

Volunteers sought for kids

Volunteers are being sought for the CASA program.

A CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer is a person "who has a genuine interest in children their rights and special needs," says Kim Carmine, manager of Service to Children and Families Division in Boardman. "Appointed by the court at the time a petition is filed in juvenile court, a person serving as a CASA looks out for the needs and rights of the child. Abused or neglected children need this advocate."

"A CASA must be an assertive person who likes kids, but is not a counselor," says Carmine. "Our CASAs interview teachers, parents, counselors, anybody who has a stake in the kid's life and within 60 days makes a report to the court that assesses the needs of the kid. A CASA could be a retired teacher, a housewife—we even have a retired minister who is a CASA. These dedicated people maintain contact with the child, family and appropriate agencies and monitor compliance with orders of the court with all parties."

Although a volunteer position, a CASA is reimbursed for expenses related to travel. Time must be set aside to devote to training sessions investigations, court appearances and follow-up contracts. A firm commitment of time and effort to the assigned child must be made over an extended period of time, says Carmine.

Anyone who has some extra time to devote to something that would make a big difference in a child's life may call Services to Children and Families: Carmine in Boardman, 481-9482, or Carolyn Holt in Heppner, 676-5641.

The Scotts' Open House
Sunday, April 5 1-5 p.m.
Alan and Debbie, Kevin, Keith and Craig wish to thank the community for the support and encouragement during the rebuilding of their house after the fire-- and invite you to come visit!

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

One of the Chamber of Commerce's goals is to assist in keeping the lines of communication open within our community. A current topic of conversation is the proposed Oregon Youth Accountability bootcamp for Heppner. Monday evening, March 30 at Heppner High School, our community will convey to the state its desire for locating here or not.

By the time you read this, all Heppner postal boxholders will have received a four-page information sheet from the Chamber addressing often asked questions about the camp and calling attention to the informational meetings on Thursday, March 26 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Informed persons, including some from Tillamook, where a similar facility is located, will be present to answer questions. These meetings will give the opportunity to arrive at an education opinion for the public hearing on March 30.

Opening our ears and eyes to all information will help each and everyone determine if Heppner should take some responsibility for rehabilitating at-risk youth; if Heppner should take advantage of this economic opportunity for the community; and if the facility is safe for our community. We might ask ourselves what the additional jobs would mean for our new pool, fairgrounds project, Main Street businesses, etc. Read the information, ask questions, attend the meetings and feel comfortable in voicing your educated decision after weighing all the facts. That's the best any of us can do.

Thought for the week: "The things of greatest value in life are those things that multiply when divided."

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Engagement Brownfield-Wolters



Amy Brownfield and Kirklan Wolters

Amy Kristine Brownfield and Kirklan Wolters announce their engagement to be married.

Amy is the daughter of Steve and Luanne Brownfield, Heppner, and Nancy and Dick Snider, Ione. Kirklan is the son of Eldon and Krystal Wolters, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The bride-elect graduated from Heppner High School in 1992. In 1994 she graduated from the school of cosmetology at Twin Falls. She is employed at the J.C. Penney Styling Salon.

Kirklan graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1990. He is employed at Shamrock Feedlot at Twin Falls.

The couple plan a May 23, 1998, wedding at Immanuel Lutheran at Twin Falls. A reception for the couple will be held May 30 at the Snider home on Rhea Creek in Ione from 4-8 p.m.

Come Share With Us At
Willow Creek Baptist Church
Worship Service on Sundays at 11 a.m.
Meeting in the 7th-day Adventist Church
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St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 72 present for the senior meal Wednesday, March 18. Fifteen meals were home delivered and 18 frozen meals were delivered. Members of the Christian Life Center served. Blood pressures were taken by Veda Nave of Pioneer Memorial Home Health, who is filling in for Sandi Arntt.

The menu for dinner April 1 will be beef stroganoff. Members of the First Christian Church will serve. Hearing aid assistance will be given and blood pressures taken before the meal.

The Meal Site Committee will meet and bingo will be played following the meal.

There were 22 present for the breakfast Friday March 20. The menu for Friday, March 27, will be French toast, link sausage, hot and cold cereal, fruit, milk, orange juice and coffee.

Monday, March 30, is RSVP appreciation time. Lunch will be served to the volunteers in the Senior Center dining room. The dinner is free to volunteers only. A contribution of \$3.50 is suggested for non-volunteer guests.

Pinochle was played Tuesday and Friday afternoons, with two tables in play Friday.

Irene Anhorn, a tenant in the senior apartments, fell on the street Friday. Fortunately she didn't break any bones, but has scrapes and bruises on her face and two black eyes. The accident hasn't slowed her down though, she is still out and about and working in the Senior Center office.

Daisy Collins brought in beautiful daffodils, pussy willows, forsythia and other blooming branches for the tenants to share Friday.

The public information meetings regarding the youth camp will be held at the Senior Center Thursday, March 26, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Those who are interested are urged to attend one of the meetings.

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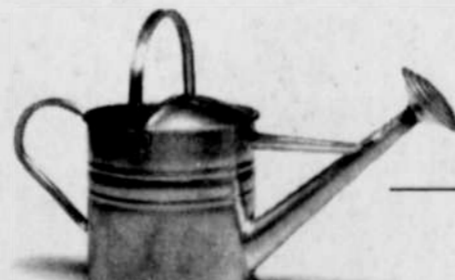
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