Armed Services Memorial Plaque donated to city

Gladys Alderman (left) donates a Memorial Plaque to the City of Heppner, represented by Mayor Bob Jepsen (back) and City Manager Jerry Breazeale (front), in honor of service members.

A new Armed Services Memorial Plaque was presented to the city during the City's annual Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremony held at the Heppner Mini-Park. Gladys Alderman donated the plaque and its installation to the City, in memory of the dedicated service our nation's military soldiers have given to this country. She found the lyrics in a newspaper article, clipped it out and saved it for many years, trying to decide just what to do with it. The concept of a memorial plaque came to her after attending last year's Veteran's Day celebration.

Alderman had two brothers who served during World War II, both in the Navy. Marshall Lovgren served in the South Pacific, as did Tim Lovgren, who fought on Corrigidor during the re-occupation landing by the American forces. Gladys' late husband, Archie Alderman, had four brothers who served in the Navy. One brother was killed in fighting during the Solomon Islands campaign. All these solders are now deceased. Alderman is proud to point out that her only granddaughter is married to a fellow in the Navy, currently stationed at Corpus Christi, TX.

Alderman wanted to leave something of a lasting memory for these and all the American solders who gave so much for the continued freedom and liberties that today's generations take for granted. She wanted to remind people of the contributions her generation honorably and freely gave to their Country. The memorial plaque will be on permanent display in the Heppner Mini-Park.

Heppner Christian Church to host guest speaker

Bob Wood, the executive director of Oregon Christian Evangelistic Fellowship, a Christian Church planting organization, will be speaking at Heppner Christian Church Sunday, Nov. 21.

Wood explains the mission of his organization in this manner, "OCEF seeks to partner with local churches to raise funds to plant new churches in areas around the state that do not have a Christian Church."

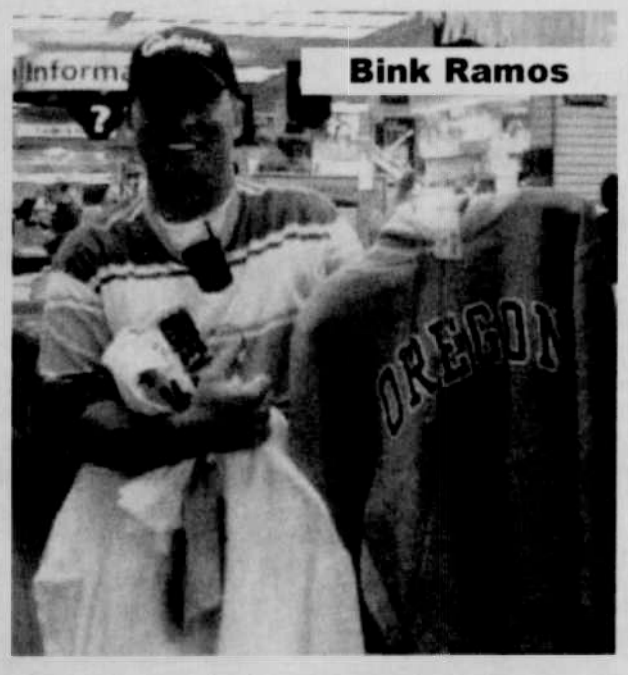
Currently, OCEF is working on planting a new church in the Eugene area as well as starting two new church plants in areas of the state that have yet to be determined.

As well as speaking Sunday morning in both Bible School and Worship Service, Wood will speak at the annual Harvest Festival at 6 p.m.

The community is invited to come and share in the fellowship of the evening. There will be a potluck dinner and a program that includes special music. There will also be an offering taken to raise money to fund renovations to the church parsonage.

GO DUCKS!

Joe McElligott



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Trivia Night deadline eliminated

The FARM Foundation Mural Committee has announced that team entries for the Mr. Bill's Trivia Show will be accepted until the evening of the event.

The previous deadline for entries was issued to ensure enough interest for a successful evening. More than enough teams have entered and some people are voicing an interest but difficulty in securing a full team, so the committee has cancelled the deadline.

"The more teams, the more fun," explains a committee member, "and we want to give everyone a chance to join in." The spokesperson also explained that a team does not have to have six members. Six is the maximum number allowed on a team.

Individuals still not confident enough to be on teams for the competition will still have an opportunity to share the evening. For $5, a person can become a spectator and also have a chance at a raffle drawing.

The trivia contest begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20, in the Heppner Elks Lodge dining room. Entry per team is $120, which will help to fund the painting of the remaining section of the agricultural museum mural. Information about the evening is available from Sharon Harrison at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Betty Carlson, Judie Laughlin or Doris Brosnan.

Mural Committee to hold TV raffle

Cliff Green has donated a 32" Toshiba color television set to the mural committee as a raffle item. Proceeds from ticket sales will help to fund the completion of the mural on the agricultural museum building.

The TV is now displayed in the window of Heppner Hardware, where tickets will be available until Dec. 2. Tickets will also be available at Mr. Bill's Traveling Trivia Show at the Elks Lodge on Nov. 20.

Raffle tickets will cost $1 each, or $5 for six tickets.

Marriage Licenses

Nov. 12: Roland Garza, 39, Umatilla and Ida Ann Pena, 37, Umatilla and Fermin Mendoza Coria, 22, Umatilla and Marilu Coria, 21, Umatilla.

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

The Willow Creek Terrace residents look back at October as a fun-filled month and they view November as another month of activity.

Heppner's first Oktoberfest offered the Terrace staff their first venture into a cake-baking contest. Their cherry-accented entry took first place in the taste test and the residents took the prize money on a shopping spree. The terrace now has a crystal, pedestal, covered cake plate and sundae-dessert dishes. Both purchases will enhance the many special celebrations at Willow Creek Terrace.

Twice on the weekend of Oktoberfest, the creative residents were rewarded for their participation in community's activities. They also were awarded "bragging rights" with their entry in the "welcoming-scarecrows contest." Manager George Nairns reports that many, many vehicles cruised by the Terrace for a look at the menagerie of party creatures at the entry. When the votes were counted, the Terrace had won recognition and a photo of the residents featured in the *Gazette*.

On Oct. 28, residents' thoughts turned to the Arts. Bob and Suzanne Jepsen provided bus transportation and accompanied residents to the Shenanigans concert and slide presentation at Heppner Elementary School. With other audience members, Terrace residents applauded the four musicians' music and multi-talented presentation of their education in Ireland.

As Halloween brought October to a close, nearly eighty Trick-or-Treaters braved the party creatures at the Terrace entryway for a look inside and were rewarded by several residents-by-day-live-creatures-by-night. Greeting and handing out treats were devils and angels, a California Raisin, "Clint Eastwood," bunnies, a construction worker, and a Tinkerbell-type fairy.

November seems to be another month of variety. Already the residents have attended the community observation of Veteran's Day. The Terrace is home to several veterans who have personal histories of previous wars.

One veteran, George Jefferies, celebrates his 86th birthday on the seventeenth, so the crystal cake plate will be put to good use. Jefferies says that he especially enjoyed the music provided by young people at the Veteran's Day event.

Jefferies was one of several children born to Edward and Becky Jefferies in Nebraska. He remembers those early days, even as a young child, when the family would travel to nearby North Loop and trade cream and eggs for other commodities.

The family moved to Payette, ID, when Jefferies was about seven years old. He remembers not having to take school work home because he was able to stay ahead. Arithmetic was his forte. He moved on to several types of jobs, but a long-lasting and pleasurable one was his glass-cutting work that took him to several states. His largest one assignment was a job on the Kona Coast, HI.

Jefferies' work was set aside during the war, when he enlisted into the Navy. He was assigned fueling duties for the USS Traw and believes that his life was spared on the morning of the Pearl Harbor attack because that ship was at sea instead of anchored.

Featured among some memorabilia in Jefferies' apartment are an extensive collection of hats and a selection of horse statuary, reflecting his life-long interest in riding, which goes back to a blind Shetland pony he rode as a child. Jefferies continues to spend part of each day on a morning walk, easily traveling over two miles each day. He enjoys music and dancing and singing in particular. And he enjoys his four children and their families.

Jefferies and his neighbors have an opportunity to work on another project recently undertaken at the Terrace. The residents are planning to fill two boxes that will be sent to Iraq. One box will contain miscellaneous items for men and one will hold items for women. Nairns brought from the Episcopal Church Outreach program a list of items that service men and women need or want and the residents immediately chose to participate. On the church bulletin board, a page full of sundry items is available to all citizens who wish to contribute to the soldiers.

Soon after Thanksgiving, on Nov. 29, Willow Creek Terrace will take on a new look for the Christmas-Hanukah-Holiday season. Residents and staff invite community members to join them for a potluck at 5:30 p.m. and to stay for the tree-trimming and hall-decking that will follow. The Terrace will provide drinks and dessert. Everyone else is asked to bring a main dish or a side dish. With full tummies, renewed energy, and music-filled atmosphere, everyone will turn the Terrace into a holiday showplace.

~ Family Week Proclamation ~

WHEREAS, Morrow County is blessed with a multitude of families - an essential part of the cultural, social and spiritual fabric that is Morrow County; and

WHEREAS, Morrow County recognizes strong families are at the center of strong communities;

WHEREAS, everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including neighborhood organizations, businesses, nonprofit agencies, policymakers, and, of course, families themselves;

WHEREAS, we all should take time to honor the importance of families and recognize the special connections that support and strengthen families year-round;

WHEREAS, we all should recommit to enhancing and extending all of the connections that strengthen and enrich families;

WHEREAS, with the assistance and resources of agencies and organizations such as the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families, we can help families of all shapes and sizes create a better future for all of Morrow County;

WHEREAS, research has shown that the best thing we can do to prevent drug abuse in our teenagers, lower teen pregnancy and juvenile delinquency rates and in helping children who are having difficulty in school is to spend time together as a family;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Morrow County Court do hereby proclaim the last full week of November (November 21-27) as National Family Week in Morrow County, and we hereby call upon all Morrow County citizens to celebrate the importance of families and to renew our commitment to strengthening families.

Signed this 27th day of October, 2004

(signed by) Morrow County Commissioners

Births

Natalie Eileen Jepsen- a daughter, Natalie Eileen, was born Nov. 12, 2004, at Gritman Medical Center in Moscow, ID, to Matt and Erin Jepsen of Pullman, WA. Natalie weighed 9 pounds 14 ounces. Grandparents are Bill and Nancy Jepsen of Heppner and Scott and Terri Meacham of Lewiston, ID. Great-grandparents are Bob and Suzanne Jepsen of Heppner.