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### Unicef kids still collecting

Children will still be collecting for Unicef until this Sunday, Nov. 11, said Lea Calvert, a United Methodist Church spokesperson. Calvert said that children who do not collect on Halloween may still do so.

### Off the Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

If your Fido deceased or has he left home? If so, get rid of his dog house. But if your faithful canine companion is still hanging around, perhaps you have carpeted his domicile, added insulation for weather protection or spruced it up with a new coat of paint.

But whether your dog is friendly or not, be sure to put up a "beware of dog" sign for tax appraiser sleuths and liability protection. Improvements to your dog's dwelling could cause that dog house to be given an up-town rating as an improved structure on county tax rolls. Just make sure you don't have a written lease agreement with your pet that gives that number-one pooch specific habitation rights—such as allowing him to dig under his house creating a basement-like addition.

It sounded great for reducing the amount of county tax dollars that fund the local assessor's office when the state passed a ruling which provides state revenues for part of that county office expense. But what it really means is that every six years the county tax offices will be audited by the state to determine if everything taxable is up to speed through current reappraisals. And we're not just talking really dirty real estate, but man-made property that doesn't have to be nailed down.

While there is little monetary value in my beat-up shovel an dtpitted hammer, if I were a for-real carpenter, those items would be considered tools of the trade. It's the same for business machines used in a mobile-type structure. No one would attach my typewriter for back taxes because it isn't educated enough to spell correctly. And my other incompetent tools include a haywire stapler and an out-of-date dictionary.

But it's no laughing matter when people care enough to upgrade or restore houses and buildings and then are taxed for their efforts—especially when Oregon has one of the highest property tax rates in the nation.

Take the Hardman Community Hall, for instance. It is no longer owned by the Oddfellows Lodge, a philanthropic organization. Therefore it is not considered tax exempt, even though that same group of people who are restoring the hall are also tending the Hardman cemetery. So money from fund raisers by volunteers earmarked for remodeling materials must cover five years of back taxes.

An even stranger example of recent taxation applies to the livestock corrals and weigh scales at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. These facilities are on county-won property and were built many years ago by volunteers. Maintenance of this area has been shared by the Morrow County Livestock Growers and the Morrow County Fairboard.

Recently this facility was appraised at an inflated value of \$7000. But because there has always been a loosely-worded lease agreement between the two entities, there is now a five-year back tax asking.

No monetary exchange has taken place between these two user groups. The word 'lease' seems to be the key for this assessment. But before slapping registered letters in the mail, there were no efforts made to allow for paperwork housekeeping measures. Historically, many volunteer hours have been donated towards maintaining this facility that benefits 4-H and FFA, the rodeo and tax-paying cattle producers.

What this situation equates to—is tax dollars spent for appraisal time and tax notice costs to obtain \$130 dollars in county taxes per year. However there are over \$40 thousand in racing commission and state funds, the major part of the Fair Board budget, dropped into the county coffers each year. And the donated labor by the Livestock Growers supports the annual fair fat stock auction and other functions.

Ever so gradually, local control continues to slip away. And expensive paper busywork is involved in exchanging county and state dollars that bleed the taxpayers.

So get rid of your dog or at least let him sleep in your home and get rid of the dog house. Or maybe you can find a dog house renter to help pay taxes. There is a rental housing shortage in Heppner.

### Garden club prepares

Heppner Garden Club will meet at St. Patrick's Senior Center Monday, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. Vern Batty will discuss the flower of the month, its culture and characteristics.

Workshops will be set up for preparing for sales at the Artifactory December 1. It is suggested in order not to be disappointed please place orders for wreaths with Ida Farra, 676-9446, as soon as possible. Hostesses for the evening will be Debbie Scott and Irene Swanson.

### Ione Middle School Cardinals win volleyball tournament



By Becky Wagenblast  
 The Ione Middle School Cardinals took first place at the Weston 'A' Volleyball Tournament October 27. Ione played larger teams, but held on to the win. There were eight teams present.

The first match was against the Echo Cougars. Ione had more consistent serving with Melissa McElligott getting 11 points for lead scorer. Ione won in three games, 15-6, 12-15, 15-9.

Their next match was against the Athena-Weston Panthers' white team. The first game was a close one, 14-16, with the Panthers coming out on top. Ione showed more team work as they defeated Athena-Weston in the second game, 15-11. The Cardinals were playing good and showed it, as they stomped the Panthers, 15-6, in the final game. Kimberly Bedortha was high scorer with 14 points.

Finally, Ione advanced to the championship match, against the

### Ione Cardinals end season with lopsided loss to Wheeler

By Anne Morter  
 The Ione Cardinals closed their football season with a lopsided loss to Wheeler last Friday, 72-22. The Cards ended the year with a 5-4 season record and a league mark of 3-4. Wheeler made it into the end zone five times before Ione managed a

score in the first half. The 44-8 halftime score put the game out of reach for the young Cards.

The Cardinals were held to just 270 yards of total offense while Wheeler tallied 711 yards. On the ground, the Cardinals had 196 yards rushing, with Mac Lovett leading the way with 133. Brian Holtz chipped in 49 yards on four carries and Gabe Garcia added 19 on eight carries.

Quarterback David Wagenblast three for 74 yards in the game. Gabe Garcia and Deacon Heideman were the leading receivers with one reception and 33 yards each. Touchdowns were scored by Mac Lovett, Brian Holtz and Deacon Heideman. The very physical contest saw Wheeler penalized 13 times for 166 ½ yards.

### BOWLING

#### Thursday Night Ladies October 18, 1990

	W	L
Jordan Elevator	14	6
J & J Ceramics	10	10
MCGG	10	10
B & C Repair	10	10
Black Horse Contracting	9	11
Penland House	7	13

High game: Sharon Dunn 197  
 High series: Ineta Cantin 515.  
 Splits converted: Alvin Padberg 3-10; Kathy Cutsforth 5-10; Bunnie Lindsay 5-10.

#### Dime A Dozen October 21, 1990

	W	L
#2	17	7
#5	16	8
#1	15	9
#6	15	9
#3	11	13
#7	11	13
#4	8	16
#8	7	17

High game: Nicki Hartley 189, Garry VanArsdale 236.  
 High series: Billie VanArsdale 486, Garry VanArsdale 579. High team series # 1, 2,293.  
 Splits converted: Larry Scroggins 4-5-7; Darlene Scroggins 3-10; Joan Scroggins 3-10; Neil Beamer 3-10.

#### Thursday Night Ladies October 25, 1990

	W	L
Jordan Elevator	18	6
J & J Ceramics	12	12
Penland House	11	13
Black Horse Contracting	11	13
MCGG	10	14
B & C Repair	10	14

High game: Bonnie Grant 204.  
 High series: Bonnie Grant 536.  
 Splits converted: Andrea Mortimore 5-10.

#### Koffee Kup Keglers October 25, 1990

	W	L
Gutter Dusters	18	10
No Pin Hitters	16	12
The Pytts	14	14
Hi Ho's	14	14
Alley Cats	14	14
MCGG	12	16
Hopeful Has Beens	12	16
The Dregs	12	16

High game: Marie Rudisill 218.  
 High series: Marie Rudisill 544, Billie VanArsdale 518.  
 Splits converted: Glenna Rollis 5-10.

#### Dime A Dozen October 28, 1990

	W	L
#2	20	8
#5	18	10
#1	17	11
#6	17	11
#7	15	13
#3	13	15
#4	8	20
#8	8	20

High game: Alvin Padberg 190, Harry Hartley 214.

High series: Alvin Padberg 489, Delbert Binschus 546.

Splits converted: Millie Hanna 3-10 (2); Elmer Heath 3-10; Wayne Rollis 5-10; Verna Brinda 3-10; Delbert Binschus 3-10; John Hanna 5-6; Darlene Scroggins 7-6; Joan Scroggins 6-7; Ellis McRoberts 5-6-10; Billie VanArsdale 3-10.

High team game # 2, 779.  
 High team series # 3, 2219.

#### Koffee Kup Keglers October 30, 1990

	W	L
Gutter Dusters	21	11
No Pin Hitters	19	13
The Hi Ho's	17	15
The Pytts	15	17
Alley Cats	15	17
MCGG	14	18
Hopeful Has Beens	14	18
The Dregs	13	19

High game: Billie VanArsdale 192.  
 High series: Sonia Smith 472.  
 Splits converted: Josie Kindsfather 4-5.

#### November 1, 1990

	W	L
Gutter Dusters	22	14
No Pin Hitters	21	15
Hi Ho's	19	17
The Pytts	18	18
MCGG	18	18
Hopeful Has Beens	16	20
The Dregs	15	21
Alley Cats	15	21

High games: Alvin Padberg 203; Maude Hughes and Billie VanArsdale 200.  
 High series: Alvin Padberg 540; Billie VanArsdale 528; Linda Schultz 520; Iris Campbell 502.  
 Splits converted: Eileen Padberg 3-10.