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of the public library in the community; and Provision of on-site education and training; **Infrastructure:** Maintenance, upgrading and expansion of City infrastructure including water, wastewater, streets, sidewalks and storm drainage to meet the needs of an anticipated eventual population of 2,000; Reduction of financial liability of flood-hazard regulations; Determination of Library District Facilities' (as it pertains to Heppner) needs and proceeding with development/expansion as warranted; and Upgrading of City Hall to Americans With Disabilities Act

standards (and correct other deficiencies); and Quality Of Life: Provision of diverse, wholesome, and fun recreational activities and facilities, to include the arts; Development of a strategy to attract families to our community; Establishment of a community foundation to assist in funding small community-oriented development projects; and Maintenance of a neat, clean, and attractive community that includes a program to recognize and commemorate the community's history to include older/historic buildings.

Ione Cardinal Booster Club receives bid for track practice area

Ione Cardinal Booster Club met Nov. 4 at the high school library, with eleven members were present.

The club received a bid of \$11,500 for the topcoat for the track practice area. It was agreed grant money or a large corporate donation would be needed to complete the project. Duane Neiffer will check with the ESD in getting help for grant applications.

Harold Rietmann is drawing up plans for the new trophy case. While, Dean Robinson is going through the proper channels to move the drinking fountain. Robinson is also overseeing the painting of the gym door. Dennis Stefani is looking into buying a storage container for sport equipment.

Robinson reported that he contracted a charter bus to take the girls' volleyball team to the state tournament in Springfield. A bus was not available for the boys' team for

the same weekend. The club voted to give the girls' volleyball team \$130 for extra meal expenses at the state tournament.

Duane Neiffer, science teacher at Ione High School, explained the budget cuts the science department has taken the last few years. The school subscription to the Current Science magazines uses up the entire budget. The club voted to give \$500 to the middle and high school science classes for supplies for the year.

Members discussed the football bleachers needing repair work, but no action was taken.

The basketball season will begin Tuesday, Dec. 3. The Ione Basketball Bonanza will be in Ione Dec. 6-7 with the Umatilla, Milton-Freewater and Enterprise teams participating.

The club will begin honoring businesses, in January, who have supported Ione school activities.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the high school library.

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. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

Former member of the Lexington FD Auxiliary speaks out

To the Editor:

Now that the election is over, I must respond to accusations by a letter to the editor three weeks ago. It was insinuated that when the former Lexington Fire Department Auxiliary disbanded it did not follow the articles of corporation and the financial integrity was jeopardize.

When the auxiliary disbanded by majority vote in March of 2001, the minutes reflected how the remaining funds would be spent. As secretary-treasure I contacted the State of Oregon Corporate Division to ensure the rules and regulations would be followed. I can guarantee that all rules and regulations were followed and if anyone has concerns, they need to contact the State of Oregon,

and, in addition, the by-laws along with the minutes are available.

On another note, I would urge all the citizens of Lexington to get involved in our community. Lexington has a high crime rate, a downtown area that is an eyesore, with weeds and garbage littering our streets, alleys and city property, a city hall that is unkempt, along with an inadequate infrastructure system.

As a member of the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, join me in working with Ione and Heppner in our goal of attracting families and businesses in our community.

Let's be proud of Lexington and make it a safe, secure and attractive place to live and work.

(s) Marcia Kemp
Lexington

Remember to share in family on Thanksgiving

To the Editor:

It has been a year since my mother died. We did not have a close relationship. In fact it was filled with turbulence almost from the beginning. As I became an adult, I tried to make the relationship better... several times. But it would always turn into anger and hurt almost to the end.

The last few weeks, as I took care of her, the relationship became very special but I was still cautious. Waiting for the other shoe to drop as they say. What happened instead was an apology. All the anger and hurt disappeared and love and sadness took its place. Sadness because our time together disappeared as well.

So much time wasted. So many unanswered questions. It was the end of my connection to the past.

It took months for me to truly believe and accept that I would never hear her voice again. The phone would not ring so she could share with me the events of her week. What she had eaten. That she had done her laundry. Who had taken the time to send a letter or card. Which of her friends or our relatives had died.

I should have tried harder to make our relationship work in spite of our differences. It was time to forget the past and just love her. I could have filled her

life with so much more than just meals, mail, laundry and death. I know now that I should have been the one making the phone calls. Making more trips to visit with her. Been tolerant and patient. It is not easy to grow old. To have made her a bigger part of my life would have meant so much and looking back it seems so little to have done. My opportunity is gone forever.

I hopefully have many years to live my life. But I can't help but ask myself, will I be living it all alone at the end? Praying for the phone to ring or for a knock on my door? It hurts just thinking about it.

I wanted to share my thoughts in hope that I could make a difference for someone else's mother, father, grandmother or grandfather. While you still have the chance to put another smile on their faces. To hear the laughter and silliness once again. To listen to their history they so long to share. Feel their pain and care.

They have your pictures on their walls. The memories of you they desperately try not to forget so they can share them with anyone willing to listen. Each night they pray for another sunrise. They want to stay because of you... Are you there? Happy Thanksgiving,

(s) Linda Corbin
Heppner

Electrical Safety Poster Contest winners announced

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op announced the winners of its annual Electrical Safety Poster Contest at the CBEC annual meeting held in Fossil last Thursday night.

Winners were as follows: Heppner Elementary School-first place, Devin Robinson, second place, Alli Wenzel; Ione Elementary School-first place, Beth Morter, second place, Mary Gates;

Condon Elementary School-first place, Austin Fennern, second place, Brandon Harrison; Fossil Elementary School-first place, Emmalee Keys, second place, Levi Sharp.

First place winners were awarded \$20 and second place winners were awarded \$10. The contest generated over 55 entries.

The competition is open to all fourth graders in the CBEC service territory.

Obituaries

Kenneth Broadbent

Kenneth Broadbent, 72, of Boardman, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

Private family services will be held.

Broadbent was born May 9, 1930, at Redmond, WA, to Levi James Haslam and Jennie Louise Swenson Broadbent. He grew up and attended schools at Weiser, ID.

Broadbent served in the Army and was a veteran of the Korean War.

He married Barbara J. Beckley.

Broadbent first came to the Boardman community 38 years ago when working in road construction. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator and retired a life member of Operating Engineers Union Local 701.

He was an active member of the Morrow County School Board from 1975 through 1982. He was also a member of the Morrow County School Board Advisory Committee starting in 1969.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Broadbent of Boardman; daughter, Cally Walker of Salem; sons, Richard of Hermiston, and Marty of Boardman; grandson, Kiefer Broadbent; step-grandsons, Kelly Beehler and Caleb Beehler; and sisters, Emily Langley of Boardman, Oletta Fuller of Boise, ID and Myrna Perkins of Weiser, ID. He was preceded in death by a son, by his parents, by brothers, Larry and Julian, and by a sister.

Bishop Funeral Chapel of Pendleton is in charge of the arrangements.

Betty Ann Orton

Betty Ann Orton, 73, of Woodburn, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002 at Woodburn Worship Center, with interment the same day at the Hermiston Cemetery in Hermiston.

She was born July 5, 1929 at Heppner and grew up in the Hermiston area.

She married Ivan L. Orton on Oct. 16, 1951 at Vancouver, Washington. In 1959, the couple moved to the Portland area and lived at Woodburn since 1968. Mr. Orton died in 1994.

Mrs. Orton was a member of the Woodburn Worship Center and served on many volunteer projects, including the Woodburn Food Bank. She loved sewing and gardening.

Survivors include sons Michael Padberg of Woodburn, Jon Orton of Woodburn, Kip Orton of McMinnville and Rob Orton of Bend; brothers, Merle Baker of Portland and Clarence Baker of Heppner; sister, Helen Schleneser of Beaverton; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Woodburn Worship Center or St. Vincent Providence Hospice.

Cornwell Colonial Chapel of Woodburn was in charge of arrangements.

Artifactory Nov. 23

The 2002 Artifactory craft fair, sponsored by the Willow Valley Service Club is this Saturday, Nov. 23. The Artifactory will be held at the Morrow County Fairground Pavilion from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Again this year, weather permitting, Santa will be arriving on his motorcycle.

Open house planned at the Heppner Public Library

An Open House is planned at the Heppner Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The event will feature improvements to the library that were made possible through funding provided to the nonprofit Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) by the Oregon Legislature last year.

Senator Ted Ferrioli and Rep. Greg Smith, who were both instrumental in obtaining the funding, are invited as special guests to the event.

Their efforts resulted in a \$20,000 allocation to LEO for the Heppner library to implement elements of "Lighting Up the Libraries", which calls for public libraries to step up and meet 21st century needs of library patrons.

"These funds were used to make the library more user-friendly and to make its offerings more accessible," said Marsha Richmond, director of the Oregon Trail Library District. "We've just received new public computers for the library through the Gates Foundation, and together with the LEO funds our patrons will see quite an improvement."

The public is encouraged to attend the Open House and see what's new at the library. Light refreshments will be served.

For further information, contact Marsha Richmond, Oregon Trail Library District, at 541-481-3365.

Rebekah Lodge to hold another Bingo party

A small, but happy crowd enjoyed the Bingo party at the Rebekah Lodge in Lexington on Nov 9. Those present decided that they would like to have parties more often, so the Rebekah ladies have decided to have another one on Sunday, Dec 8 at 3 p.m. The usual number of 10 will be played, but the blackout game will become progressive.

All parties are open to the public. Cost is 25 cents per card and cash prizes are awarded. Future dates are also planned. The December date was selected so as not to interfere with those who have other commitments. It is hoped that a regular schedule, perhaps monthly, can be decided upon.

The monthly card party at the lodge will be Saturday, Dec 7, with play to start at 7:30 p.m. All card parties are open to the public. Cost is \$3 per person, and refreshments will be served.

Proceeds for all lodge parties go toward the upkeep and updates for the lodge hall, which is the only community hall available in Lexington and is used for funeral dinners and other activities requiring a large amount of space. A definite and necessary need is to upgrade the wiring in the hall in the near future.

At the last lodge meeting, members decided that they would forgo the annual Thanksgiving family dinner and have instead a Christmas goodies exchange at the first meeting in December. They will also make their usual contributions to the Neighborhood Center and have added the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living facility to their Christmas list. Secret sisters will be remembered as well as their adopted Sister at the nursing home. Other activities within the lodge are planned for December.

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