

## Leaving a Legacy

By Sue Knapp, Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation

So much to say and so many 'thank yous' to give in this last article for the last issue of the WamPinRock News. The first THANK YOU is to Merle Hlvaka. The collective 'We' have been blessed with your dedication and superb editorship these past many, many years in bringing news of happenings to our South County Area. The 'News' was always a good read filled with snapshots of people involved in their communities. Merle, you were always a cheerful and supportive editor (and person!). THANK YOU for the legacy that you leave, and best wishes for a fun ride in your retirement!

For our last article, the Deschutes Rim Clinic Foundation Board wants to thank all those individuals and entities who donated to, volunteered for, and were supportive of the campaign to build a new medical / dental clinic for South Wasco County and beyond. We are honored that they considered the cause worthy enough to make a contribution in time, materials and money. And, they are:

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Jennifer Mitchke, John Black and Rusty Hartwell have been the volunteer team of photographers at the ground breaking and during construction. John's drone shots are phenomenal. Ron Selis (part-time pro bono dentist) and Ric Vordermark of Burkhart Dental have been invaluable in taking the lead on designing, guiding and trouble-shooting the dental side of construction that will result in state-of-the-art dental operatories and services. Lynn Ihringer is volunteering his skills to design the landscaping that will be beautiful to behold throughout all four seasons.

We hired an awesome construction and architecture / engineering team with R&H Construction and Pinnacle Architecture. They have made 'building a clinic' building fun. The construction superintendent (Matthew Butler) and project architect (Ryan Cain) are professionals all the way and will build us a premier clinic that will stand for years to come. After a slow winter start, the project is back on schedule for an expected completion this July. The red metal roof is easy to spot and will nicely complement the exterior colors. Flatwork (concrete) is completed, windows and siding are now being installed, and landscaping design and needs are being worked out.

The Staff at Deschutes Rim Health Clinic are excitedly looking forward to working within the environs of a new medical facility as they serve the health and dental care needs of our South Wasco residents. Clinic Manager, Shelby Dumire, will take clinic services and clinic management to a new level of professionalism and will be very capable in guiding new clinic operations. We know the new dentist and health care provider that we hire (and others) will enjoy and appreciate the new space as they take advantage of the upgraded clinic surroundings and modernized technical equipment. Our collective goal is to make a significant difference for this community in myriad ways in meeting the many health care needs within this rural area.

On **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding a public touring of the almost finished clinic. The event will be from 1:00 – 3:00 PM and will include interior and exterior tours, refreshments, fun fundraising opportunities and a short program. An invitation will be delivered shortly to all South Wasco County residents, our donors, and many VIPs. Take a 'First Look' of your new clinic, talk to those involved, see the landscaping plans and enjoy your afternoon visit at the new (mostly completed) Deschutes Rim Health Care Center.

Thank you All!