

Paintin' the town green



Mary West, Rhea Creek, and her children, James, 11 months, and Betsy, three years, admire the window artwork done by Colleen Williams. Williams' arrival, with her brush and paints, heralds in the St. Patricick Celebration festivities.

Obituary

Loree Hubbard

Loree Hubbard, 89, of Ione, died Thursday, March 2, 2000, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

Memorial services for Mrs. Hubbard was Monday, March 6, 2000 at the Heppner United Methodist Church with private committal at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born July 7, 1910, at Dayton, Washington, to Melvie and Lillie Tharp Brill. She was raised at Turner, Washington and attended school there, later attending Dayton High School where she graduated in 1927.

On August 21, 1929, she married Van Hubbard at Dayton. They lived at Turner, Washington until 1939, then moving to Fossil, Mitchell, Hardman and Heppner, before settling at Ione in 1943.

Mrs. Hubbard was a member of the Ione United Church of Christ; the Ione Garden Club; Willows Grange; the Bingo Club, the Topic Club and the Birthday Club.

She enjoyed gardening, working in her flowers, traveling and reading.

Survivors include a son, Robert of Ione; daughters, Lillian Boyce and Peggy Connor, both of Heppner; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Van, in 1977; son Bill in 1955; and granddaughter Debbie in 1990.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione United Church of Christ Building Fund, P.O. Box 365, Ione, Oregon 97843; or Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

MC Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, March 9-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, March 13-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 14-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Wednesday, March 15-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon clinic, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, March 16-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, March 20-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 21-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, March 23-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, March 28-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Thursday, March 30-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

As funding grows, assisted living facility nears fruition

By Doris Brosnan

Board members of Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living, the nonprofit corporation planning to build an assisted living facility in Heppner, grow increasingly confident that their project will soon begin.

Joining the board of directors recently, Tom Wolff and Nancy VanderDoes bring added enthusiasm and ideas to the "already enthusiastic" group as they take final steps in their preliminary work.

DWR Consultants, Inc., of Pasco, recently completed a geotechnical survey of the proposed site, which lies 1.5 miles from Main Street and adjoins the Lakeview Heights subdivision. Results of this soil and rock survey and an accompanying investigation for site grading and a drainage plan have been sent to the USDA Rural Housing agency to be added to the application for a \$680,000 loan.

The board is concentrating efforts on fund raising while waiting for news about the

application. The banks, which will also be helping with financing, require the organization to show at least \$90,000 in private donations. As the "thermometer" on Main Street will soon reflect, donations and pledges now represent a total of \$54,955, according to board chair, Suzanne Jepsen. That includes the recent donation from the Heppner Elks organization, \$250, with a pledge to also donate \$250 a year for four more years.

WCVL is now reaping some benefit from grocery-receipt boxes located in the Red Apple Market and Heppner City Hall. Red Market owner, Bert Houweling, will donate one percent of the amount of the store's receipts placed in the boxes.

In response to a recent question, the board wants potential donors to know that they can specify that their donations be used for the assisted living facility or returned to them if the facility does not become a reality.

Food handler's class offered

A food handler's class will be offered by Blue Mountain Community College and the State Health Division on Wednesday, March 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria.

A food handler's card is required by the State of Oregon for all employees who handle or prepare food in food service facilities in Oregon. This includes dishwashers, waiters, staff and business persons. Additionally,

the card is also required now of all day care workers.

There is no charge for the class but a \$10 licensing fee is payable to the State Health Department after successful completion of the written test.

"It is recommended that those selling food during the St. Pat's Celebration have at least one person present with a food handler's license," says Claudia Hughes, Heppner Chamber of Commerce manager.

Christian music concert planned during St. Pat's

A concert of contemporary Christian music by the band, Destiny Road, has been planned during the St. Patrick's festivities on Saturday, March 18, from 2-4 p.m. at the Heppner City Park, sponsored by First Christian Church.

According to a release, Destiny Road is a "band for the adult crowd who feels left out by today's youth-oriented Christian music."

"While appealing to the '30-something' audience, the music avoids sounding dated by its fresh and energetic presentation. The pacing of the concert performance is such as to alternately make the observer

happily tap his toe and clap his hands or sing along in heart felt worship," said a spokesperson.

"The all-original material presented is a hybrid of several styles including rock, country contemporary and praise. The combination of these seemingly incongruous styles is what gives the band their own unique sound. It seems to also be responsible in part for keeping the full attention of the audience wherever they play."

"The musicians in Destiny Road have each been involved in music for most of their lives, some professionally and others semi-professionally. All are dedicated Christians who view this opportunity to play as a

ministry. A ministry of encouragement to the saved and of salvation to the unsaved - a ministry that is taken quite seriously," they said.

Destiny Road features Paul Eaker on bass, David Florea on guitar, Sean Gallagher on guitar, Kathy Scott on hand percussion and keyboard and Pat Ward on drums and occasional mandolin. Although Florea and Gallagher do most of the singing, each member takes a lead vocal on at least one song in the set.

Band members living and working in the Hermiston area are "positioned in an ideal location for ministering to the inland Northwest."

Grant County woman to run for Dist. 59 seat



Linda Harrington

Grant County businesswoman Linda Harrington, Prairie City, is announcing her candidacy for the House District 59 seat.

Harrington, a third generation Oregonian has strong ties to the district, which includes Baker, Crook, Grant, Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Wasco and Wheeler counties.

Harrington holds a BA from the U of O in speech rhetoric and public address, a teaching certificate in speech/drama and journalism, and attended the public administration program at PSU.

Harrington says she believes in local solutions to local problems. As a legislator, Harrington says she will find "solutions fitting the unique economic and environmental challenges of Eastern Oregon by applying common sense to the legislative process."

Harrington 55, owns the Strawberry Mountain Inn Bed and Breakfast in Prairie City. Her civic and political involvement includes: the Governor's appointee for the Women's Economic Advisory Council, Grant County Court appointee on the North Central Regional Strategies Board of Directors, Grant County Advisory Board for the Commission of Children and Families, and member of the Citizens Advisory Committee for

the Prairie City Industrial Park Site. Harrington is a current substitute teacher, advocate to a local battered women's shelter,

and founder and acting president for the Friends of the Prairie City Railroad Depot and Museum.

Hollomons open new real estate office



JoyceKay and Jerry Hollomon open real estate office

Jerry and JoyceKay Hollomon have opened a new real estate office in Heppner.

Called Willow Creek Realty the business will be run out of their existing business, the Shoe Box, located at 133 Main.

JoyceKay is the broker and Jerry is a realtor. The couple are taking listings for residential,

commercial and farm property.

JoyceKay has been in the real estate business for about four years. She formerly worked for broker Sharon Lewis of Heritage Land Co. in Heppner.

The Hollomons can be reached at 676-5241 during the day, or 676-5542 evenings.

SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner.

Agenda items include: manager

report: annual work plan, Goodyear Report; agency reports: NRCS, ODFW, RCD; and weed report: Oregon State Weed Board Grant, OSWB Strategic Plan.

The public is invited to attend.

You are invited to a
Bridal Shower and Bachelorette Party for
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