

## Dioramas on exhibit at HES



Mrs. Allen's students display their dioramas at HES.

Students in Mrs. Allen's class at Heppner Elementary were given the assignment to choose a book and create a diorama depicting their favorite scene from the

book. The students recreated scenes from westerns, undersea adventures and fantasy. A diorama is a scale model of a scene.

"It was hard work," reported Garrett Gibbs. He created a log cabin built out of sticks. Their work will be on display in the hallway of Heppner Elementary.

## Camp 5 students learn winter crafts

By Rebeka DesBouillons



Susan Stillman helps students make snowflakes at Camp 5.

On Friday, Dec. 9, Ione's Camp 5 an enrichment program for K-12 did lots of crafts and other fun activities. At Camp 5 the kids do crafts while learning new things. This week students

made foam picture frames, tin can votives, paper snow flakes and a whole lot more.

Dec. 16, high school students are invited to sign up and will be making hand

warmers and other holiday treats to share with members of the community.

For more information please contact Vicki Wagenblast at Ione Community School (422-7131).



Principal Bryn Browning helps kids make tin can votives.

## Library District in 'Dangerous Decibels' program

Concerned about losing your hearing due to exposure to loud noise? Unsure what sound levels are dangerous?

Oregon Health Sciences University and OMSI received federal funding to develop the "Dangerous Decibels" program. According to OHSU, in the U.S. more than 5.2 million children ages 6-19 currently suffer from noise-induced permanent hearing loss. That figure equals three out of every 25 young people.

OMSI is partnering with the nonprofit Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) to develop the STARS Program - Science, Technology And Rural Students - based on bringing science programs to persons of all ages in rural Oregon.

OMSI has presented LEO with 15 portable sound meters for patron check-out at select public libraries. The sound meters will be shared with area schools in those locations at no cost.

Initial placement of the sound meters includes public libraries in Pendleton, Baker County, John Day, Burns, Crook County, Madras, La Grande, Lake County and the Oregon Trail Library District. Teachers in those areas can request an OMSI Dangerous Decibels manual filled with information and science experiments based on sound.

Marsha Richmond, Director of the Oregon Trail Library District, is enthusiastic about the program. The sound meters will allow library patrons and students to view measurements of volume and intensity of sound and to learn what levels may permanently damage ears - from loud music to agricultural equipment to shouting.

For further information about the STARS program for the public or Dangerous Decibels manuals for educators, please contact Lyn Craig, LEO Executive Director at 541-763-2355 or lrcraig@omsi.edu.

## Willows Grange plans potluck

A Christmas potluck at Willows Grange in Ione will be held Friday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. Participants are requested to bring a salad or dessert. A program and treats from Santa will follow the dinner. Children may prepare a song or poem for the program.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Heppner Elementary receives donation

Hood River Chrysler/Jeep donated fifty dollars to Heppner Elementary as a result of a sales promotion. Anyone who purchases a car can donate the money to a charity of his or her choice. One car buyer recently chose Heppner Elementary.

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes

Some of my Chamber associates refer to me as the bag lady. Arriving home from a recent Chamber conference with yet another bag, I noticed just how right they are. Rather than getting rid of these various bags, I fill them to the brim and carry them hither and yon. They hold endless possibilities for the community, my family and myself, which would be reason enough to put not only my house and my office "on a diet" but my bags included.

Oregon Tourism Bag and Travel Oregon Bag - contains EOVA and Oregon's Rugged Country marketing for Heppner, awesome photos, growing tourism ideas, endless possibilities for "someday" travel, samples of publications, and lists of places to camp. Pendleton Woolen Mills Bag - won at a conference and used for quick trips back and forth to Ukiah, extra shoes for traveling, the Pendleton Round-Up, and luggage overflow. Oregon State Chambers Bag representing the new organization, which will be geared to small business legislation. This bag holds Chamber of Commerce to-do folders, which travel from the Chamber, home, and back again. My cosmetic/face/etc. bag -growing annually. Anyone over 60 understands this bag and wonders why we didn't appreciate our youth. Yellow Bags- advertise the Boot Loop Tour and Morrow County's OHV Park for visitors. Photo Bag - my life history, my grandchildren, Chamber floats, volunteers, board members, events; important stuff for triggering memories. (With a digital camera this could be eliminated, but then I'd add the camera bag and accessories). The St. Pat's Bag -self-explanatory, especially if you are a leprechaun...does anyone out there want to help carry this bag? Big Decision Bag or procrastinators bag, i.e. retirement, budget, last will and testament, etc. My Book Bag - biographies, love stories, self-improvement, simplicity, history, humor, religion...a bag welcome every day of my life and useful no matter where one is or what their circumstances. (My husband suggests use of a library card would eliminate this bag.) Garden Bag - Nope, not gardening tools, rather Christmas cards from last year, new ones for this year, red and green pens, the address book, stickers, and enough return labels to send cards into the next century. Neighborhood Center and Giving Tree Bags - to share with others. Christmas Bags of all shapes and sizes appear, because it's time to help fill Santa's Bag real soon.

Given the above inventory, my friend appears to be right; my bags are out of control, they equal bags under my eyes, and I could learn much from a true bag lady. Want to exchange bags, or share bags? Some are free for the asking, but worth a thousand words. Wait, there's one more bag I almost forgot.... My church bag - not carried through the door as often as it might be, by far the lightest, the quietest, the least demanding, the most soul touching and searching, based on simplicity, not requiring multi-tasking, a computer, or a telephone, and one not to discard. It offers opportunity for Christmas year round and for quiet, solitude, and music.

Thought for the week: Slow down and choose your priority bags carefully.

## A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

The residents and staff at Willow Creek Terrace suffered a great loss last month in the passing of Joe Wright, so they held a memorial service for their "Gentle Giant." Joe is missed... his sense of humor (including practical jokes), his enthusiasm for Bingo (and other activities), his leadership at the jigsaw puzzle table (yes, that piece had to be there somewhere). Everyone viewed Joe Wright as an important person to the Terrace and they feel fortunate to have shared time with him.

Several residents continue to share time with the many visitors and volunteers at the Terrace each week, and with the holiday season has come many more faces and activities. The "Deck the Halls" party was on Dec. 3, with many helping hands of volunteers. And the festive look that continues to evolve in the living and dining rooms comes, in large part, from the many donations of Christmas décor that friends have added to that of the residents. Nine residents rode the bus to watch the light parade downtown on December 1, and many will travel again on the 19<sup>th</sup> for viewing of the decorative lights around area towns. The Ol' Time Fiddlers brought their toe-tapping music to the Terrace in Nov. and will return on the 18<sup>th</sup> for more merriment enjoyed by all. Dancers will entertain with a show on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and the residents look forward to the sounds of the season that some singing groups will bring to them this month.

All of these activities are meant to be shared, and residents are pleased when members of the community-at-large join them. The residents joined the Tree and Wreath Auction held after the light parade last week by creating a decorative sleigh to be auctioned. In this manner, they contributed to the joint fundraiser for the Chamber and the Hospice program, both important entities in the Willow Creek Valley.

Another agency that the residents and staff on the hill view as important is the Neighborhood Center. That is why they are busily making scarves on their new knitting machine, a gift from a thoughtful donor. The scarves will go to the Center for holiday sharing.

An equally "warm" idea was shared with all the residents recently. Representatives of the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) brought each resident a handmade lap throw, especially useful as the cold weather settles in for the winter. Willow Creek Terrace residents view this kind act as one more example of the goodness of people throughout the year.

The residents hope for happy holidays and look forward to meeting a new neighbor soon. Manager George Nairns reminds readers that a future home at Willow Creek Terrace might be worth consideration, and she invites inquiries at 676-0004.

Morrow County Public Works would like to announce that the North, 69900 Frontage Lane, Boardman, and South Heppner/Lexington Hwy. Transfer Stations will be **\*\*CLOSED\*\*** for the weekend of December 24th and the 25th. Please have a great Holiday! Any questions, please call (541) 989-9500.

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the day after Christmas (Dec. 26)  
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