

## Skating rink opens in Boardman



Photo by Joyce Hensley

Howard (middle left) and Eileen Wheeler receive assistance from (l) Jeremy Cearley, 12, and (r) Tommy Olea, 10 with their skates at the newly opened Boardman Christian Center.

By Joyce Hensley

A modern day miracle is taking form in Boardman through four people, who had a vision for a community Christian center which would bring together kids and adults alike for recreation, worship or shelter.

A skating rink, nicknamed the Holy Roller Skating Rink, complete with brand new skates and a snack bar; and a recreation room providing video games, pool tables, ping pong, and foosball, "to give the kids something to do," recently opened up to the public in a 20,000 square foot building because of a need in the Boardman community seen by Eileen and Howard Wheeler and their friends, Sam and Ethel White.

A group of adults and children banded together in faith, with the Wheelers and the Whites to host an auction and go door to door selling candy bars; Tithes were received, addressed to Howard 'Hallelujah' Wheeler, from as far away as Idaho; donations for the down payment came from the New Covenant Pentecostal Tabernacle in Tacoma, Washington, to help make the non-denominational endeavor a reality. "The financing is strictly by

faith," said Howard. "We didn't borrow a dime. Folks from the congregation donated in the beginning and since then people from all over the Northwest have sent money."

"As the needs arise, money is there to meet it," said Eileen.

"God did this," Howard said. "Man couldn't."

Many hours of volunteer labor have gone into rejuvenating the huge building. "We had to repair broken pipes and did lots of painting. We used forty gallons," said Howard.

A 'bed and breakfast' type motel is planned for the twenty five rooms on the second floor. "We are already renting out six rooms at \$15 a night," said Howard.

A full-fledged family restaurant called "His Place" will be open to the public soon. "We need to do a little more repairs on the existing kitchen equipment," Wheeler said.

The Boardman Christian Center is a non-profit enterprise. "The profit will go back to feed the homeless," he said. "There is a real need here to minister to the people. That is what we are here for."

Unwed mothers and abused women will also be sheltered at the center without charge.

Non-denominational church services are held by Pastor Wheeler, in a large room on the second floor, Sunday mornings and evenings.

The congregation started out as a small group meeting in the Riverside High School Auditorium sixteen months ago and has now grown to a hundred members. "We want to reach the unchurched people," he said.

Church services are from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Sunday.

The skating rink hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 7 - 9 p.m. and Monday and Saturday afternoons from 2 - 5 p.m. The charge for skating is \$1.50 per person plus a fifty cent rental fee for skates.

The recreation center, under the management of Vern and Dixie Brand, is open each day from 3 to 9 p.m.

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## Don Adams retires after 24 years

By Joyce Hensley

Retirement for Don Adams as head custodian and maintenance man at A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon, after twenty-four years, does not mean leisure or traveling, as his former co-workers would hope for him. Instead, Adams is happily looking forward to putting finishing touches on the Irrigon Fire Station and 'catching up' on projects around the house.

"I like to work," said Adams.

Having retired only a short time ago, he has already been putting up moldings around windows, staining facing's, and painting door frames of the nearly completed addition to the fire station and has put a 318 Dodge motor in his old pick-up.

Being fire chief for about 30 years is more to Adams than just extinguishing fires. "I'm not retiring from that," he said.

His future plans sound like more work; painting the bottom of the Irrigon Police Department's rescue boat, remodeling his garage, and redoing his yard.

He and his wife Ruth, are looking forward to a week-end at Haystack Resort at Cannon Beach. The trip was a gift along with \$180 pocket money, from his co-workers and friends.

The gift was presented to him at a retirement dinner at Nendels recently, where ninety-two well-wishers gathered to show their love and affection for him. "It was a super party," said Adams. "I was roasted, toasted, and barbecued."

Discovering how talented his co-workers are, Adams was presented with a scrapbook of a collection of poems, stories, and mementos about his years spent at A.C. Houghton Elementary.

"A lot of time, effort and love went into it," said Ruth.

The evening was mixed with a bit of wistful sadness. "I'll miss the people," he said. Adams had worked with some of the A.C. employees for the full twenty-four years. "It is a close knit group," he said.

Adams had good reason to stick



photo by Joyce Hensley

Don Adams installs new motor in an old pickup in his "retired spare time."

with the same job for all those years. "I liked it," he said, "there was something different to do everyday, and I enjoyed the kids. I especially got a bang out of the little ones." "The worst time I had was when the sewer backed up and ran down

the hall and into the class rooms," he said.

Lunch seemed to be his favorite time of the day. "Boy, the food is good," he said.

"That is the truth," said Ruth. "Where ever he went, he was always back for lunch."

## Riverside High school lists A & B honor rolls

Riverside High School, Boardman, has announced the A and B Honor Rolls for the second quarter and the semester. They are as follows:

A honor roll: Freshmen-second quarter: Charlene Finley 4.0, Amy Gantenbein, Christi Irwin, Trina Sayles, Angela Smythe; B honor roll: Randy Beard, Peter Ceton, Angie Copenhaver, Rusty Driver, Margi Garcia, Jon Horn, Ty Lappen, Jason Nielsen, Cecelia Rodriguez, Tim Hill. Semester A honor roll: Charlene Finley 4.0, Amy Gantenbein, Christi Irwin, Cecelia Rodriguez, Trina Sayles, Angela Smythe; B honor roll: Randy Beard, Peter Ceton, Angie Copenhaver, Christina Crane, Rusty Driver, Margi Garcia, Jon Horn, Marilee Huffman, Ty Lappen, Jason Nielsen, Tim Hill.

A honor roll: Sophomores-second quarter: Wendy Dawson, Tina Douglas, Lea Edwards, Estela Garcia, Kirstin Jensen, Sherri Lake 4.0, Steve Larsen, Jennifer LePlatt, Eric

Marchek, Melinda Nix, Mary Stevens, Mike Tallman 4.0, Guadalupe Torres, Kassie Westmoreland; B honor roll: Matt Anderson, Melanie Bass, Kristin Bates, Joey Edwards, Shanna Evans, Lenn Greer, Joy Hellberg, Russ Jensen, Ryon Johnson, Pat McDonough, Terri McKenney, Lisa Short, Scott Timms, Jesus Torres, Missy Whitehorn. Semester A honor roll: Wendy Dawson, Tina Douglas, Lea Edwards, Lenn Greer, Kirstin Jensen, Sherri Lake 4.0, Steve Larsen, Eric Marchek, Melinda Nix, Mary Stevens 4.0, Mike Tallman 4.0, Kassie Westmoreland 4.0; B honor roll: Matt Anderson, Melanie Bass, Kristin Bates, Joey Edwards, Shanna Evans, Estela Garcia, Joy Hellberg, Russ Jensen, Ryon Johnson, Jennifer LePlatt, Pat McDonough, Terri McKenney, Lisa Silva, Scott Timms, Missy Whitehorn.

A honor roll: Juniors-second quarter: Gale Bailey 4.0, Debi Driver, Rachel Flanagan, Harold Glenn, Tina Palmer, Jenny Richardson, Kathy Shepherd; B honor roll: Cindy Ballard, Robert Bates, Carmen Britt, Glenn Carpenter, Marina Colmenero, Tina Duncan, Trey Fischer, Clay Haynes, Steve McCabe, Stacey McCorkle, Kristi Medley, Melissa Meinke, Alicia Pearsall, Lara Peterson, Michelle Pollentier, Melissa Richmond, Gina Smith, Michelle Thomas. Semester A honor roll: Gale Bailey 4.0, Debi

Driver, Harold Glenn, Kristi Medley, Melissa Meinke, Jenny Richardson; B honor roll: Cindy Ballard, Robert Bates, Carmen Britt, Glenn Carpenter, Tina Duncan, Trey Fischer, Rachel Flanagan, Clay Haynes, Steve McCabe, Stacey McCorkle, Holly Miller, Tina Palmer, Alicia Pearsall, Lara Peterson, Michelle Pollentier, Melissa Richmond, Kathy Shepherd, Gina Smith, Michelle Thomas.

A honor roll: Seniors second quarter: Carmela Garcia, Bonnie Guthrie, Kristen Harrison, Colleen Hensley, Lisa Jurney, Jeff Marchek, Jay Marlow, Terri Meyers 4.0, Vicki Preston, Sheila Town; B honor roll: Shauna Bates, Danita Creamer, Jose DelaRosa, Laura Erickson, Jesus Garcia, Steve Hulen, Tosha McLeod, Lisa Mark, Jason Michael, Terri Moore, Robert Rea. Semester A honor roll: Carmela Garcia, Bonnie Guthrie, Kristen

Harrison, Colleen Hensley, Lisa Jurney, Jeff Marchek, Terri Meyers 4.0, Vicki Preston, Sheila Town; B Honor Roll: Shauna Bates, Laura Erickson, Jacob Fridberg, Jesus Garcia, Steve Hulen, Tosha McLeod, Lisa Mark, Jay Marlow, Jason Michael, Terri Moore, Robert Rea.

## Boardman Council elects Allen

By Ed Glenn

By the toss of a coin, Gene Allen was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Boardman City Council last week. Allen and Dentist Tom Alexander each received three votes to fill the vacancy created when Art Kegler was elected Mayor last month. The deadlock was broken with a toss of the coin. Allen will serve the balance of Kegler's former term of Councilman until 1990.

Looking forward to serving on the Council, Allen commented, "one only needs to count the empty store fronts in town and recognize declining property values to see the hard work ahead." One of Allen's goals is to put Boardman back on a growth

track.

In other business, the City renewed franchise agreements with Umatilla Electric Co-op and Telephone Utilities, and appointed a committee to work with Riverside

High School for the selection of a recipient of the Anderson-Perry & Associates Scholarship.

Anderson-Perry is a LaGrande based engineering firm that has provided engineering services to the City for a number of years. In announcing the scholarship, President Steve Anderson said "It has always been the policy of our firm to try to put back into a community some of our earnings. We hope we can help a high school senior in your area."

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