

WCVAL receives grant



The Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Corporation has received a \$12,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust. The grant monies will be used for signs, marketing and a grandchildren's playground for the facility. WCVAL members pictured above are (left to right) back-Dona Bristow, Ione representative, Renee Devin, secretary, Diana Ball, corresponding secretary, Doris Brosnan, publicity, Suzanne Jepsen, chair, Jim Rippey, consultant; front-Gail Hughes, vice chair, Sally Walker, historian, Luella Taylor, R.N., Lexington representative, and Sharron Woodside, treasurer.

Pathfinders help in teddy bear, towel drive



Pathfinders (left to right) Kristal Temple, Kristen Van Cleave, Nicki Fritz, Cynthia Wenberg with Sebastian Wenberg (front), Mindy Wenberg, Nels Wenberg, Sarah Johnson and Bonnie Wenberg, director.

The Oregon Trail Pathfinder Club participated in the recent Red Cross Teddy Bear/Towel Drive by helping to pick up donated items. Approximately 85 items were picked

up and added to the donations brought in by other teams who also helped with the pick up.

This is one of several helping and caring activities in which Pathfinders have participated. Others

include collecting canned goods for the Neighborhood Center, making cookies for the elderly and making cards for the nursing home residents.

4-H Club News



Kim Morris with Nipper

photo by Patty McNary



Left to right: Whitney Wehrli with Delani, Kim Morris with Nipper and William Wehrli with Teddy.

4-H Puppy Power Club

By Whitney Wehrli
The 4-H Club Puppy Power held a regular meeting Monday, Feb. 26, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Members worked with their dogs on obedience and showmanship.

Anyone interested in joining the club is encouraged to come next Monday, March 5, to the fairgrounds with their dog. The club is open to all 4-H members and non-members alike. "It's a great place to learn how to handle your dog and make new friends," said club members.

The Willow Creek Woolies
By Tiana Camarillo, reporter

The Willow Creek Woolies 4-H club met on February 26, at the Ione Fire Hall.

The club elected officers: President, Emily Key; Vice President, Alyssa Rietmann; Secretary, Jordan Graff; News reporter, Tiana Camarillo; phone contacts, Lynzee Sjurset and Amanda Emery.

In attendance were Emily and Abby Key, Alyssa Rietmann, Lynzee Sjurset, Jordan Graff, Tiana Camarillo, Victoria Heagy and Aimee and Amanda Emery.

At each meeting, record books will be required. The club will meet again on Thursday, March 8 at 3 p.m. at the Ione Fire Hall.

Mabel Allen to celebrate 95th

A 95th birthday party for Mabel Allen, Boardman, will be held this Sunday, March 4, from 2-5 p.m. at the Riverview Center in Boardman.

She requests no gifts, but instead asks those attending to bring a story to share.

Allen, who has lived in Morrow County for almost 80 years, still lives independently and recently renewed her driver's license, says son Gene Allen. Allen also enjoys traveling and drove with her son to Alaska last June and flew to Florida in January.

Allen married her husband, Arthur, in Arlington in 1925. He passed away in June of 1989. She was a homemaker and she and her husband owned the Texaco service station in Boardman. She is still the owner and leases the building out.

Several years ago Allen was honored by the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo.

Allen has a son, Gene, Boardman, 12 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and one great, great-grandchild. Son, Clayton, died earlier.

Little League signups set

The Heppner Little League signups will be held Wednesday and Thursday, March 7-8, at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Those planning to sign up should bring their birth certificates.

Cost is \$25 to signup for wiffle ball and \$30 for T-ball, minors, majors and possibly seniors.

Volunteers and coaches are still needed. Call Cindy Doherty, 676-5122, to volunteer or for more information.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a team or having a banner placed at the field should call Doug Holland, 676-5067.

NEWS DEADLINE
5 p.m. Monday

Greenfield Grange plans St. Pat's dinner

Greenfield Grange in Boardman will prepare a St. Patrick's dinner at the hall on Friday, March 16, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The menu will be corned beef and cabbage, a buffet salad, biscuits and dessert for \$6, all you can eat.

Added features for the evening are dancing in the big hall; the DJ will have a variety of music. A photographer will also be available to take pictures.

Everyone is invited to attend. "Come and enjoy a little bit of the Irish with us," said a grange spokesperson.

For more information, call Edna at 481-6191.

Garden Club plans meeting

The Heppner Garden Club will meet Monday, March 5, at the St. Patrick's Senior Center at 6:30 p.m. to hear an update on the Morrow County Health District.

The new hospital administrator, Victor Vander Does, will be the guest speaker.

The Garden Club reminds members that the new meeting time is at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Scholarships offered

The Blue Mountain Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (formerly Blue Mountain Life Underwriters Association) is offering six \$1,200 scholarships to graduating high school seniors and college students from Umatilla and Morrow counties who best represent the desire and potential to pursue a career in business, accounting or insurance. These scholarships will be awarded to students attention Blue Mountain Community College and students attending college elsewhere.

To obtain an application, send a written request to Brenda Vamer, P.O. Box 1127, Pendleton, OR, 97801. Application deadline is April 16.

St. Pat's bottle drive planned

The Heppner High School Class of 2001 is planning a can and bottle drive following the St. Patrick's Celebration.

The pick-up date will be announced later.

The seniors ask that people save their cans and bottles to help benefit the senior class trip to Coeur d'Alene.

Spray Rodeo queen tryouts March 31

Tryouts for the May 26-27 Spray rodeo will be Saturday, March 31, at 4 p.m. at the Spray rodeo grounds.

Contestants do not have to be local or Wheeler County residents, however, they must be at least 15 years old and never married.

The queen will be announced that evening and crowned by 2000 Queen Lacie Frazier at the Rodeo kick-off dance at the Spray School gym beginning at 9 p.m.

For further information or an application call 468-2442.

SWCD, Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Monday, March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office Building conference room in Heppner.

Agenda items include: manager's report; partnership reports: NRCS (EQIP, CRP), FSA, ODFW, County Court, Extension; weed report.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

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Efforts made to bridge urban/rural divide



Abby White of Community Oregon talks to the Heppner Coordinating Council Tuesday Morning. Community Oregon encourages interaction between rural and urban Oregon by arranging visits between various communities. "It was recognized that there is a rural/urban divide and we need to do something about it," White said. She is planning on arranging a visit to Heppner by 12 to 15 people within the next several months. With White is Heppner City Manager Jerry Breazeale who showed her around the city Tuesday.

Test & scholarship application dates listed

Heppner and Ione high schools list the following tests and application dates for scholarships:

SAT I: 2001 test dates-March 31 (registration due Feb. 23); May 5 (registration due March 29); June 2 (registration due April 27).

ACT: 2001 test dates-April 7 (registration due March 2), June 9 (registration due May 4).

-Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be mailed any time now. The application may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

January 31: Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarship Essay Contest must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2001.

February 1: Most college applications, college scholarship applications and Western Undergraduate Exchange program applications (for participating out-of-state schools) must be postmarked by February 1, 2001.

February 1: Easley National Scholarship presented by the National Academy of American Scholars. This application is optional as there is a fee for each achievement level the applicant wants to compete at.

February 1: Oregon Wheat Foundation Scholarship. Parents of applicants must either be members of the Oregon Wheat League or be employed by members of the Oregon Wheat League.

February 7: The Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship application must be postmarked on or before this date. This scholarship is for students who plan to major in accounting at one of 10 colleges in Oregon who offer accounting as a major. The schools are Concordia University, Eastern Oregon University, Linfield College, Oregon State University, Pacific University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon University, University of Oregon, University of Portland and Western Oregon University.

February 15: The Cargill Scholarship for Rural America is due. Cargill Community Scholarship Program application is due.

March 1: Oregon Student Assistance Commission 2001-2001 scholarship application is due. Students can apply for up to 12 scholarships on this one application. Information and online application are available on the Internet at www.osac.state.or.us.

-Bob Hasson Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Oregon Collectors Association. A three-to-four-page essay on The Proper Use of Credit is required for this scholarship. This scholarship is included in the Oregon Student Assistance Commission Scholarship booklet.

-Ford Scholars Program-the Ford Family Foundation sponsors this program. The application for this scholarship will also be included on the Oregon Student Assistance Commission scholarship form.

-Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship requires a Grade Point Average of 3.85+, an ACT score of 28+ or SAT combined

score of 1250+. People who earn a GED score of 325+ along with the ACT or SAT required scores is also eligible to apply. The application for this scholarship will also be included on the Oregon Student Assistance Commission scholarship form.

March 1: Oregon PTA offers a Teacher Education Scholarship that needs to be postmarked by March 1, 2001. Residents of Oregon who are going to study for a teaching degree at an Oregon public university or college are eligible to compete for this \$500 scholarship.

March 5: Oregon Sports Hall of Fame Museum Scholarship is due. This scholarship is awarded to applicants who plan to attend higher education institutions in Oregon.

March 10: American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon Scholarship. A 500-word essay titled "Look to the Future" is required along with the application form. Forms are available in the counselor's office.

March 30: The Oregon Association of Broadcasters offers a \$1000 Broadcast Scholarship. Applicants must be Oregon residents accepted for enrollment in a two or four-year public or private college or university who plan to major in one of the following areas: journalism, production, management or other broadcast-related majors.

April 2: Oregon Nurserymen's Foundation offers several scholarships for both senior students in high school and for current college students.

Colleges and scholarships: the Ione High School Home Page has Internet links to several excellent web sites, said counselor Mona Hardman. Ione High School's Web Address is as follows: <http://www.ione.morrow.k12.or.us>. Click on College Search and then investigate the web sites that are listed.

Another helpful scholarship site is Fast Web.

Most colleges and universities have on-line application capabilities. Type in the name of the college or university in the search engine to go to the school's home page.

Quilting class to get underway

A beginning quilting class will start Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. at the Greenfield Grange in Boardman. The class will be held once a month and will cover a variety of patterns and techniques. This class is free to the public.

For more information, contact Jane Dean at 481-5223.

Local student earns honors

Justin Nelson, Lexington, a student at Oregon State University and Linn-Benton Community College, has been inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, a national scholastic honor society which recognizes high academic achievement among university freshmen.

Nelson, who maintains a 4.0, was inducted on February 25.