

A view from the hill

"The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat" may be a bit over the top in describing the atmosphere at Willow Creek Terrace in August, but the residents certainly experienced some exciting, competitive moments for several weeks. But they also joined together for some great entertainment and September looks to be a month of celebrations, rather than competitions.

Their cooperative efforts on the recently completed quilt and their individual talents served some of the residents well when they entered items in the Morrow County Fair. Entries included their quilting, flowers, wood crafts and ceramic crafts and they brought home several ribbons as rewards for their workmanship.

Participation in the fair did not interfere with their "2004 Olympics." Inspired by the athletes in Athens, residents gathered for competition in two games each week for four weeks, beginning on Aug. 11.

Eight competitors showed their skills on the "putting green" in the lobby and tension mounted each time one approached the green. Taking the gold for the fewest strokes in her two times up was Verna Brinda, with two strokes. Lowell Gribble received the silver for his four strokes and Elmer Meligan was close behind him for the bronze with five strokes.

Twelve of the sixteen residents entered the timed Ball-Dribbling competition, and Brinda again "took home the gold," followed closely by Floyd Raver and George Jefferies.

In a distance competition, Watermelon-seed Spitting, Gribble took first, Jefferies second and Joe Wright third.

Murl "Stubby" Rogers took first with her finesse and strength in the Ball-Target Tossing competition. Raver picked up another silver and Jefferies another bronze.

Strong muscle and attitude surely combined in the winning Largest-Smile entries. Joe Wright placed first, Fred Painter held onto second and Gribble earned third.

Proving their engineering skills, as well as their memory work, the residents competed in Paper-Airplane Building during their third week of the games. A tie for the gold went to Jefferies and Gribble. Meligan took the silver and Brinda came in with the bronze.

A great disappointment for the athletes was the cancellation of the Water-Balloon-Throw-at-Staff in their last Olympics week. The weather saved the staff. Another, final competition did go on, however. A steady body and a strong facial feature were the secret in winning the Balanced-Ruler-on-the-Chin event. Eva Griffith surpassed the other entries and Jefferies took second, while Irene Swanson took the bronze.

While not competing, these participants and other residents enjoyed the weekly Bingo game with Duane Jones and Eve Ironhawk, the Ol' Time Musicians' (Bob Stevens and Al Riney) music, the sing-along with Wendy Appleton, Mary Haguewood, and two young men, the songs of Joe and Leann Lindsay, and the Friday games with Maryanne Elguezabal, Mary Haguewood and Carri Haguewood.

September will bring at least three celebrations to Willow Creek Terrace. Fred Painter, Murl Rogers and Nina

Harshman will be guests of honor at birthday parties.

Fred was born in The Dalles 78 years ago on Sept. 15. He spent most of his growing-up years in Pendleton, Echo, Hermiston and Stanfield. When only sixteen years old, Fred lied about his age to enter the Navy. He served on a fleet tanker in the Pacific, left the Navy in 1946, worked in Pendleton and Ione, and reentered the Navy in 1950. He served until 1966, retiring as a Master Chief Boilermaker/E9. His experiences include work on a destroyer during the Korean War, shore duty in Washington and service on an aircraft carrier during the Vietnam War. In total, Fred saw eighteen years' service in the Pacific.

Married in 1964 to a Bay-area registered nurse, Fred worked as an engineer in the same hospital after turning to civilian life. He went on to work as a boiler-plant operator at the Alameda Air Station and was six years on Treasure Island. After his wife died in 1991 and he had retired again, from civil service, Fred returned to Eastern Oregon in 1995. Last year in June, he moved to Willow Creek Terrace. The staff quickly became aware of his taste for ice cream (the reason he has another freezer unit in his apartment) and for apple pie.

Nina Harshman will celebrate her 85th birthday on Sept. 19. She was born to Percy and Jessie Cox in Heppner. Her grandfather chose her name, one other than what her parents had planned to call her. Since she was born in the ninth month, on the nineteenth day, in 1919, at 9 a.m., they agreed that "Nina" suited her well.

Nina married when she was in her teens and joined the work force in Heppner, first as a telephone operator and later as bookkeeper for Howell's Central Meat Market. She eventually secured her GED certificate and attended Olympic College to become a Licensed Practical Nurse, an occupation she practiced for five years at the Harrison Hospital in Bremerton, WA.

Nina was one of the original two tenants when Willow Creek Terrace opened but is now one of sixteen. This will be the first winter in eighteen or nineteen years that Nina has not traveled south with the other "snow birds" who spend three or four months in Arizona each year. She will have company to entertain while staying here this winter, for she has a brother and a sister who visit, fifteen grandchildren, over twenty great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. That explains to whom some of the 100-plus afghans she has crocheted now belong.

Murl High was born in Newberg 93 years ago on Sept. 27. While still a teenager, she became Mrs. "Stubby" Rogers, nicknamed by her husband because he said she was as stubborn as a sheep. The couple was together for 59 years and Murl has remained "Stubby" to this day.

The Rogerses farmed in the McMinnville area for those several years. After her husband's death, Stubby eventually came to the eastside of the state. From Hermiston, she moved to be with her nephew Tom Camarillo, who lives near Ione, and she moved to Willow Creek Terrace in May of this year. Stubby does not want for activities to keep her days full. According to a neighbor, she has "a lot of company," and she agrees that she does enjoy frequent visits from family. She also enjoys sewing and crocheting and was pleased with her red ribbon from the fair last month.

Safety blitz to be held

Oregon law enforcement officers will join with Washington, Idaho and British Columbia police agencies from Sept. 13-26 to encourage the use of safety belts and child restraints as the simplest, most effective way of preventing crash-related injuries and fatalities.

The September "Three Flags Campaign" blitz will seek to reduce the number of motor vehicle-related deaths and injuries by informing the public

regarding safety belts, child safety seats, booster seats and the law against minors riding in open pickup beds.

In addition, Oregon officers will be paying special attention to speeding or impaired drivers- drivers who cause more than half of Oregon's annual traffic fatalities.

Currently, Oregon's safety belt use rate is up from 90.4 percent last year to 92.6 percent, making Oregon number three in the nation for usage.

Girl Scouts office issues warning to beware of fraud

Its Girl Scouts Fall Products Sale time again and Girl Scouts are everywhere, busily taking orders for nuts and candy. The Fall Products Sale program is a wonderful learning experience for the girls, as well as a way to raise money to pay for camps, activities, uniforms and equipment. Please support the girls by placing an order.

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Lexington Grange to meet

The Lexington Grange will meet on Monday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. A potluck dinner will be held, with a program following.

The program will include candidates Kenneth Matlack, who is running for county sheriff, and Cyde Estes, who is running for county clerk.

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