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St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Heppner Christian Church volunteers are serving for the Dec. 17 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The published menu is meat loaf, cheesy potatoes, spinach salad, fruity jello, cornbread and caramel pecan bars. We are reminded that menus are subject to change, without notice, depending on the repair of the freezer. It is in need of a new compressor.

Ed Baker, Tom Wilson and Grace Drake represented the Heppner center at the quarterly AAA meeting in Pendleton on Dec. 9.

The Board of Directors meets Dec. 17 at 12 noon. Freezer repairs and sale of the alcove furniture are the main items on the agenda.

Bids on the alcove furniture are coming in. Those interested are reminded that the deadline is Dec. 16 at 4 p.m. The items are two swivel occasional chairs, one desk, one metal two-drawer file, one occasional tiered table and

atable lamp. Leave sealed bids at the Center office.

The children of Winifred and Bill Cox are again making a generous donation to the Center. We are appreciative of the graciousness and continued support, by the Cox family, of the Center's work and purpose in the Heppner community. Bill and Winifred were pioneer supporters during the first years of existence.

"Never do business with someone who refuses to send you written information on their product, offer or charity." Also, "Never give your credit card number to a person who calls you. Only give your credit card number if you place your call to a legitimate business."

The above are only two of more than a score of ways to protect oneself from being a victim of scam or fraud. These and other items are part of the information that will be presented during the next legal aid meeting scheduled in January.

Artisan Village announces basket winner

Tomas Elguezabal was in Artisan Village shopping with his mom for some materials to make his teachers

Christmas presents. This is the second year he has given his teachers handmade gifts. During his shopping trip he put his name in for the drawing for a free basket. His name was picked out of the many names entered during the Light Parade sale, Dec. 4, 5, and 7. Tomas won a Christmas basket with red and green accents and little bells.

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**Cookies!
Cake!
Punch!**

Obituaries

Lillian Judith Ball

Lillian Judith Ball, 79, of Vancouver, WA, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, at Cascade Park Care Center.

A graveside service was held Dec. 8 at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Ball was born Oct. 1, 1924, at Sparks, NV, to Chester A. and Geneva Zacharias Daniels.

On June 25, 1946, she married Carl Albert Ball. She was a resident of Pendleton from 1946-59, lived in California from 1959-63, returned to Pendleton where she resided from 1964-69, and moved to Vancouver in 1970.

She was a Catholic. Survivors include daughters, Carlie Ball-Steuer of Anacortes, WA, Debra Scott of Alpine, WY, and Ruth Black of Sacramento; sons, Lyle Ball of Steilacoom, WA, Byron Ball of Lampass, TX, and James Crotsley of Hazel Dell, WA; sister, Jennifer Whitmore of Milton, Freewater; brothers, Dave Tittman of Sacramento, Walt Tittman of Irrigon and John Tittman of Newport News, VA; 17 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Leslie A. Ball, who died in Vietnam on March 31, 1968, and by her mother, Geneva B. Broadbent in 1989.

Remembrances may be sent to Carlie Ball, 3320 Oakes Ave., Anacortes, WA 98221-1208.

Opal G. Allen

Opal G. Allen, 93, of Hermiston, died Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003, at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

At her request there will be no service. Inurnment will be at Yachats Memorial Park in Yachats.

Allen was born March 2, 1910, at Halfway, to Orville and Annabelle Leep Gross. She grew up at Halfway and lived there until 1931 when she moved to Portland. She worked at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland as a nurse for a time.

On Sept. 4, 1935, she married Vernon J. Allen at Vancouver, WA. They lived at various locations throughout Washington State before settling at Waldport in 1981. Mr. Allen died in 1995 and Mrs. Allen moved to Hermiston in 1996.

She was a member of the Waldport Baptist Church.

Survivors include her son, Jake Allen of Irrigon; granddaughter, Erin Borish; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon J. Allen in 1995, and by brothers, Noel, Eugene, Clifford, Wendell and Ellis.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Wilma C. "Billie" Tallman

Wilma C. "Billie" Tallman, 78, of Adrian, ID, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

The funeral was Nov. 28 at Lienkaemper Chapel in Nyssa, with burial at Owyhee Cemetery in Adrian.

Tallman was born July 11, 1925, at Gannett, ID, to Thomas Homer and Clyda Maude Brewer. The family moved to the Ontario area where she attended school until she was 14. The family then moved to the Owyhee community northwest of Adrian and she graduated from Adrian High School in 1944. She attended a year of

college at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, ID.

On July 9, 1945, she married Keith Tallman at Portland, where he was stationed aboard the USS Wayne APA 54. At the end of World War II they returned to the Adrian community and farmed until the present time.

Tallman was a charter member in 1955 of the Owyhee Garden Club. She was an active member of the Ridgeview Pioneer Pollyanna Club.

She loved growing flowers and teaching others about gardening. She spent many hours crafting with family and friends. She was a dedicated 4-H leader for 15 years. Other hobbies included cooking, canning and growing melons. She was said to be well acquainted with the hard work of farming, working side by side with her husband driving truck and tractor, changing sprinklers, planting spuds, haying and watching for rattlesnakes.

Survivors include her husband, at the home; sons, Terry Tallman and his wife, Cheryl, and Tim Tallman and his wife, Lois, all of Boardman; daughters, Marilyn Heldenbrand and her husband, David of Kingwood, TX, and Evelyn Gobler and her husband, Mike, of Ridgefield, WA; brothers; Homer Brewer and Don Brewer; sisters, Naomi Westfall and Evelina Penn; grandchildren, Jimmy Nelson, Kelsey Kowald, Mike Tallman, Chris Tallman, Shanna Simonson, Michael J. Gobler, Cindy Gobler, Jonathan Tallman, Crystal Hempel and Derrin Tallman; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Michael Thomas Tallman; by her parents, Thomas Homer and Clyda Maude Brewer; by brothers, Roy Brewer and Woodrow Brewer; and sisters, Eunice Barker, Mildred Williams and Maudrean Evans.

Lienkaemper Funeral Chapel, 207 Ehrgood Ave., Nyssa, OR 97913, was in charge of arrangements.

Joyce M. Buchanan

Mrs. Buchanan, 74, of Lexington, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2003, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A memorial gathering for Buchanan was held on Nov. 6 at the Joyce Buchanan residence in Lexington. Private interment will be at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

She was born Jan. 2, 1929, at South Bend, WA, to Horace and Sarah Mottley Hatchard. She grew up and attended schools at Raymond, WA, Vernonia and Hillsboro. She graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1946.

In 1947, she married Fred Lusby. The couple were parents of three children. They later divorced.

Buchanan had been employed as a hairdresser for many years.

On Sept. 15, 1967, she married Charles W. "Chuck" Buchanan at Lake Oswego. The couple moved from the Portland area in 1978, living briefly at Ione before settling in Lexington.

Buchanan was a member of the Lexington Grange and the Rebekah Lodge.

Charles Buchanan died in 1986.

Survivors include daughters, Kathleen Reilly of Hillsboro and Nancy Reed of Seattle; son, Dan Lusby of Hillsboro; sister, Hazel Boyles of Beaverton; grandchildren, Rachel Willey and Trevor Smith, and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lexington Grange, c/o

Robin Moran, secretary, P.O. Box 41, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

School Board accepts supt. resignation

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Mittlesdorf also expressed concern over a volleyball court at Windy River which she believes is dangerous because it was set up for three play areas on the court and does not allow a buffer zone for safety. She recommends that the court be refinished for two play areas. Hall claims that she was instructed to have three areas of play at the court and said that if the district wanted it changed they would have to sand, refinish and redrill the court on their own. Since Heery declines liability in the issue, the changes, probably in the neighborhood of \$5,000, would then be made at the district's expense. Hall said that problems at Windy River with exterior doors that do not lock correctly are also the responsibility of the district because they contracted with a private contractor for the locks. Other concerns at Windy River include a floor drain in the kitchen that does not drain correctly and a freezer door that does not open. "The clock is ticking on the one-year warranty," added Mittlesdorf.

Hall also laid problems with the Heppner construction project to inaccurate record keeping with regard to utility lines.

set a meeting with the Morrow County Unified Recreation District for Thursday, Dec. 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Port of Morrow, to discuss MOURD's budget for funding extracurricular activities in the district's schools.

approved changes in the interscholastic and co-curricular activities program pertaining to the scheduling of athletic contests. The revised wording requires building principals to submit a written report for the board within 30 days of the end of the season which contains the original athletic schedule, actual schedule and start times, actual departure and return times for away contests and the numbers of students transported to and from away contests. The board's wording was designed to cut down the number of mid-week athletic contests and the amount of time students spend away from class time.

approved the interscholastic activities program structure and emphasis, with the addition of cross-country to the sports offered, with the stipulation that funding be available and enough interest is expressed.

approved the alcohol/drug/tobacco violations code.

revised the extracurricular/interscholastic activities eligibility requirements to include that students must be in attendance of the day of the extracurricular activity to

participate in that activity unless they have a health care appointment or have been excused to attend a funeral.

eliminated a paragraph concerning a reference to Lexington/Pine City and Ione Schools from the attendance boundaries, transfer and eligibility policy.

heard input from principals Dirk Dirksen, Riverside High School, Ron Anthony, Columbia Middle School and the new Irrigon High School, and Wade Smith, Heppner Elementary/Junior-Senior High School, concerning the proposed FFA program. The principals and the board concluded that students and parents need more information about FFA before a decision is made whether or not to reintroduce the program.

clarified for Samie Griffin of Irrigon that the year Irrigon High School opens, seniors residing in Irrigon would be allowed to finish their education at Riverside High School, but would have to provide their own transportation to and from school and athletic events.

accepted the following resignations: Paul Beagle, resigning as Columbia Middle School assistant football coach at the end of the 2003 season; Kathy Neal, resigning from her Boardman-Irrigon Community Education Committee.

approved employment for: Sara Bevington, CMS school secretary, replacing Rose Dirksen; Audry Maral, Irrigon Elementary School assistant custodian, replacing Mila Inman.

approved an extra duty contract for Petra Elguezabal as Heppner Junior High head boys' basketball coach.

appointed Karen Cooley to serve as Irrigon representative on the Boardman-Irrigon Community Education Committee. The board agreed that separate Boardman and Irrigon CEC committees be established with the opening of the new Irrigon school.

increased Linda Padberg's hours at Heppner Elementary from seven hours, 163 days, to 7-1/5 hours, 180 days.

heard the following announcements: budget committee meeting, Dec. 10, 7 p.m., district office; winter break begins Dec. 22 and resumes Jan. 5; next board meeting, Sam Boardman Elementary, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., Community Education Committee meeting at Heppner High School Dec. 15; CEC meeting at Heppner Elementary School, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.; Boardman-Irrigon CEC meeting at Irrigon Elementary School, Jan. 21, 7 p.m.

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