

## Firemen, EMTs stage mock accident



Firemen and EMTs extricate 'victims' from a wrecked vehicle in a simulation staged for Ione students.

Ione High School and Middle School students learned first hand the consequences of an auto accident in a demonstration held last week at the school.

Ione and Heppner fire fighters, EMTs and Morrow County Sheriff's deputies staged an accident at the school, complete from the first report of the accident, to the response from medical and police personnel, to the extrication of the "victims" from the vehicle

and transport to the hospital and finally to the removal of the "body" by Pat Sweeney of Sweeney Mortuary.

The presentation was designed to give students a sobering look at the consequences of drinking, speeding or simple inattention while driving a motor vehicle.

Several Ione students were made up to look like accident victims. The "deceased" victim was a mannequin.

Morrow County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Rayburn talked to the students after the presentation, answered their questions and reminded them that in a real situation such as they witnessed, he and a chaplain would then go to the victim's home to tell his parents that he had died.

"Please don't make us come get you," pleaded Heppner Fire Chief Rusty Estes.

## Missionary to speak at Christian Life Center

Reverend Steve Slater, recently approved Assemblies of God missionary to the Solomon Islands, will speak at the Christian Life Center, 535 W. Morgan Street, on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 10:30 a.m., according to Reverend Tim Van Cleave, pastor.

The Solomon Islands lie northeast of Australia in the Pacific Ocean and include 10 large, volcanic islands and four groups of smaller islands with a total land area of 11,000 square miles. The capital city of Honiara is located on Guadalcanal, which saw some of World War II's fiercest fighting. About 10 percent of the nation's nearly half million people live in the city.

The Assemblies of God in the Solomons includes 19 churches ministering to 2,100 congregants. The fellowship operates a Bible school that is training about 20 students for future ministry.

"I first had the opportunity to minister among the Pacific islands when I took a short-term missions trip to Fiji and Vanuatu," Steve says. "I enjoyed reaching out to the children, which are an ever-growing

percentage of the population on many of these islands."

Steve and Nola Slater attended Trinity Bible College in North Dakota where Steve took the trip as a missions major. They later served on the pastoral staffs at three churches in Oregon, all the while anticipating future ministry in the Pacific region.

"Our practice as a family," Nola says, "has been to pray for our missionaries during our morning devotions and then to e-mail our prayer and encouragement to them. For years we have waited for God's timing, and we believe He has now led us to take His light to the Solomon Islands."

"We specifically feel called to reach the youth culture," Steve says. "We served as youth pastors at two of our churches in Oregon and there is a great need among the churches in the Solomons to develop outreach to the next generation. We are blessed that our own children share our calling and are as anxious as we are to get to our destination and get busy."

The Slaters have four children:

Seth, nine, Savannah, eight, Susannah, four, and Samuel, one.

The public is invited to attend the Slaters' special missions presentation.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes  
Chamber Executive Director

Last week was a great week with only one regret; that I didn't sneak into the Heppner High School program honoring our veterans. It sounded so wonderful after hearing from some of the 108 veterans and wives who were in attendance.

Some of the comments were: "All veterans from all wars were recognized." "The band did an outstanding job." "There was hardly a dry eye in the gym." "The students were awesome in their silent attentiveness." "The music was wonderful." "It was such an honor to be there." "We were treated to a wonderful lunch," and the comments went on. Maybe it will be possible to share the tape with the entire community.

What a great undertaking by our high school students and staff who planned the day to honor our veterans. They are to be commended. We don't give our youth enough credit. They are our future and our hope. The Chamber of Commerce and the community is very proud of them and of our veterans. We appreciate you, one and all.

The September 11 tragedy continues to bring us to our senses and help us to recognize the good in the world. As Thanksgiving week approaches, I'd like to share the following portion of an e-mail I received:

"I Wish You Enough..."  
"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough hello's to get you through the final "goodbye." And I wish you love and a grateful thanksgiving, which extends beyond the holiday, and beyond the goodbyes."

## CBC football all stars selected



Heppner High School Columbia Basin Conference Football All Stars (left to right): Back -David Norton, Brian Rust, Michael McCabe, Leland Rill; Center-Stefan Matheny, Brad Bowman, Travis Bellamy; Front-Donald Adams, Chuy Elguezabal, Brad Adams.

Heppner High School dominated the Columbia Basin Conference with 11 members of the Mustang football team selected for the CBC All Star Team.

Seniors Travis Bellamy, Brad Bowman and Brian Rust were selected as first team offensive linemen. Senior Michael McCabe was selected as first team running back and seniors Stefan Matheny and David Norton were named first team receivers.

On the defensive side, Matheny and Rust were named first team backs, Bellamy was named first team lineman and McCabe and junior Brad Adams were selected as first team linebackers.

Senior Leland Rill was chosen second team offensive lineman, Chuy Elguezabal was chosen as second team quarterback and Brad Adams was named second team running back.

Junior Donald Adams received honorable mention linebacker.

A complete list is as follows:

First Team Offense: Linemen-Travis Bellamy, Brian Rust, Brad Adams, Jeff Cloud, Culver senior, Tyson Lick, Wahtonka senior; Running Backs-Michael McCabe, Eric Delph, Weston-McEwen junior, Mark Coy, Culver senior; Receivers-Stefan Matheny, David Norton, Troy Sampson, Pilot Rock junior; Quarterbacks-Jared Adams, Culver senior.

First Team Defense: Backs-Stefan Matheny, Brian Rust, Bruno Ybarra, Umatilla senior, Eric Delph, Culver senior; Linemen-Travis Bellamy, Dustin Herman, Culver senior, Jake Perry, Pilot Rock junior; Lick, Wahtonka; Linebackers-Michael McCabe, Brad Adams, Cloud and Coy, both Culver, Sampson, Pilot Rock; Punter-Perry, Pilot Rock.

## Thanksgiving dinner planned

The public is invited to a community-wide Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 22. This is a joint effort between the Heppner Episcopal Church who will provide the food and building, and the Heppner Christian Missionary Fellowship who will serve the dinner at the Episcopal Church Parish Hall beginning at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 676-5471 or 422-7234.

Second Team Offense: Linemen-Leland Rill, Ross McWilliams, Culver senior, Jason Beyers, Umatilla senior, Tyrel Burns, Weston-McEwen senior, Jeff Hall, Sherman County junior; Running Backs-Brad Adams, Bruno Ybarra, Umatilla senior, Tyler Huxel, Wahtonka senior; Receivers-Brennan Whitaker, Culver senior, Barry Washington, Wahtonka senior, Fernando Alvarez, Wahtonka junior; Quarterbacks-Chuy Elguezabal.

Second Team Defense: Linemen-Mike Hale, Culver senior, Nick Hagman, Culver junior, Jeremy Pankratz,

Umatilla junior; Linebackers-Huxel, Wahtonka, Tony Villanueva, Umatilla junior, A.J. Long, Wahtonka junior; Backs-Brennan Whitaker and Jerad Adams, both Culver seniors, Arjuna Strong, Umatilla senior, David Duncan, Weston-McEwen senior; Punters-Dusty Hausner, Weston-McEwen senior.

Honorable Mention Offense: Linemen-Nolan Mills, Pilot Rock freshman, Keigan Kock, Sherman County junior, Kelly Doherty, Pilot Rock sophomore; Running Backs-Strong, Umatilla; Receivers-Robbie Mason, Culver junior; Quarterbacks-Tony Villanueva, Umatilla junior, Jordon Schmidt, Wahtonka senior.

## Assisted living construction to resume

By Doris Brosnan

The board of directors of the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Facility recognizes the importance of keeping the public informed of the status of its project. A news release has not appeared for over a month because not all construction details have been determined, but recurring questions from interested and concerned citizens prompts the board to provide another update:

Construction of the 16-apartment "Willow Creek Terrace" assisted living facility has been interrupted but will resume. Financing for the construction is secure and includes donations, a low-interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and smaller loans from the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Klamath First, and Morrow Development Corporation.

Construction work was halted when a test of water pressure at the site indicated lack of enough pressure to properly operate ceiling, fire-system sprinklers. Correction of such a problem would have included an additional expensive specialized pressure pump, a generator and a separate heated building, adding a substantial cost to construction. Another, later test, one performed by the state building inspector, revealed that, in fact, water pressure is indeed adequate for all of the facility's needs, and an added pressure pump will not be required.

When construction was stopped, the "footprint" of the building had been established. The footings have been poured and the stem wall foundation is in place. Water, sewer, electric and TV lines have been placed. O'Brien Construction of Hermiston is the general contractor for the \$800,000-plus project, and by the time work was interrupted, just over \$183,000 had been paid to O'Brien, Shobe Enterprises and the project consultant, James Rippee.

The board of directors, though eager to continue construction, will authorize a "restart" only after the architect's modified plans for the facility return from the state with total approval from the Health Division, the Senior and Disabled

Division and the Building Division. Plans were previously submitted last summer and were returned from the state two-and-a-half months later, with a request for two changes before the plans could be approved. The board sent the plans back to the construction firm's architect, who had them for another two months before they were resubmitted - last week - to the three state bureaus. From the contact person with the state, the board has received assurance that the plans will not again be delayed for two months but will receive prompt attention.

Though the board is confident of state approval of the project plans, it has chosen not to restart construction until the final plans have actually been approved. It does not want to risk the slightest chance of

having to stop again until the building is complete, or of having to place another change-order, which would add to the cost of construction. Once construction resumes, completion is expected to take six or seven months. Construction will resume with the pouring of the floor, and because the facility will have a floor-heating system, work on that is weather dependent. Materials used for the system cannot be installed in 20-degree or colder temperatures.

Both the construction company and the board of directors are eager to complete Willow Creek Terrace. They and the State of Oregon and the USDA realize, however, that the previous delays have resulted in a situation in which the weather will have the final say. The members of the board will be watching the weather reports closely, hoping for a window of opportunity.

Anyone with questions about the project is invited to contact any of the following board members: Suzanne Jepsen, 676-9850, Gail Hughes, 676-9782, Rene Devin, 676-5398, Sherron Woodside, 676-8166, Doris Brosnan, 676-5382, Sally Walker, 676-9112, Don Bristow, 422-7470, Nancy Vander Does, 676-5860, Diana Ball, 676-5306, or Luella Taylor, 989-8508.

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**Wednesday Night, November 14th**  
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**Saturday Night, November 17th**  
Barbecue Rib Steak with Grilled Mushrooms & Onions  
with a choice of Potato or Rice, Vegetable,  
Dinner Roll & Dessert

**Sunday Night, November 18th**  
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