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**St. Patrick's Senior Center news**

Thirteen persons attended the discussion, led by Bill Kuhn, about pressing legal issues which affect us, or someone close to us, every day. One issue covered was Medicaid: what can it do for us? The discussion will continue on Tuesday morning, Nov. 4 at 9:30 a.m., in St. Patrick's dining room, on Willow and Main.

Kuhn emphasized that "Elder Law" as a distinct area of general law has become recognized only recently; it is now a specific topic of concern in law education. Human Services and Disability Departments are integrated into state government. "What happens to me if . . ." is the haunting question for individuals and families. A review of statistics formed the background for discussion and questions. Needs and costs can wipe out well-planned savings when the unexpected happens. Kuhn described the qualifications for Medicaid assistance and the avenues of pre-planning that can help persons who face tough decisions.

On Nov. 4, Kuhn will discuss and answer questions about death planning, wills, trusts, how to transfer assets to the next generation and related subjects. Kuhn is donating his time; there is no charge to participants. The Senior Center offers the meetings as a public service. Understanding today's expectations is to equip one for the future.

The Heppner Christian Church volunteers are scheduled to serve the noon meal on Wednesday, Nov. 5.

Ed Baker announced that the senior bus will be available for the Columbia Basin Annual Meeting in Condon. Watch for the date and time announcement.

**Competition still boiling in Canned Food Drive**

Seven Heppner businesses have been participating in the Neighborhood Center Canned Food/Dry Goods Drive. As of Friday, Oct. 24, Heppner Hardware was in first place with an estimated 64 points.

Participating in the events are Bank of Eastern Oregon, Central Red Apple, Murrays, Peterson's, Wheatland Insurance, Heppner Hardware and Shamrock Lanes. Those interested in helping to increase the score of any business may do so by dropping off canned or dry goods at the business of one's choice.

While these seven businesses have had a great

head start, contest organizers have said that any business in town could still win. The contest will continue until 6 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31.

Points are awarded for pounds of food, divided by the number of employees that business has, with extra points for each package of dry goods that is 8 ounces or less.

The first place business will receive a pizza lunch and ice cream sundaes. The second place business will receive ice cream sundaes.

All donations will go to the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County which provides assistance to people in need year around, with special baskets during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

**Artifactory coming again to Heppner**

The 2003 Artifactory Holiday Craft Fair, sponsored by the Willow Valley Service Club, will be held Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Morrow County Fair Pavilion on Highway 74, Heppner, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At least 45 vendors will present their crafts for holiday shopping. Rest at a table and enjoy snacks, beverages or lunch. Visit with friends and neighbors. Let the

children enjoy the Children's Corner with crafts just for them. Door prizes for adults will be given out to those in attendance throughout the day. Santa says he has scheduled a visit.

Admission is \$2 for the purpose of scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

Table reservations for vendors are still available by calling Judie Laughlin at 676-9781.

**MCWG schedule annual fall meeting**

The Morrow County Wheat Growers have scheduled their annual Fall Meeting for Friday, Nov. 7 at the Heppner Elks Club at 4 p.m. Producers and industry representatives are encouraged to mark this event on their calendars and plan to attend.

The meeting will begin with an ODOT demonstration of a walk-around truck inspection on site. Featured speakers will be Laura Pryor, Eastern Oregon Rural Alliance; a special video

presentation by OSU Cereal Chemist Andrew Ross regarding preferred wheat varieties for Oregon; and Tammy Dennee, OWGL Executive Director, and Ken Grieb, OWGL President, will present an update on OWGL activities.

A social hour and hosted dinner will be provided for all attendees following the meeting.

Interested persons are asked to RSVP no later than Monday, Nov. 3 by calling the OWGL Office at (541) 276-7330.

**HHS and IHS make Dairy Farmers Academic All-State list**

The Heppner High School volleyball team and the Lone High School football and volleyball teams made the Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic All-State program, administered by the OSAA.

The HHS volleyball team received a team grade-point average (GPA) of 3.67,

which put them in 10<sup>th</sup> place for 2A schools.

The IHS football team received a team GPA of 3.41, which put them in second place for 1A schools. The IHS volleyball team placed ninth with a team GPA of 3.67 in 1A schools.

**Ione Youth Group to hold annual food drive**

The annual food drive in Ione will be Monday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. Ione Youth Group members will be going door to door that evening collecting non-perishable food items. All food will be taken to the Heppner Neighborhood Center to be used for holiday food baskets for the needy of South Morrow County.

Anyone who would like to donate but lives out of town, or anyone who will not

be home that evening, is asked to take their donation to Laurel Cannon's home. For more information call Jeri McElligott at 422-7257.

**Heppner Little League to elect new committee members**

The Heppner Little League is holding an important meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m., at the Neighborhood Center. This meeting is to elect new committee members for the 2004 baseball season.

If anyone is interested in being on the committee or volunteering in anyway, please attend this meeting. The kids are looking forward to a great baseball season and we need your help to make this happen.

**Births**

**Brian Coppock Lindsay-** a son, Brian Coppock, was born Sept. 26, 2003, at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton, to parents Barney and Kimberly Lindsay of Lexington. Brian weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. He joins sister, Kaelyn, 5 and brother, Alex, 3, at home. Grandparents are Larry and Corinne Lindsay of Lexington and Kaye Collins of Oakridge.

**Anna Belle Elizabeth Polin-** a daughter, AnnaBelle Elizabeth, was born Oct. 10, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Emily Chick and Kenneth Polin of Heppner.

**Valery Gutierrez-** a daughter, Valery, was born Oct. 10, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Rosa Maria Cardenas and Alberto Gutierrez of Boardman.

**James Floyd Carr-** a son, James Floyd, was born Oct. 17, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Veronica Lynn Turner and Jess Drury Carr of Irrigon.

**Obituaries**

**Douglas Howard Flatt**

Douglas Howard Flatt, 52, of Pendleton, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, in an airplane accident while returning home from a business trip in Newport.

A funeral service was held Oct. 25 in Pendleton with graveside services at Condon Cemetery.

Flatt was born in The Dalles on July 7, 1951 to Bill and Peggie Flatt. He lived in Condon where he attended elementary and high school graduating in 1969. He then moved to Pendleton where he attended BMCC graduating with an associates' degree as an Air Traffic Controller.

While attending school in Pendleton, Flatt met Cindy and they were married on June 16, 1973.

Flatt's first business venture was a fence-building contractor known as FF&B Fencing in Heppner. Flatt and his father, Bill, later became owners/operators of Flatt's Lumber Transport.

In 1974, the Flatts became directly involved with the family owned business, Flatt's Truck Service in Condon. As Mid Columbia Bus Company, Inc. evolved, the Flatts relocated to Pendleton in 1982 to manage school bus operations there, as well as in LaGrande.

At the time of his death, Flatt was CEO of Mid Columbia Bus Co., Inc. with operations in Oregon, Washington and Idaho where he directly oversaw the safe operation of 600 buses transporting 16,000 students daily. In addition, MIDCO operated five different "Welcome Centers" for the Oregon Department of Tourism, which Flatt very much enjoyed being involved with.

Flatt was very active in several business

organizations, serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee for the Associated Oregon Industries as well as being an active member of the Oregon Pupil Transportation Association and the National School Transportation Association.

Flatt also found time to become involved in his community, serving on the Hospital Board at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton, the Round-Up City Development Corp, the Pendleton Rotary Club, the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport Board, Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge in Pendleton, and was recently named to the American Leadership Forum. Flatt assisted several Republican candidates with their bid for election serving as Campaign Chairman for numerous party candidates.

Flatt enjoyed time spent with family and friends and could usually be found in his outdoor kitchen cooking for everyone. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting and working around the house. Flatt also had a real love for flying that he shared with his family. He could often be found late at night cleaning the bugs off and making sure his Bonanza shined for wherever he was headed to next.

Flatt is survived by his wife of 30 years, Cindy, son Lloyd, currently serving in the US Navy; father, Bill; brothers, Kevin, Bruce and Jeff and sister, Laurie Roberge; as well as, several nieces and nephews. His mother, Peggie, daughter, Steffanie, grandmother "Sarge" Sweeney, and his brother-in-law, "Geno," preceded him in death.

Contributions can be made to the Steffanie Flatt Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Pendleton Foundation Trust, c/o Burns Mortuary, P.O. Box 489, Pendleton, OR 97801.

**Mural dedication to be held in Heppner**

Dedication of the Mural of Heppner around the 1900s will be on Nov. 18 at 5:15 p.m. A group of young fiddlers will be playing from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Louie Carlson will also give a brief history of Heppner.

After the dedication a dinner by ticket only will be served at John's Place. There, the next part of the mural will be seen. A completed painting of what the mural will look like will be unveiled. This part will be of Railroad Depot, Wool Warehouse, Sack-wheat warehouse, sheep and more sheep. Sheep ranches of Kilkenny, Krebs, Wrights, Hynds and a shearing barn will also be included. The mural size will be 128 feet by 35 feet.

Tickets for the dinner at \$16 and are available at Klamath First or Country Shears. There will be a drawing for a framed print.

If anyone in the area has relatives or friends who ran the following stores, please contact Louie Carlson: First National Bank, Rhea and Welsh Grocery, Gilliam and Besbee Hardware, Humphrey Drug Store, Matt Lichtenstal's

Boots and Shoes, T.R. Howard Grocery, Woods Confectionary, Art Clark's Jewelry, J.E. Gibson Barber Shop, Patterson Drug Store/ Dr. Kistner in back, Masonic Building with Post Office, Rock (a tavern) and IOOF. We would like to write some history for our kiosk paper handouts to visitors.

Prints of town are available at Klamath First, please buy before Nov. 12, or contact Betty Carlson or Betty Mills.

Orders for a print on canvas of the next mural will be taken. This includes the whole mural or just a section of one sheep ranch. This will be the only way prints of the next mural will be available.

For more information see the Mural Committee of Betty Mills, Sharon and Bob Harrison, Betty Carlson, Judy Laughlin and Doris Brosnan. Price of prints will vary do to size and how many made.

By making a donation to the Farm Foundation you can have your name on a plaque plus a print (cost pending on amount of people). Ask for details.

**Lutheran/Episcopal youth group to hold Halloween Open House**

The high school youth group of Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints' Episcopal churches will be having an open house from 5-7 p.m., Halloween night at All Saints' Episcopal Church on Gale St., in Heppner.

All "trick or treaters" and their parents are invited to stop by for coffee, juice

and cookies. "We hope that we can provide a space to take a break during your trick or treating rounds to warm up and rest a while," said a group member.

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