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Heppner Students of the Month announced



Heppner schools recently announced their November Students of the Month. The monthly character trait was compassion. Heppner Elementary School Students of the Month are: top row (L-R) - Clarie Grieb, Drew Coe, Kane Sweeney, Tim Gould, Nalani Stone, Janice Munkers, Michael Reed, Olivia Schmidt, and Keegan Gibbs. Bottom row (L-R) - Gracie Orem, Hayden Hyatt, Wyatt Wilhelm, Noah Stone, Hannah Green, Gracey DeLoach, Kami Holtz, Olivia Foster, and Dillan Doyle. Heppner High School Students of the Month are Devin Robinson, Taylor Gould, Lilly Sandford, Kaitlynn Dyer, Jeremiah Petzoldt, and Emily Pappas. -Contributed Photos

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan
Winter seems to have come a bit early to the Willow Creek Valley, so the residents of Willow Creek Terrace are glad to be staying warm and are appreciating the view of the white landscape from the coziness of their abode.

Fortunately, residents who choose to participate have weekly activities that provide physical and mental stimulus while in the comfort of their home or a similarly toasty-warm environment: exercises and activities every weekday morning; Monday - Bingo and crafts sponsored by the Nazarene Church; Tuesday - piano music compliments of Pastor Katy Anderson and Bingo at the Saint Patrick's Center; Wednesday - reading and discussion of the Heppner Gazette-Times and socializing and good food at the senior meal site; Thursday - Bingo at the Rebekah's lodge in Lexington; Friday - games or crafts with Catholic Church and HHS National Honor Society members; and Saturday - matinee movie.

November found the Hill busy with those special-day observances sometimes serious and often times obscure and humorous, as well as with Thanksgiving feasting. Examples? Veterans Day was a somber day of remembrance. One must ask individuals personally to find out if anyone demonstrated on Celebrate-Your-Talent Day or Square-Dance Day. But one can be sure that all able-bodied residents enjoyed Pumpkin-Pie Day and Thanksgiving.

December will keep residents inside to work on all things Christmas. For decorating, this is designated the "Year of the Snowman." Residents are busy making decorations, putting up the tree, and decorating the hallways. And last Saturday's matinee movie was the timeless classic Nutcracker. Soon, staff will be assisting residents with sending out Christmas cards.

Possibly the most welcome aspect of December is its full schedule of food-filled days: Gingerbread-House Day, Bake-Cookies Day, Oatmeal-Muffin Day, Egg-nog Day, Fruitcake Day. But residents and staff also look forward to the possible visits by carolers throughout the month.

Christmas Eve will be a quiet one at the Terrace, with residents and staff enjoying Christmas carols, hot cocoa, cider, and cookies next to a warm fire - the perfect Christmas postcard scene.

As the month and the year end, a discussion of 2010 events will engage residents and staff, and some may attempt to see the old year out and the new year in. At the Terrace, this feat is may be viewed as too big a challenge but the next day as another reason for another celebration.

From Willow Creek Terrace comes a wish for everyone - a truly Merry Christmas.

"Love, From Home" campaign underway

The Lone American Legion Post 95 Ladies Auxiliary is compiling a list of names and addresses of area soldiers deployed overseas for their "Love, From Home" campaign. Items will be gathered and packages will be prepared and shipped to the soldiers.

Once a list has been compiled, the Auxiliary will begin collecting items for shipping. Items that are welcomed include 100% cotton tube socks, jerky, hard candies, phone cards, stamps, homemade cookies, books, and newspapers.

Names and addresses can be submitted to Arlynda Gates at arlyndagates@hotmail.com or to Irene Holtz at lireneholtz@aol.com.

Fire department visits Ione Community School



Ione Rural Fire Department visited Ione Community School on Tuesday, November 30. Firemen talked to the students in kindergarten through third grade about fire safety. Pictured are the kindergarten and first grade classes with Fire Chief Virgil Morgan. -Contributed Photo

Red Hat Rowdies to meet Dec. 16

The Red Hat Rowdies will meet for their December no-host luncheon at Sweet Productions on Thursday, December 16, at noon. You do not have to be a member to attend, visiting ladies are welcome.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

Chamber lunch meeting to focus on board nominations

This week's Chamber lunch meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9, at noon in the Senior Center dining room. Following lunch, nominations for new board positions will be closed and final vote will be taken.

Anyone planning to attend the weekly Chamber lunch meetings is asked to RSVP your attendance to the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536.

Lexington Community Bible Church invites community members to events

The Community Bible Church in Lexington invites the communities of Ione, Heppner, and Lexington to two special upcoming events.

The Christian Motorcycle Association will be conducting the morning worship service at the church at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 12. The community is invited join in this event and learn about the ministry.

On Sunday, December 19, at 6 p.m. the Community Bible Church will be hosting a Community "Singspiration". Come and join in singing and fellowship. There will be refreshments served following the song time. Please come and join in celebrating this Christmas time.

Foreign exchange student Lofgren to speak at Garden Club meeting

Heppner foreign exchange student Axel Lofgren will be the featured speaker at this month's Heppner Garden Club meeting.

Lofgren will be sharing about the holidays as celebrated in his homeland of Sweden. He is an accomplished pianist and will play some Swedish musical favorites of this season.

"Garden of the Month" winners of 2010 will also receive special recognition at this meeting.

The public is welcome to join them at the St. Pat's Senior Center lounge on Tuesday, December 14, at 7 p.m.

Morrow County Health District is Offering Free Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Assistance

Morrow County Health District will hold Free Medicare Part D consultation appointments to help you determine the best prescription plan for your specific needs. **Plans change each year so it's important to review your coverage every year!** We will be scheduling appointments for the following locations on the following dates:

HEPPNER	
November 16, 22, 23	December 1, 2, 7, 9, 15, 16, 20, 21, 28, 30
IONE	
November 18	December 14
IRRIGON	
November 17	December - Will Depend on Appointments Scheduled

Call 676-9133 or 1-800-737-4113 Mon. - Fri. 9 am - 5 pm to schedule your consultation appointment.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MEDICARE CARD & A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS.
List should contain name of medication, dosage and how often taken - or bring medication bottles.

Traveling Trivia winners announced

Heppner DayCare recently held their annual Mr. Bill's Traveling Trivia fundraiser. The center raised approximately \$3,000 from competitors, raffle, and donations.

The winning teams were: Quarter and a Dime, first place; Semi-Sober, second place; and M.A.N. Team gave up their third place prize to the BEO Braniacs.

Ione School students win safety contest



Winners of the Columbia Basin Electric Safety Contest were recently announced at Ione Community School. Pictured are Ione Community School fourth graders Sydney Stefani, first place winner, and Alexis Garrett, second place winner. -Contributed Photo

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office has released the following report:

Happy 90th Birthday Sibyl December 7th

From her friends in the mountains

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, Beverly Wright

Love You Lots,
Albert, Dean, Dianna,
Gerald, Angie & Mike

Marriage Licenses

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report:

-December 2: James Patrick Ward, 56, Irrigon and Cheri Ann Estes, 47, Irrigon.