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Neighborhood Council goes countywide

By Joyce Hensley

An emergency food distribution center had been established in Irrigon as part of the Morrow County Neighborhood Council.

Families or individuals who qualify under poverty income guidelines are eligible for emergency food assistance at a distribution center located at the former Seventh-day Adventist Church building on North Third street in Irrigon, through the north branch of the Morrow County Neighborhood Council, Inc., a private, non-profit corporation.

Tuesdays from 9 a.m-3 p.m. Dorothy Irish, Marge Shade, or Jean Dillon will be on hand to accept applications for emergency food, supplied by the United States Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Food Sharing Program and donated by local residents. The applicants are usually screened on the spot.

Referral information to other agencys, such as Legal Aid, Wlefare, Children Services, Alcoholics Anonymouse, or for fuel and energy assistance is also given to the applicants if there is a need.

If an emergency arises during the week, Jean Dillon, 922-4939; Dorothy Irish, 922-3107; or Marge Shade, 922-3648, can be called and they will open the center.

Donations of commercial canned food and money are welcome. The agency is not allowed to accept home-canned foods, Dillon said.

70T crane needed to dig hatchery well

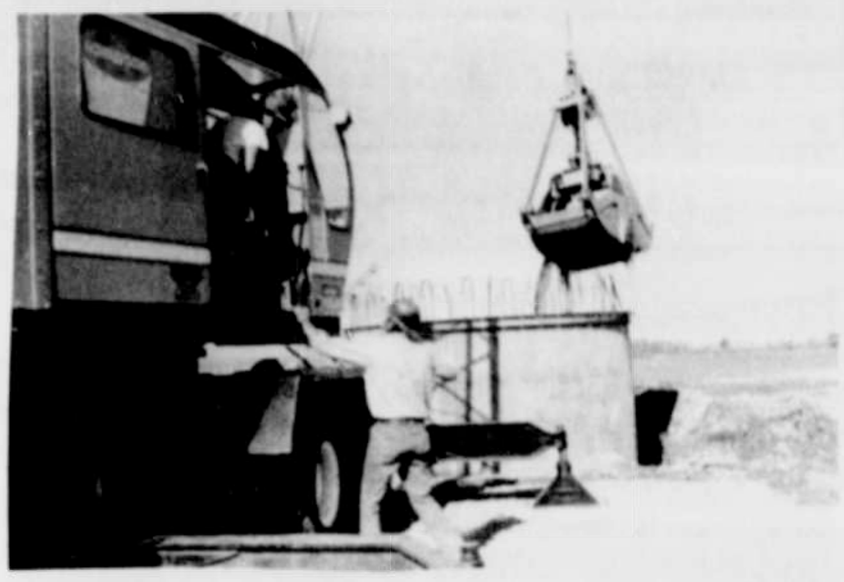
By Joyce Hensley

No small well drilling rig will suffice for this project at the new Umatilla Fish Hatchery site. A huge, seventy ton crane with a two-yard clam bucket is being used to dig an eighty-four foot Ranney well at the north end of Paterson Ferry Road, three miles west of Irrigon, on the Columbia River.

A cement caisson, 18 inches thick, with an inside diameter of 13 feet, with 12 perforated 10-inch pipes extending laterally from the base, will, at completion, enclose a pump that will shoot water at the rate of 15,000 to 18,000 gallons a minute to the concrete raceways, to be constructed in 1988.

Bonneville Power Administration is interested in, through the cooperation of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, improving the decreased summer steelhead population of the Umatilla River Basin, by using a test technique called "oxygen supplementation," designed in Michigan, at the Umatilla Hatchery.

An increase to 290,000 pounds of steelhead would be accomplished if this new technology of adding an increased amount of oxygen into the water in the raceways, is used in the design of the new facility.



General foreman Wilie Faul, Kennewick, gives crane opertor Gunner Dixon instructions as they use the 70T crane to shovel down 84 feet for the enormous laterial well being dug on the site of the new Umatilla fish hatchery located on the North end of Paterson Ferry Rd. on the Columbia River. The well should produce 15,000-18,000 gallons of water a minute for the hatchery which is to be constructed in 1988.

Half of the Umatilla Hatchery would have the new system and the other half would have conventional raceways that could be converted to the new system at a later date, according to Ray Hill, who is managing the Irrigon Fish Hatchery and will also be managing the Umatilla Hatchery.

The well is due to be finished the first of the year. "Move out time is January 15," said Jack Dixen, Superintendent and thirty year employee for Ranney Corporation. "We are right on schedule."

Irrigon receives $3,000 to train first responders

By Joyce Hensley

First Responders will be attending training sessions in Irrigon in the near future.

A $3,000 check was given to Orville Buchanan, chairman of the Irrigon Rural Fire District, by the Morrow County Medical board, recently, for the training of private citizens, volunteer firemen, wives of volunteer firemen and anybody else interested in becoming a First Responder—someone who arrives at the scene of an accident, a heart attack, or any other emergency which requires an ambulance call; providing basic life support to the patient and traffic control to insure the safety of the patient, while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR); how to treat for suspected shock, make a patient comfortable, get him ready for transportation; and general first aid will be part of the curriculum.

Cheryl Hobbs, Brenda Newport, Burrel Cooley, Bill Cooley, Ken Lamb, and Janet Cooley are First Responders in Irrigon.

Steve Mackey, the new Public Safety Director, has an Emergency Medical Technician I (EMT I) rating, one step above a First Responder. "The difference between an EMT I and a First Responder is the depth of instruction," said Mackey. "The big difference is the type of equipment an EMT I is trained to use." It takes 125 hours of training to receive an EMT I rating.

Bob Byron, an Irrigon Volunteer Fireman, has passed a state test through the state board of medical examiners, to receive his EMT I rating. " I carry a trauma kit in my personal vehicle and have a portable radio," said Byron. "I am trained to administer some drugs and I can start intravenous liquids."

A vehicle with special equipment is needed to get the trained First Responder to the scene of an accident, according to Buchanan. "The care a patient gets the first 10 or 11 minutes can make a lot of difference."

"The purchasing of a rapid response vehicle is one of our main objectives," said Buchanan. The Irrigon Rural Fire District hopes to have a vehicle fully equipped with basic life support and rescue equipment this year. "It depends on money available," he added.

"I would like to encourage public participation at the Morrow County Medical Board meetings," said Byron. "Irrigon needs public opinion to help sway the decision (for a rapid response vehicle) and get the ball rolling."

RHS plans open house

An open house is planned to begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5 at Riverside High School in Boardman. Various departments and organizations will demonstrate class projects in an activity-oriented evening allowing those attending to move throughout the school.

The honor society will act as guides for the evening. Refreshments will be served.

EMT class offered

An Emergency Medical Technician I course will be offered in November. For information, contact Tim McCreary, 481-5786, or Dean Mason, 481-3511.

Greenfield plans Booster night

By Jane Dean

Greenfield Grange will celebrate a Booster night October 10. A potluck dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a program to follow at 7:30.

State Master Morton Wolverton is on the program. Skits, music, and a special award presentation will round out the program. The community is invited to attend this program on Booster night.

RHS senior places in merit program

Riverside High School has been notified that Colleen Hensley has been designated (a) Commended Student in the 1988 National Merit Scholarship Program and will receive a Letter of Commendation in recognition of outstanding academic promise. RHS principal, Dan Daltoso, announced that this senior placed in the top 50,000 of more than one million participants in the 33rd annual Merit Program.

Health Dept

Friday, Oct. 2-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Heppner office.

Tuesday, Oct. 6-blood pressures and immunizations, 1:30 - 4 p.m. Boardman City Hall.

Friday, Oct. 9-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Heppner office.

Monday, Oct. 12-office closed for holiday.

Tuesday, Oct. 13-blood pressures and immunizations, 1-4 p.m., Irrigon County offices.

Friday, Oct. 16-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Heppner office.

Council to consider use of funds

The Boardman City Council will hear public comments concerning proposed uses for this year's federal revenue sharing funds. A public hearing for this purpose has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. October 6 in the Council Chambers at Town Square in Boardman.

Boardman ranch earns state fair livestock awards

The following exhibitors received first place ribbons and special awards in livestock show competition during the 1987 Oregon State Fair.

Boardman: 3 Bar M Ranch-Reserve Grand Champion Bull; Summer Yearling Heifer; Reserve Junior Champion female; two year old Bull; Senior Champion Bull.

October is Cleanup month

The city of Boardman has designated October cleanup month. A dumpster for non-combustible items will be in the parking lot North of the Public Safety Center from September 28 to October 30. The dumpster will not be available to collect junk again until April.

Kids invited to enter logo contest

Any child age three to 12 years may draw a picture of something which makes him happy and enter it in the Boardman Development Center logo contest.

Entries may be mailed to BCDC, P.O. Box 6, Boardman. Entries must be received by October 15. The winner will receive a treat at the C & D Drive-In.

The development center is open five days each week from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m. New, lower rates of $1 pre child per hour are in effect. Latch Key and Day Care accept drop-ins, but children must pre-register for the pre-school.

Letters to the Editor

Doctors make gigantic house call

To the Editor:

I was reminded recently of the old complaint that you "just can't get doctors to pay house calls anymore." Not true. Doctors Carpenter and Rasmussen with the help of medical student Peter John payed a gigantic house call to Riverside High School this September, providing athletic physicals for youths needing exams to meet District requirements and OSAA guidelines. With the volunteer assistance of Mrs. Cheryl Tallman and Mrs. Sharon Meyers, both local nurses, and Mrs. Rosalyn Swart, medical secretary, the physicians screened over 130 students in the free clinic.

By my reckoning, their generosity saved parents over $2,405, collectively since the going price for an athletic physical is about $18.50 per student. But more important, as head Varsity Football Coach Dirksen commented, "their willingness to do something like this enables some kids to participate in sports who otherwise would not be able to." I agree with Dirksen and am a believer that being part of athletic programs can teach kids lessons they will remember all of their lives. Lessons about courage, self-discipline, teamwork, and the satisfaction of a game well-played-win or lose. I am sure these sentiments are shared by Donna Barton, Kevin Egan, Tom French, John Colvett and Dirk Dirksen, all coaches who also donated their time that evening as well.

(s) Sharon Barrick
Riverside High School Parent

Births

Andrew Robert Williamson-a son Andrew was born September 19 to Lynn and Ronald Williamson of Boardman. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. He was born at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

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