

Dance slated at senior center

A dance featuring live music, p.m. to 11 p.m. will be held at the St. Patrick's Senior Center on Feb. 19 from 8 Those attending are asked to bring finger foods. Admission is \$2.

RJ's Steak House Celebrates One Year Anniversary Valentine's Day with Two for One on Chinese Dinner N.Y. Steak BBQ Spareribs
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Billy Ayers retires from Kinzua



Swing shift supervisor Earl Garrett (l) and personnel director Paul Sumner (r), present Billy Ayers with retirement gift.

Billy Ayers of Lexington has retired from Kinzua Corp. after more than 20 years with the mill. He started work at the mill on Nov. 8, 1972, in the plywood plant. He worked as a planer and

in the stud mill at the time of his retirement.

Ayers says that updating of the mill has made work easier over the years.

Before he came to work in the mill, he worked nine years driving a combine for the Green Giant Company and also drove a combine for Columbia River farms.

During his "so called" retirement, Ayers, 62, will continue his firewood business and his pallet building business. He has built pallets for watermelon growers, the Pendleton Grain Growers feed mill and for a winery.

While Ayers doesn't plan on taking it easy, he said that he will enjoy being his own boss. "I enjoy working," he added. "I can't quit working. I've worked hard all my life." He said that he has been working since he was 10 years old, when he worked a team of horses with a turning plow back in Virginia where he grew up.

Ayers has plans for a trip back to Virginia in April. His wife, Betty, has family in Virginia and a daughter and grandchildren live there. Ayers has five children and seven grandchildren.

Crime down in Morrow County

The news is good in Morrow County, as far as crime is concerned. According to information released by Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago, crime is down, in some cases dramatically down.

There was a 100 percent reduction in fraud or negotiating a bad check from 1991-92 from 13 to zero.

Misdemeanor driving offenses were also down, from 16 to seven, a reduction of 56 percent. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was down by 46 percent, from 13 to seven. Miscellaneous crimes (kidnap, protective custody arrests, miscellaneous alcohol offenses, traffic and weapons violations, obscene phone calls, child neglect and assisting outside departments) were almost cut in half, down from 59 cases to 30 in 1992. Assists from agencies dispatched by the sheriff's office were down from 142 to 80, a 43 percent change.

Motor vehicle accidents were also down from 31 to 18, a 41 percent reduction, and felony driving was down 17 percent, from 17 to 14. Drug investigations were down from 42 to 35, a 16 percent reduction.

Criminal trespass was down from 10 to eight, a 20 percent reduction.

Down slightly were criminal mischief and vandalism, from 67 to 64, a four percent reduction; animal complaints down from 23

to 21, an eight percent reduction; theft, down from 79 to 70 an 11 percent reduction; driving under the influence, down from 30 to 29 a three percent change.

The big areas in increases were not increases in crime, but increases in sheriff's office activity. Fugitive arrests by the sheriff's office went up from 33 to 67, a 103 percent increase and fugitive arrests by an outside agency, handled through the dispatcher, were up from 53 to 135, a change of 154 percent. Restraining order entries also handled by the dispatcher, were up from 29 to 42, a 44 percent increase. Recovery of stolen property was also up, from six to 14, a 133 percent increase.

Up slightly were assault, menacing and endangerment from 67 to 71, a five percent change, and unattended death investigations from six to nine, up five percent.

Seeing no change were sex crimes and sex abuse, which remained at 12 and burglary which remained at 76.

Assaults for 1992 included one attempted murder, compared to two attempted murders in 1991. Six crimes included two rape cases for each year. Burglary included two attempted robbery cases for 1992.

The Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatches for the Heppner, Boardman and Condon police departments and the Gilliam and Wheeler County Sheriff's offices.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



One hundred people were in attendance for the Senior Center dinner Wednesday, Feb. 3. Six meals were taken out. Members of the Christian Life Center served. Carol Mitchell won the meal ticket and Nella Britt won the door prize. Mr. and Mrs. John Hanna are the host and hostess for February. The nursing home patients were unable to attend the dinner because the van used to transport the lone people doesn't have a wheelchair lift and the senior bus was being repaired.

The meal site committee met following dinner. The menu for dinner Feb. 17 will be chili, coleslaw, crackers and cinnamon rolls. Members of the Catholic church will serve.

Nine seniors went by van to the dinner and AAA meeting in Pendleton Thursday, Feb. 4. The Paul Jones' went by car.

There were three tables of pinocle at the center Friday afternoon. Cards and games will be played in the sitting room at 2:30 p.m. every Friday through the rest of the month.

Nine people went by senior bus to the dance in Hermiston Saturday night. They reported a very enjoyable evening.

Sunday evening 10 seniors gathered in the sitting room for the video of Dr. Quinn. Popcorn was served by Florence Holt.

Monday afternoon nine RSVP volunteers folded newsletters for the Extension Service.

The appreciation luncheon for volunteers who help serve at the senior meals will be Friday, Feb. 12.

The Senior Health Care Focus Group will meet Tues., Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the dining room.

A senior dance will be held Friday, Feb. 19 in the dining room from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$2. Those attending are asked to bring finger foods. Other dates to remember: Monday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Bible study, quilting 1-4 p.m., knitting 7:30 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs., 10-10:30 a.m. exercise; Friday, 2:30 p.m. cards; Sun. 6 p.m. movie.

Remember free help in preparing income tax returns will be available from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday and 1-4 p.m. on Friday. Call the Senior Center office for appointments.



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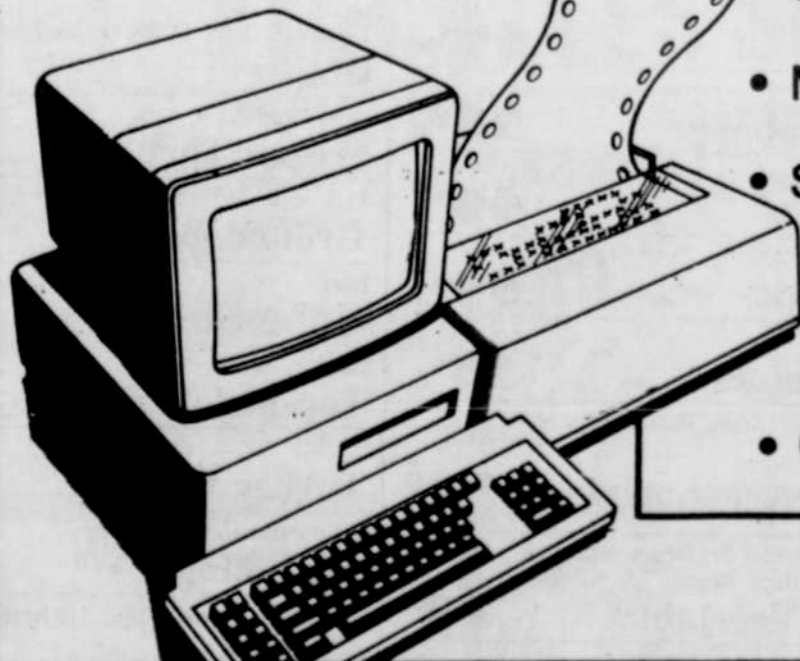
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