

Willow Creek Baptist VBS



Third and fourth grade class in the Willow Creek Baptist Vacation Bible School held last week in Heppner brought in the most food items to be donated to the Neighborhood Center. The third and fourth graders brought in 111 out of 194 items.



Kids and leaders at the Willow Creek Baptist Vacation Bible school have fun with songs at the conclusion of the program held at the Heppner City Park.

MCGC holds shoot

The Morrow County Gun Club (MCGC) held their monthly shoot on July 25 at the clubhouse in Lexington.

Winners of the 16-yard event were: first Rob Ashbeck, 24 of 25; second a tie between Mark Schlichting and Travis Greenup, 23 of 25; third a tie between Mick

Sharp, Jimmy Walton and Curt Day, 21 of 25.

Winners of the 20-yard handicap event were: first Jimmy Walton, 20 of 25; second Rob Ashbeck, 19 of 25; third Mark Schlichting, 18 of 25.

There was one golf round shot won by Mark Schlichting, and two Annie Oakleys, won by Curt Day and Jimmy Walton.

The next shoot of the MCGC will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14. Time and location will be announced at a later date. The club will also be installing outside lights and will hold night shoots by September.

Cancer support group to meet

The Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet Monday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hospital, Conference Center #1, in Hermiston.

Dr. Fred Foss from Kennewick, WA is the guest speaker. He will discuss

"Surgery vs. Radiation and the Pros and Cons of Each." This is a timely lesson, because the choices to treat prostate cancer usually is one or both of these therapies, said a support group spokesperson.

All interested people, including wives, are welcome to attend this free meeting.

Road Construction Status Report

Notice to the citizens who utilize and enjoy the Willow Creek (Coal Mine Grade) area:

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation lists its planned construction activities on Willow Creek Road for the week of Monday, July 26:

This week, Tidewater Contractors will be working within the limits of the project with the exception of hauling material to waste at the 20 mph corner Monday-Friday. There will be flaggers at the 20 mph corner to assist the traveling public.

They will be hauling base aggregate material from the Summerfield Ridge Quarry site to the project continuing through this week and for at least the first week of August. This site is near the intersection of Black Mountain Road and FS 53 Road. There will be a number of trucks utilizing the main road between Black Mountain Road and Cutsforth Park hauling the material. Watch for the truck signs and trucks entering the main road near this location.

They have completed the sub-grade to the Smith Ditch area and are placing the base aggregate on the first mile plus of roadway. They will continue blading the sub-grade from Smith Ditch, working towards the Penland Lake Road intersection.

There are a few culverts that have to be set, which were not started as planned last week. Work on the culverts began Monday. The surveyors will also continue setting stakes for the top of sub-grade as they continue towards the end of the project.

Emergency access through the project will be maintained throughout the season.

Willow Creek Road will remain open to local traffic only, as far as Cutsforth Park. The park will remain open through the normal season. The detour route through Shaw Creek Road to the four corners, to Penland Lake and Ukiah, is and will remain open to all traffic.

During the 1999 construction season, Willow Creek Road (Coal Mine Grade) (FS 53 Road) will remain closed to through traffic, from Cutsforth Park to the intersection of FS Roads 5350 (Texas Pit Road).

Watch for travelers, campers and wood cutters, observe the warning signs, including the speed limit, on the Shaw Creek Road detour route, and observe the barricades at both ends of the construction zone. Have a safe summer and remember that the barricaded road closures are for the traveling public's safety.

Federal Highways asks the traveling public for their patience, consideration and cooperation, and appreciates input from the public.

Contact Robert G. Toops, project engineer, at (541) 676-5904 in Heppner for additional information.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

Need common sense

To the Editor:

On Friday afternoon, on Willow Creek Road, I came upon a pickup and trailer fully engulfed in flames with a young family standing by watching helplessly while their belongings burned up.

My friend and I called 911 and the Forest Service. Two USFS employees and a pumper came but stayed down the road and refused to help. I drove down and asked them to come up and put the fire out; they refused to assist because "rules and regulations prohibited them from taking action because they weren't on USFS ground." There is something wrong with the system when federal employees refuse any effort to assist the public because of "rules and regulations."

I agree, the pickup and trailer could not have been saved, but an effort on the employees' part certainly would have made everyone there feel a lot better. It is circumstances like this that give the USFS and federal employees in general a bad reputation. Under certain circumstances "rules and regulations" are misused. A little common sense and consideration for the human side of life goes a

long way.

A concerned taxpayer,
(s) Greg Greenup
Heppner

Creative Arts plans trip

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club is planning a trip to Lincoln City on Friday, Oct. 1 through Sunday, Oct. 3.

The featured stop will be a show by country singer Loretta Lynn at Lincoln City, Saturday, October 2. Other stops on the trip will include the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center at The Dalles; the Lawrence Gallery, the Portland Art Museum; plus a day of sightseeing on the Oregon Coast.

Due to the cost and availability of tickets for the Loretta Lynn show, the group needs a firm count of the number of people wanting to go by Saturday, July 31.

For more information, or to sign up, contact Betty Mills at 676-5546, or Bebe Munkers at 676-9677.

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St. Patrick's Senior Center News Bulletin

There were 116 people present for the senior dinner July 21. Members of the First Christian Church served. A large group from the Willow Creek Baptist Church sang, ate lunch and visited with the seniors. It was very nice to have these young people with us, said a senior center spokesperson.

The menu for the senior meal on Wednesday, Aug. 4 will be chicken-broccoli casserole, crescent rolls, pasta salad, spinach salad, watermelon and juice. Members of the Catholic Church will serve.

There will be an enchilada dinner on Friday, July 30 from 4-6 p.m. at the senior center, with bingo from 7-9 p.m. This is a benefit for the Ministerial Association to help them help people of this area.

The senior bus went to Hermiston on July 22, with Gerald Bergstrom driving. Eight seniors enjoyed lunch at the Senior Meal Site. The bus is scheduled to go to Arlington on Tuesday, Aug. 3, leaving Heppner at 9:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to be picked up in Lexington or Lone may call the senior center office, 676-9030, to have their name put on the list.

The Dollaride car is available for taking seniors or disabled people to doctor's appointments or for errands around town. The nursing home uses it Tuesday mornings from 9-11 a.m., and it is used to pick up two seniors out in the country on Wednesday mornings to bring them to the senior meal. If there is an urgent need to use it at those times, please call several days ahead, so that arrangements can be made to take care of everyone. Call the senior center office, 676-9030, to schedule your ride, the day before for in-town and at least two days before an out-of-town date.

Exercise class is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m.; cards are held Tuesday and Friday at 1 p.m. There's always a jigsaw puzzle to be worked on-everyone is welcome to participate.

Charming turn-of-the-century home

built in 1895 on South Main Street in Heppner, it has been restored and remodeled and includes over 3,300 sq. ft. on 4.05 acres. This lovely home has four bedrooms, two baths, full basement, attic, three-story barn, butler's pantry, parlor, enclosed back porch, mahogany front doors and much more. A creek, waterfall and spring are located on the property and the home is included in the Morrow County Chronicles published by the Morrow County Historical Society.

\$179,900

For more details, contact Janet Fouse at Schroth Realty in Hermiston, (541) 564-2027.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Sarah A. Lewis, 22, Kamlah, ID.-Failure to Use Seat Belt, \$54 fine;

Mark Way, 33, Heppner-DUII, \$993 fine, 80 hours community service and complete alcohol education program;

Donald R. Kelley, 56-Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$106 fine;

John W. Roberts, 51, Redmond-DUII, \$993 fine, 80 hours community service, complete alcohol education program;

Melinda S. Nichols, 35, Pilot Rock-Criminal Trespass, \$626 fine;

Edward Sproed, 53, Adams-Theft III, \$227 fine;

Phillip L. Kight, 48, Heppner-Failure to Use Seat Belt, \$74 fine, Driving Uninsured, \$172 fine;

Michael D. Lynch, 40, Heppner-Driving while License Suspended, \$292 fine, Failure to Wear Seat Belt, \$74 fine.

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