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Willow Valley Service Club lists its May events

The Willow Valley Service Club addresses important club business, hears a report on the Creative Care School in Ione, and has an update on issues and projects in Lexington at its May meetings held at John's Other Place, from 12-1 p.m., Heppner.

On Thursday, May 1, the business meeting will include discussion regarding Concerts in the Park, Fair Kitchen for Scholarships, and reports on community events sponsored by the club.

On Thursday, May 8, Lexington Mayor Ron McDowell will update the club on activities, projects and issues in the Lexington area.

On Thursday, May 15, Lisa Rietmann will speak about the Creative Care School in Ione. Rietmann was born in Boise, ID and has lived in Ione since 1989. She is past chairman of the CCS Board and currently serves as its treasurer. Lisa and husband, Jerry, have two children.

Interested persons are invited to attend these no-host luncheons.

Service of the Club for April included the sponsorship of the Senior Girls' Luncheon on April 3 and a \$100 donation to the 4-H Leaders Council.

Baker twins serve U.S. at home and abroad



(L-R) Brothers Joe and Corey Baker currently serve with the U.S. Navy; Joe in the Persian Gulf and Corey in California.

Twin brothers Corey and Joe Baker joined the Navy in 1996 using the "buddy system" and now serve separately; Corey in California and Joe in the Persian Gulf.

The buddy system allowed the boys to go through basic training together, but Corey decided to join the Seabees and Joe trained as an airman. Currently Corey serves as a mechanic in the motor pool in Port Hueneme, CA, where he helps ship equipment to Kuwait. In past years Corey helped to build and rebuild areas in Bosnia and Kosovo. Corey and his wife Amy have four children.

Joe served on the USS Abraham Lincoln for four years and is currently stationed in Bahrain. In

Bahrain he has been serving as a "mineman" on the USS Dextrous, a minesweeper in the Persian Gulf.

The twins' older brother Bridger served in the Navy until September 2002 and currently works in corrections at Southfork Correction Facility in the Astoria area. Bridger and his wife Deanna have three children.

Bridger, Corey and Joe are the sons of Robert Baker and Robin Baker Krebs, both of Ione.

Corey can be reached at: Corey Baker, 69 Calle LaCumbre, Camarillo, CA 93010.

Joe can be reached at: MN3 Joseph R. Baker, USS Dextrous (MCM-13), FPO AE 09567-1933.

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Locals turn out to support our troops



Larissa Gray, 7 1/2, of Heppner ties a yellow ribbon on the downtown tree.



Lots of flags were in the parade Monday



Everyone gathers on the steps of the courthouse for a group picture in support of our troops. The photo was taken by Sandy Matthews and will be sent to all local people serving in the Gulf. A complete gallery of Matthew's photos taken at the support our troops celebration is also posted on Heppner's website at www.heppner.net. Click on support our troops under the Picture Galleries section.

Everyone is invited to a Retirement Open House for long-time employee Butch Laughlin on Wednesday, April 30 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Refreshments will be served!

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School board candidate forum to be held April 29

A forum will be held for the 15 candidates running for Morrow County School Board positions. The forum will be held April 29 at 6:30 p.m., at the Heppner High School cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Another local son joins forces in Middle East



Major Phillip Appleton receives his major's bars from a commanding officer.

Major Phillip Appleton, son of Arnold and Wendy Appleton of Heppner, is part of the 82nd Rear Operations Center, which has headed to the Middle East to help in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Appleton has been living in Orchards, WA., with wife, Kari and their three daughters, Katie, 9; Elizabeth "Bitsie", 7; and Annie, 5.

According to reports, Appleton will be deployed with 49 other soldiers from his unit and deployment is expected to last at least a year.

Easter Bunny visits Heppner



Drew Coe (left) and Kane Sweeney get a visit with Mr. Bunny at the annual Elk's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday in Heppner.