

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

The rains have brought the landscaping at Willow Creek Terrace alive with color and aromas. And now that the recent sunshine makes getting outside more appealing, residents and visitors can more fully enjoy that landscaping by meandering the sidewalk addition that encircles the building.

Some residents are adding even more beauty and some practicality to the setting, by planting flowers and tomatoes in the patio containers. Some are keeping their bird feeders filled with enticing morsels and noting the several species that come to visit daily.

This month, though very wet most of the time, has held several "sunny" spots of entertainment and activities, beginning with the Mother's Day Tea. On Saturday, May 7, the ladies of the Nazarene Church again hosted the resident women with the afternoon event at which each guest received a carnation, as well as refreshments and pleasant conversation.

Refreshments were also at the horse races this month. The televised horse races, that is. As the gates opened on the Kentucky Derby and then the Preakness, the residents watched from the comfort of their living room, a few rooting for their chosen favorites-to-win. No mint juleps here, but tasty beverages and noshes to enjoy as the hooves thundered. The residents now look forward to the Belmont. Kathleen Hisler and Evelyn Broun have both attended the Derby, so they can recount the exciting atmosphere of the actual event.

Added to the calendar this month, amid the Bingo and card games, has been a jam session of the Ol' Time Fiddlers, on May 15, and Peg Willis's young players will entertain on May 27. On May 29, some residents will join the community at the Memorial Day Dinner at St. Patrick's Senior Center. And May 30 will find several at the red-white-blue parade, to show support for our troops.

One of those spectators will be Irene Swanson, who celebrated her 95th birthday on Tuesday, May 24. Swanson enjoys a parade and she especially enjoys being with people.

She was born to Jacob and Regina Miller and named after her mother, but not until she was an adult did the young "Regina" Miller legally change her name to "Irene." She says that other children made fun of her given name, so at an early

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age she borrowed a kindly cousin's name and from then on wanted to be known as "Irene."

Swanson was born in Leipsig, Saskatchewan, Canada, to German parents and spoke only German until she attended school. Her father Jacob ran a livery stable, out of which he provided a horse-drawn buggy service. An injury from one of his horses resulted in his early death, and left Regina a widow with seven children, from teenagers down to a 2-year-old. Swanson was 10 years old. Regina moved the family to Mount Angel upon the suggestion of a friend, thinking that the family would have more opportunities for work and survival. She took in laundry that the children helped with and the children old enough to work for others did. At the age of 12, Swanson started caring for other women and their families. She completed eight grades of school before turning to full-time work to help her family, but she later completed the GED program.

Swanson and her mother lived in Salem where she learned waitressing skills, and at the restaurant on State and 12th Street, she met Gar Swanson when she was 19. Gar's brother delivered ice cream products to the restaurant. Gar accompanied him occasionally and would have something to drink after the delivery. Swanson made the "best milkshakes" he had ever had, he told her. Soon they were dating and three years later, they married, after his graduation from Willamette University, and moved to Ione, his hometown.

While Gar brokered grain and gradually increased their farmland holdings, Swanson stayed home to raise their four children, Jean Ann, Dennis, John and Jim. PTA was one of her focuses and she started the Altar Society at the Catholic Church in Ione. After 43 years together, Gar passed away, and Swanson moved to Heppner.

Her family is one of the pleasures Swanson continues to treasure. Jean Ann (Turner) and Jim live in the area, as do a few of her 16 grandchildren and she maintains contact with those who have moved to California and Washington. All of her children and some grandchildren were able to spend a weekend together just a week ago.

Another pleasure she continues to share with others is her crocheting. Swanson has crocheted items for all her family members and many friends. She has also taught some of her Willow Creek Terrace neighbors to crochet. "I don't like to just sit. I like to have something to do," she says. She also enjoys pinochle games, as well as the other activities held at the Terrace. "I like to be with people," Swanson explains.

What was one of the most thrilling events in Swanson's life? When she was about 23, she became a citizen of the United States. "It was a big thrill," she reports, "and I even got tears in my eyes."

She looked forward to sharing her birthday cake with her family and neighbors on Tuesday and her neighbors view that as a thoughtful, neighborly attitude.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

May 17: MCSO received a report from Umatilla that Javier Nava Cruz, 25, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Theft III.

-MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Charles Cass Cooley, 26, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Burglary II, Possession of a Controlled Substance II and Theft II. Cooley was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-Boardman PD cited John Bradley Standerfer, 48, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 83 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-Boardman PD cited Travis James Webb, 28, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 85 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO cited Fernando Aranjó Bustos, 43, for Passing in a No Passing Zone.

-MCSO received a report from Grants Pass PD that John Jeffery Fulton, 48, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Assault IV.

May 18: MCSO received a report from Multnomah County Jail that Gary Dean Shutts, 44, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII.

-MCSO cited Lyle Elmer Isaak, 54, for Failure to Drive in Right Lane.

May 19: MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Donald Lineol Baldwin, 39, for Failure to Pay Fine/DUII.

-MCSO cited Pavel Saverchenko, 27, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 81 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO cited Ismael Pineda Aldaco, 27, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

May 20: MCSO received a report from Pendleton PD that Braulio Medrano Orantes, 24, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/MIP-Alcohol.

-MCSO cited Steven Edward Strahm, 52, for Driving while Suspended misdemeanor.

May 21: MCSO received a report of a vehicle in the middle of the road with no lights on. Michael William Cowan, 18, for MIP-consumption.

-Boardman PD cited Manuel B. Garcia Figueroa, 21, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-Boardman PD cited Adoney Geovani Murillo-Arellano, 22, for Driving while Suspended-violation.

-Boardman PD cited Misty Dawn Winston, 24, for Driving while Suspended-violation and No Insurance.

May 22: Boardman PD arrested Matthew L. Wilson, 24, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Indictment on the charges of Burglary I and Assault IV and on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended. Wilson also had additional warrant out of Umatilla County. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

May 23: Boardman PD cited Rachel Elizabeth Bozaan, 20, for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device. She also received a

warning for Failure to Use Signal.

-Boardman PD received a report that a subject was intoxicated and banging on the caller's windows and she would like to press trespass charges. James Jeffrey Nelson, 39, was arrested for Criminal Trespass I/Disorderly Conduct and Burglary I. Nelson was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO arrested Michelle Ann Stephens on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

-Boardman PD cited Craig Leroy Bostick, 47, for Driving while Suspended-violation.

DA's Report

Sergio Reveles Becerra admitted to violation of probation allegations for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Becerra's probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to 10 days in jail, 18 months probation extension from date of order and removal of conditional discharges- felony conviction enters, plus an additional 40 hours of community service for a total of 120 hours.

Lyle M. Amsden, Jr., was convicted of Contempt of Court/Punitive +, an unclassified misdemeanor. Amsden was sentenced to 30 suspended days in jail, six months bench probation, 10 hours community service and payment of \$376 in fines and fees. Amsden was also convicted of Contempt of Court +, an unclassified misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 30 suspended days in jail, six months bench probation, 10 hours community service and payment of \$376 in fines and fees.

Rafael Claudio Carrillo was convicted of Wildlife Violation, an unclassified misdemeanor. Carrillo's hunting license was suspended for two years and he was sentenced to two years bench probation and payment of \$626 in fines and fees.

Nicolas Tony Ray Robbins was convicted of Burglary-2 +, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to 13 months in jail, two years probation and payment of \$166 in fines and fees and \$778 in restitution. Robbins was also convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to 13 months in jail, two years probation and payment of \$166 in fines and fees. He was also convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance 2, a Class C felony. His driver's license was suspended for six months and he was sentenced to 18 months probation with 30 days in jail and payment of \$166 in fines and fees.

Juanita Longoria Holeman pled guilty to Attempted Assaulting a Public Safety Officer, a Class A misdemeanor and Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. Holeman was sentenced to 40 hours community service, 12 months bench probation, completion of a misdemeanor alcohol package and payment of \$631 in fines and fees.

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Nazarene church to host Celebration of Praise



Rudy Cervantes

Heppner Nazarene Church is hosting a Celebration of Praise with trumpet player Rudy Cervantes of San Diego, CA. The celebration will be held Saturday, May 28 at 7 p.m. at the Nazarene Church.

The celebration will conclude with a honoring of military personnel and a flag presentation. Local musicians are welcome to participate with Cervantes for one or two songs. For more information on playing and to receive music to practice, call Myrna Van Cleave at 676-5448.

Cervantes formed Heavenly Trumpet Ministries in 1988 and has ministered to over 3000 congregations throughout the United States. He has also played at pastoral conferences and general assembly conferences for the Church of the Nazarene. Cervantes graduated from Nazarene Bible College in June 1998 with a degree in church music. You can find out more about Cervantes and Heavenly Trumpet Ministries by visiting their website at www.heavenlytrumpet.com.

Oregon East Symphony to hold summer music camp

The Oregon East Symphony announces its annual Summer Music Camp, to be held July 25-29, 2005 on the Pendleton campus of Blue Mountain Community College. The music camp offers classes and ensembles for musicians from first grade through adult and the large ensembles offered are symphony orchestra, string orchestra, beginning choir, chamber choir and jazz band. Faculty includes Kenneth Woods, musical director and conductor of the Oregon East Symphony conducting the symphony orchestra; Michelle Giansante of Portland conducting the string orchestra; Lezlee Flagg of Great Falls, MT conducting the beginning choir; Michael Frasier of LaGrande conducting the chamber choir; and Margaret Mayer of Pendleton conducting the jazz band. Other faculty members include James Smock (brass), Nolan Frost (flutes)

and Chris Thomas (cello and composition).

The camp week runs Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The student recital is Wednesday, July 27, the faculty recital is Thursday, July 28 and the final camp gala concert is Friday, July 29 at 7 p.m., all at BMCC Pioneer Theatre. The registration fee includes lunch and observes the following deadlines: \$110 registration fee if registration postmarked by June 30; \$125 registration fee if postmarked by July 15; \$140 registration fee for on-site registration. A limited number of scholarships are available and home stays are available for out-of-town musicians.

For registration forms and more information, contact the Oregon East Symphony at (541) 276-0320, oes@uci.net or visit their website at www.oregoneastsymphony.org.

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