

Community support important to WCVAL

By Doris Brosnan

The board of directors of the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Facility project have known the importance of community support and have increasingly appreciated that support. During these past several months, the board members have also added to their knowledge the importance of goals and the importance of patience.

Community support continues to be the most important element in the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living project, and that support continues to bring the facility closer to reality.

Suzanne Jepsen, chair of the WCVAL Board, has announced that the support offered through financial donations has brought the board to more than \$84,000 in their efforts to raise at least \$90,000 required by the lending agencies.

Recent contributions have been made in memory of five citizens recently deceased: Ralph Beamer, Tom Huddleston, Beth Clark, Jim Farley and Freida Wenberg.

Gina Leonard, a long-time resident of Lexington now living in Hermiston, has recently made a generous donation to the WCVAL project, and this year,

the Hardman Community Center Board's invitation to the WCVAL Board to co-sponsor the Hardman Oyster Feed resulted in a donation of \$500. The area community in general demonstrates interest in the assisted living facility each time Red Apple customers place their grocery receipts in the designated container at the grocery store. Their generosity and that of the owners, Bert and Kim Houweling, continue to raise the total for donations higher each month.

Putting these contributions to work is the ultimate intention of the WCVAL Board. As Jepsen explains, the goal of providing assisted living for the Willow Creek Valley drives the board's ongoing efforts and their goal of starting construction next spring.

As Jepsen can also explain, patience is what helps her deal with the delays that create further delays that create further delays. Acceptance of such stumbling blocks, all part of the "checks and balances," is viewed as part of the learning that Jepsen and the WCVAL board are experiencing. As they work through the many details, they continue to welcome the financial support that will help to make the project a success.

Boardman Garden Club awards

The Boardman Garden Club awarded eight yards for their beautiful autumn decorations.

The four top winners received a certificate and money. These were the Steve Dorsherty family, Mary Kroetje, Dan Shoemaker family and Cathy Cash.

The honorable mentions received a certificate. These were Alice Ellis, Pat Brosseau, Paul Garner and Brenda Terrell, and the Mike Wetherell family. Congratulations to these winners. Many yards had some fall plants

and pumpkins. The club is pleased to meet and greet all the happy yard decorators.

Should it snow this winter, the Garden Club judges will be out looking for snowmen or snow creations to award certificates. Six businesses will be awarded for their seasonal decorations in December. Kopacz in Hermiston has a nice variety of kale if you can't find it anywhere else. It will last through most of the winter for those who wish to plant it now.

Greenfield Grange elects officers

An election of officers for 2001 was held at Greenfield Grange during the October meeting.

Bobbi Peck was re-elected as master; Hazel Miller, overseer; Paul Garner, lecturer; Otis Dean, steward; Ryan Decker, assistant steward; Martha Baker, lady assistant steward; Dorthey Bisbee, chaplain; Jane Dean, secretary/treasurer; Brandon Dean, gatekeeper; Connie Rodriguez, Ceres; Pomona, Shelly Dean; Flora, and Edna Melby.

The Grange has been a busy

Topic Club meets

The Ione Topic Club met at the Ione Fire Hall for the October meeting with Becky Hunt and Eunice McElligott as hostesses.

Diane Stuart was welcomed as a new member to the club. Kathy Gates is serving as substitute librarian, while Kristy Crowell, librarian, is on vacation.

The library has returned to winter hours. Monday and Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.

Story hour readers for November will be June Crowell and Becky Hunt. Last month readers were Betty Gray and Katherine Lindstrom. Tracy McMinn was a guest.

The next meeting will be a week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

A program was presented by the Natural Resources class from the high school. Under the direction of their teacher, Gary Hunt, the students showed the varied instruments used in their work. This year they are studying Willow Creek and Rhea Creek and learning much about these waterways, including some things of benefit to ranchers and cattlemen.

The classes also make two field trips a year. They have just

United Methodist Ione sidewalk project builds sidewalk near school plan bazaar

The annual United Methodist Harvest Bazaar, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in the church basement.

Bazaar items will include baked goods, holiday aprons and homemade jellies.

A chicken casserole luncheon will be held at the church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at a cost of \$5 each.

Garden Club to hold meeting

The Heppner Garden Club will have their monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 13 at the Senior Center at 7 p.m.

Poinsettias will be the program topic.

Rhea Creek Social Club tours ag museum

The Rhea Creek Social Club held a tour of Shorty and Edna Peck's Agricultural Museum and guide Frank Church showed those in attendance the old machines and cars.

The museum is still in the planning stages.

The next meeting will be held at the Neighborhood Center on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. The project will be decorations for the nursing home. Those planning to attend should bring a sack lunch.

Local teachers honored

A select group of America's teachers are being honored by their toughest critics... their former students, in the sixth annual edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000."

Teachers included in the edition are: Heppner-Phyllis Danielson, currently the principal at Heppner Elementary School; Walter Pilgrim, Heppner High School; Irrigon-Debbie Burns, Rocky Heights Elementary School; and Boardman-Aliissa Daltosa, John Larson and Maureen McElligott, all Riverside High School

All of the approximately 114,000 teachers being honored were selected by their former students who themselves are currently listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," or The National Dean's List, publications which recognize five percent of our nation's high school and college students. Paul Krouse, publisher of Who's Who Among America's Teachers said, "There is no greater honor teachers can receive than to be recognized by former students for their excellence and dedication."

Class of '55 plans 45th reunion

The Heppner High School Class of 1955 will hold their 45th class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Plans include the Friday night, Nov. 3, varsity football game vs. Umatilla, a guided tour of the old school on Saturday at 2 p.m., and registration at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

On Sunday Nov. 5, at 9 a.m. a breakfast will be held at Jean Marie Damon's home at the old Wightman place.

BMCC offers adult education

Blue Mountain Community College is again offering Adult Basic Education resources in South Morrow County.

GED preparation and basic skills (reading and math) improvement are among the services available. ABE information and assistance is available in the conference room of the Family Service Center (above Heppner Hardware) Tuesdays 1-4 p.m. and Thursdays 5:30-8:30 p.m. or by calling Marsha Sweek at 676-5121.

Ione sidewalk project builds sidewalk near school



Ione kindergartners join with (left to right) student aide Cyndi Heagy, aide Vicki Wagenblast, Ione city maintenance supervisor Dan Anderson, teacher Barb Collin, city clerk/recorder Cindy Doherty, Ione Mayor Betty Gray and Ione Principal Mike Stuart in a ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the new Ione sidewalk adjoining Ione Elementary School and the Ione City Hall/Library.

Ione Elementary kindergartners cut the ribbon on a new sidewalk in a brief ceremony on October 26. The new sidewalk on Spring Street is adjacent to Ione Elementary and the library and city hall building.

The Ione Sidewalk Project began in July of 2000. The city replaced or provided new sidewalks equal to 1300 linear feet. Two and a half blocks were replaced on Main Street and two blocks of new sidewalks on Spring Street. A new sidewalk was built for Spring Street that starts at Ione Elementary School, continues for two blocks and connects to Main Street.

"We are very happy that we have a new sidewalk for school children to use to go to the Ione Public Library," said Mayor Betty Gray.

School Calendar Heppner Elementary School

Wednesday, November 1: Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee, Heppner High School, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 4: No school.

Monday, November 6: HES Parent-Teacher Club; HES Site Council, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7: Election Day.

Wednesday, November 8: Picture retakes.

Friday, November 10: No school.

Monday, November 13: No school for students; Conferences 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; School board meeting, Ione, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 17: School Day; Freaky Friday-Pajama Day; wear your PJs to school.

Tuesday, November 21: Student body assembly, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 22: Early dismissal for Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thursday, November 23: No school, Thanksgiving Day.

Friday, November 24: No school, Thanksgiving holiday.

Monday, November 27: School resumes.

Phone scam targets area

A telephone scam is targeting people in the Heppner area.

According to several local people who have received the scam phone calls, the caller says that he represents the local phone company and asks for bank checking or savings account numbers or credit card numbers.

The callers do not represent the phone company.

Anyone receiving such a call should never give out account numbers, but instead should notify police.

Rebekahs to hold card party

The Holly Rebekah Lodge invites the public to play cards this Saturday, Nov. 4, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Oddfellows Hall in Lexington.

The cost is \$3 per person. Refreshments will be served.

NEWS DEADLINE 5 p.m. Monday

Potato feed set for this Friday

The Heppner High School Class of 2001 has planned a baked potato/chili feed for this Friday, November 3, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds prior to the HHS football game vs. Umatilla. The game begins at 7:30 p.m.

The menu will include a baked potato with chili or broccoli cheese sauce, a brownie and coffee or punch for \$4 each/\$15 for a family; or a baked potato or a bowl of chili, brownie and beverage for \$3 each/\$10 for a family.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Proceeds will go toward the Class of 2001 senior class trip to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Fishing for fun



A young man tries his luck at "fishing" during the Ministerial Association's festival and Mexican dinner held on Halloween night. Funds raised during the dinner and carnival will go toward helping emergency needs in south Morrow County.

Working casual



Glorene Wright, a clerk at Central Market in Heppner, came to work in her PJs to join in on Halloween fun Tuesday.

Friends and Family are invited to a
Baby Shower/Potluck
 for **DeRina and Matt Howard**
 on November 4th at 6 p.m.
 at the Catholic Parish Hall.
 Please RSVP to 676-9477.