

Ione Topic Club honors senior girls



The Ione Topic Club recently honored Ione High School senior girls and their mothers at a noon luncheon. Front (L-R): Betty Rietmann, senior girls Rachael Holland, Jessie Flynn, Anne Rietmann and Frances Knopp, and Eunice McElligott. Back (L-R): Cathy Halversen, Jeanette Logan, Betty Gray, Heidi Nelson, Susan Crum, Anne Morter, Nancy Anderson, Lisa Rietmann, Kathy Morter, Margo Sherer and Virginia Martinez. Not pictured: Ione senior Jenna Taylor. -Contributed photo

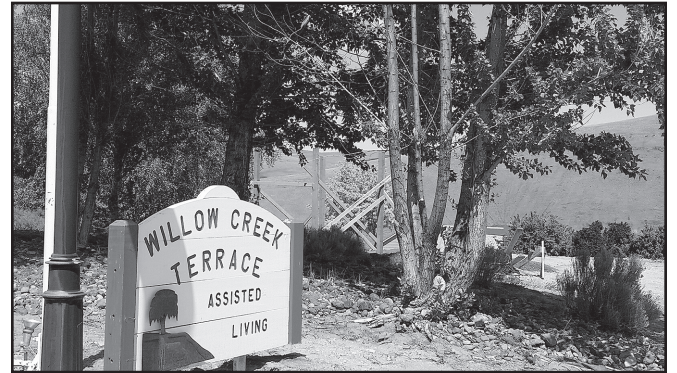
Work begins on new Terrace lot landscaping

Work has begun and what was once only a vision the Willow Creek Terrace Board of Directors had has begun to shape into an inviting park-like landscape.

Two years ago, the Terrace negotiated the purchase of the lot east and adjacent to its facility. This ensured that the property would not be otherwise sold and a house built on it, blocking the view that the residents appreciate so much.

Recently, an anonymous donor enabled the Terrace to begin work on a plan to develop the lot into a landscaped area that will maintain the open view but offer quiet areas of sensory delights, where Residents and visitors can walk, pause, visit, contemplate, and enjoy the enhanced view.

The Terrace welcomes



Work has begun on landscaping the new lot adjacent to Willow Creek Terrace in Heppner. -Contributed photo

its community neighbors to come for a look and a cup of coffee as work progresses. A sketch of the rough plan is available in the lobby, and comments will be welcomed, as well. Already, several volunteers with expertise in gardening, construction and watering systems are helping the professionals, which is greatly appreciated as they are helping to defray the total cost of the project. The

Terrace will also welcome other donations—donations of labor will hasten completion; contributions of plants included in the master plan will lessen the total cost; and funding contributions will help to ensure that shortcuts will not be necessary.

Hopes are high that the development will be completed before summer's end and that the property will be getting daily use.

Community-wide clean up planned this week

Mustang Mop-Up is back this Thursday, May 12.

The City of Heppner and Heppner Jr./Sr. High School are teaming up to clean up the city. The students have offered their services to help with chores around the community, and the city has made a free

Dumpster available for waste collection at the city yard on Riverside Ave. The Dumpster will be available May 12 through Sunday, May 22.

A spot also will be available to leave yard debris and burnable material. Any residents who are unable to transport their debris

to the yard can contact Heppner City Hall for pickup prior to Mustang Mop-Up day. The material must be bagged and ready to haul. The city will not accept tires, hazardous waste or household chemicals.

Please contact the City of Heppner for more information, 541-676-9618.

HEPPNER CITY COUNCIL

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ers," the utility commission minutes said. Cutsforth said she is going to try to find out how much money could be raised, and if there is a possibility that Lexington would implement the tax as well. The amount being considered is three cents per gallon. The utility commission voted to have Cutsforth do more research on the gas tax.

In other business at its Monday meeting the council voted to give all city employees a 1.2 percent COLA, or cost of living, increase for 2016-17. The pay increase will cost the city about \$3,000 per year.

In other action the council voted to approve a contract with the Morrow County Sheriff's Department for police protection for \$173,551, an increase of \$7,800 over the current contract.

"It has been a while since there was an increase," said John Bowles, city councilmember and Morrow County Under-sheriff.

The council also authorized Cutsforth to move forward with a loan to fund a study on how to best reduce ammonia output from the city sewer system. The Department of Environmental Quality has mandated the city reduce its ammonia output into Willow Creek and the city must now figure out how to do this. The council voted unanimously

to have Cutsforth take out the loan, even though she was unsure how much it was going to be, telling the council "It will be \$40,000 to \$45,000." She did know, however, that the interest rate will be a low .89 percent and paid off within five years.

In other action the council voted to raise the amount it charges to dispose of sewage through its treatment plant. The increased charges will offset the costs to the city to handle the treatment. Companies who pump septic tanks run the sewage through the plant for treatment.

In other business the

properties "every other day." He also said three junk cars and a truck load of trash had been removed from the problem properties.

The council also heard a report on the new soccer field going in at Hager Park. Sod has been purchased and students are going to be helping lay the grass during the up-coming Mustang Mop-Up this Thursday.

It was also announced that Chase Street is set to get a new overlay of asphalt. The city has \$40,000 budgeted but the total project is expected to cost more than this. Cutsforth said she is working to find more

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Anthony Scott Vincent, 25, was convicted of Harassment, a Class B mis-

demeanor. Of the sentence of 90 days jail time, 70 days were suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 20 days jail time, 30 hours of community

service, and no contact with the victim. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

-Casey Allen Nelson, 28, was convicted of Assault IV, a Class A misdemeanor; sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 36 months bench probation, to include 60 hours of community service no contact with the victim, enrollment and completion of Level 1 Anger management Program. In addition, the defendant must move out of Morrow County within 30 days of release from jail and may not be in Morrow County during the probation term except by court order; defendant may transit I-84 through Morrow County. Additional counts of Burglary I and Harassment by Subjecting Another Person to Offensive Physical Contact were dismissed. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

Walden not ready to endorse Trump

Rep. Greg Walden has not endorsed presumptive Republican Party Presidential Nominee Donald Trump, Walden's spokesman Andrew Malcolm told the Heppner Gazette-Times Tuesday.

"To be honest with you Greg and I have not spoken about it," Malcolm said. He said Walden has been concentrating on his own campaign and has not endorsed anyone in the Republican

primary.

Trump is now the presumptive nominee after the last two candidates dropped out last week. Malcolm said Trump was going to meet Thursday with Republican lawmakers in Washington; however, he did not say if Walden was one of those he would speak with.

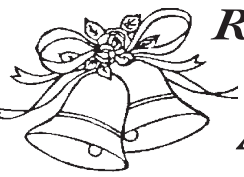
"I will let you know if he does do an endorsement," Malcolm said.

Wedding Tables

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A new Community Counseling Solutions facility is planned at this location on Sperry St. in Heppner.

council learned that there is headway being made on nuisance properties on Water Street. (See April 13 Gazette). The city received a WCVEDG grant to place some dumpsters around town and city officials are working with owners to get their properties cleaned up. Bowles said someone stops and checks on progress on

funding and Morrow County may help since the cemetery is located at the top of the hill.

In other business the city planning commission approved a conditional use permit for the construction of a new Community Counseling Solutions facility to be located on Sperry St in Heppner.

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