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Friends Helping Friends to gather for memorial fund raiser

Friends Helping Friends will be making a group donation to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living's Building Fund in memory of their friend Donna Schonbachler. A fun walk and run is planned for March 13 during the St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

"When we lose special people in our lives, our world seems to stop. Slowly the healing process starts and part of that process is honoring the memories of those very special people. Donna was one of those special people that touched us all in many ways. She touched our community with her passion and dedication to health care, as an RN, Home Health, and Hospice nurse," said a spokesperson.

"The Willow Creek Terrace facility was another area of Donna's job. Donna saw residents there weekly, right up until her passing. She has left a huge imprint on our lives through her wonderful example of a dedicated health care provider. Her vibrant personality to live life to the fullest is something we will never forget. In return, we want to continue the giving she instilled in all of us. It is our hope that "Together we can make a difference!" We invite you to join us in that quest.

"The Willow Creek Terrace was built in 2002. Residents there are people who can no longer live alone in their own homes and may need some assistance. The facility consists of 16 apartments. There are 17 residents at this time and the facility employs around

12 people. "It is governed by a board of directors who have a vision to expand for additional needed space," said the spokesperson. "Friends Helping Friends feels Willow Creek Terrace is very important to our community. It enables our loved ones to live comfortably with needed assistance in a loving environment and still remain in Heppner. We encourage you to join our cause with a charitable tax deductible donation to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living, in memory of Donna Schonbachler."

On March 13, the Saturday of Heppner's St. Patrick's Day Celebration, the fun walk/run is planned to start at 9:30 a.m. The walk will be the same route as last year. Anyone interested in the 5K Run may contact Janelle Healy at 541-676-5240, Origanelle@hotmail.com. A \$5 fee for the walk or the run will go to the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Building Fund. Registration is at 9 a.m. in front of Heppner's United Methodist Church.

For more information, contact: Kathi Dickenson, kathidickenson@hotmail.com; Patty Matheny, mathenyrancho@machmedia.net; Jan Stroeber, stroeber@centurytel.net; Susan Hisler, 541-676-5878; or Peggy Fishburn, 541-676-5246. Checks may be made payable to: Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living or WCVL, c/o Kathi Dickenson Friends Helping Friends, P.O. Box 566, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Contributions are tax deductible.

Valentine breakfast set Feb. 21

The community is invited to the annual Valentine's breakfast at the Heppner Christian Church on Sunday, February 21, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

There is no charge and everyone is welcome to attend.

Community rallies to help injured cowboy Emmet Evans

The rodeo, ranch, and business communities have come together to help cowboy local Emmet Evans with expenses incurred as a result of a recent calf-roping accident in Walla Walla, WA.

Hamley's of Pendleton has donated the use of the Slickfork Saloon Saturday, February 27, beginning at 7 p.m. Emmet's family will host a silent auction while Hamley's Pat Beard hosts a "Roundup of Talent". As of this news release, eight different acts were on the tap, each scheduled to perform two to three numbers. There will be a \$10 entrance fee at the door: half will go to Emmet's benefit fund and half to cover Hamley's expenses.

On January 17, 30-year-old Evans was

seriously injured at the calf roping in Walla Walla, WA. The accident occurred when he stepped off his horse to tie his first calf and somehow his horse clipped his leg as he was getting stopped. According to reports, he broke both his tibia and fibula bones above his ankle. Both the bones shattered with the tibia also breaking further down the leg at the ankle joint. Unfortunately, the force of the accident did result in part of his tibia coming out through the skin, the side of his boot and his jeans into the dirt, so it was a really bad, open fracture with lots of contamination. Evans had surgery at St. Mary's hospital the day it happened, to clean the wound and repair the fibula with a plate and screws. Doctors also placed an external fixator on the leg to stabilize his tibia which still has not been repaired. The wound is still open, because it cannot be closed

ODOT plans info meeting on Boardman bridge closure

The Oregon Department of Transportation will host a public open house meeting on Monday, February 22, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. to present information on a deck repair project for the I-84 Exit 164 Interchange Bridge in Boardman. The meeting will be held in the Riverfront Room at the Port of Morrow, located at 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

The project will result in a four-week closure during June, July, or August of the bridge that extends Main Street over the freeway. Specific closure dates have not been defined at this time, but the bridge will be open during the July 4 holiday. Pedestrian access over the structure will be maintained and the freeway ramps will remain open during the construction activities. Local residents and business owners are encouraged to attend this meeting to hear details about the project.

"The work is needed to repair cracks and other damage to the bridge deck before it gets to the point where more extensive repairs are needed," said project leader Tim Rynear-

son. "If we wait too long, it could lead to more extensive impacts and longer, more costly delays."

The project includes grinding out damaged sections of the bridge deck and resurfacing the entire deck with new micro-silica concrete. The bridge closure is needed to ensure proper preparation & curing of the concrete surface and to expedite the completion of the repair work.

"Closing the structure to vehicles during the repair work will allow us to get the project done faster and save Oregon taxpayers about \$140,000 in traffic control costs," Rynearson said. "We realize it will be a temporary inconvenience to the Boardman community and will work to get the project completed as quickly as possible once it has started."

ODOT has been working with the city of Boardman to identify how to minimize impacts to local residents and businesses. The four-week bridge closure has been discussed and supported by the Boardman City administrative staff and council.

Young artist competition planned

Inland Northwest Musicians is accepting applications for its 10th annual Young Artists Competition, scheduled for Sunday, March 7, at the Verb Club Room in Pendleton.

This competition is open to young musicians in four categories: Elementary Division (through grade five), Junior Division (grades six-eight), Senior Division (grades nine-12), and Young Adult Division (through age 25). Instrumentalists and singers will perform for a panel of adjudicators.

All participants will receive critique sheets and winners will be chosen from each division. All winners will receive \$100 cash prizes and some winners may be selected to perform with the Inland Northwest Orchestra at its May concert.

The entry fee for the competition is \$25 and the deadline for application is Feb. 20. For more information and application materials, contact Alice Massey, Young Artists Competition chairman, at 541-276-7340.

From the 1957 archives of the Heppner Gazette-Times

Small puppy's loyalty to master saves boy from serious injury

The old saying that a dog is a man's (or boy's) best friend was proven last week in Heppner, it was also proven that the size of the dog has no bearing on his loyalty.

As the story goes... two small boys were sledding on West Baltimore Street when they crashed at the foot of the hill. A big dog, thinking his master was being abused, proceeded to correct the other boy. With blood gushing from the second boy's leg and hip, his own dog Fritzie, a four month old puppy, made a vicious attack on the big dog only to be overpowered and thoroughly whipped, but never the less, accomplishing his undertaking by distracting the big dog from his young master.

There were no serious effects from all the scuffle and according to reports boys and dogs are still good friends

Pioneer Memorial Clinic, Irrigon Medical Clinic
and non-emergency lab and radiology services at Pioneer Memorial Hospital

Will be closed on Monday, February 15, for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

February 12th


JOHN'S PLACE WILL RE-OPEN

Whole New Menu!

HAPPY 85th BIRTHDAY Gladys VanWinkle Quacker Backer

"Muzz, also known as Bawga, you are the center of our universe, our friend, our mentor, the glue that holds our family together." You have our heartfelt thanks for being you. Please come and say Happy Birthday to Gladys on Thursday, the 11th from 2:00 - 4:00pm in the sitting room at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Cake and Ice Cream? Yes!

Your "Kids" - Linda, Donny, Leora, Billy, Bobby, Glenda Kay Grandkids - Will, Patrick, Theresa, Christy, Josie, James Greatkids - Emily, Matt, Isaac, Olivia, Victoria, Connor, Jack, Lenna



Welcome Amy Kollman To Community Bank

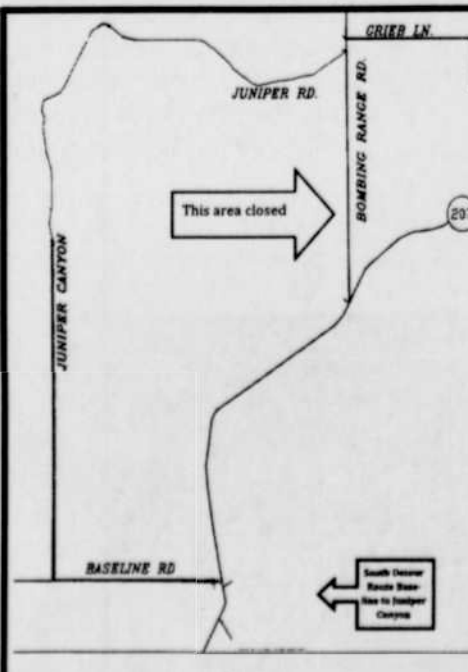


Amy Kollman

We're proud to announce that Amy Kollman has accepted a position as our Heppner branch manager. Come to our **Open House on Tuesday, February 16, from 9:00-5:00 to help welcome her.** Refreshments will be served.

Contact Amy:
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BOMBING RANGE ROAD TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Morrow County Public Works Department would like to announce Due to reconstruction on the south end of the Bombing Range / Hwy 207 Intersection project, It is necessary to close the South end section of Bombing Range road for a period beginning on **January 4, 2010** and continuing through **February 28, 2010** weather permitting. The primary north detour route will be Grieb Ln. The South detour route will be Juniper Canyon to Baseline Rd. All traffic of any kind with the exception of those local residents will be restricted and the closure will be strictly enforced during this period. Local residents will be allowed access subject to following traffic control measures necessary at the time.

This project is a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)