employ the practical use of fundamentals learned last winter, said leader Al Brazel. Work will include trail obstacles, show techniques and the advancement program. Help will be given on record books at all meetings if needed.

If enough people are interested, Cindy Henderson will meet with those who have colts to train. Round Robin training scheduled for June 7 will be postponed until further notice.

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