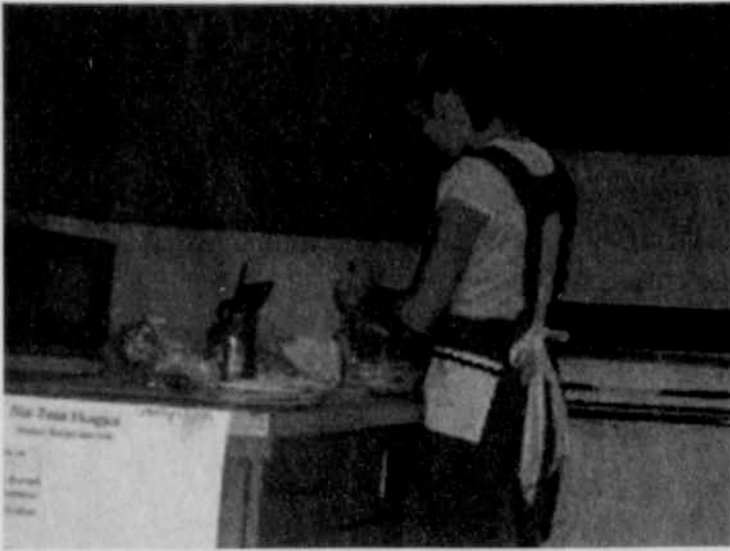


Sew Happy members compete in state food competition *A view from the hill*

By Doris Brosnan



Sherilyn Peck prepares her hot tuna hoagie for the sandwich division of the contest.



Maggie Armato (right) is interviewed by a food prep judge at the "Foods of the Pacific Northwest Intermediate Food Prep Contest."



Catherine McElligott prepares to serve the judges her "Buddha's Delight" dish in the one pot meal division.



Emily Thompson (right) interviews with a judge in the mini-meal division competition.



Talent show participants: (Back Row L-R): Nancy Vander Does, Victor Vander Does, Mary Ann Elguezabal, George Jeffries, Lowell Gribble, Cynthia Kennedy and Cleo Edwards; (Front Row L-R): Evelyn Broun, Irene Swanson, George Nairns and Diana Sharp.

What a fine time the Willow Creek Terrace residents had in August. They donned their colorful garb, cooled their feet in their mini-pool and enjoyed the South Seas' atmosphere at their luau on the 12th. They shifted gears and attitudes for the annual fair on the 18th, getting into the swing of all things rural and agricultural. They did some toe tapping and singing along with the Ol' Time Fiddlers on the 21st. And they settled down to some volunteer work the next week, when they stuffed envelopes with the Board of Directors' invitations to an appreciation barbecue. Now into September and enjoying the beautiful fall-like days, residents continue their always-something-to-do pace.

Not only was the Terrace represented by 38 entries in the Morrow County Fair. It was also well represented by the resident-and-staff singing group, the "Willow Creek Gang," at the talent show during fair week. The group of 11 songbirds enjoyed singing "You Are My Sunshine" as much as the audience enjoyed listening to them.

Since that week of the fair, residents have looked forward to Betty Carlson's weekly visits. She is reading the stories of families depicted in the new addition to the mural on the agricultural museum building, which was officially presented to the public during fair week. (The stories were written for the occasion and are now available in the kiosk at the museum.) Most of the residents have been long acquainted with members of these families and enjoy hearing their histories, which oftentimes trigger other memories that lead to some good sessions of reminiscing.

September special events began with an exhibition of skills by Cyndi Sumner's tumbling class of young people on the 2nd. On the 10th, composer John Nilson performed some of his selections on the piano, to the pleasure of the residents. Always welcome, the Lutheran-Episcopalian Youth Group came for dinner and visiting on the 18th.

On Friday afternoons, Terrace residents are usually invited to participate in a game of some sort with representatives of St. Patrick Catholic Church, but on the 16th, they were in store for a delightful surprise: a talent show. Members of that congregation, young (Healy, Taylor, Grant, Lindsay) and older (Kenny, Turner, Wilson), offered vocal and piano selections and Rev. Gerry Condon provided the comic relief with a few jokes and stories. And then the audience and performers enjoyed the refreshments created by Pam Worden.

So, as September passes, Willow Creek Terrace continues to be a busy place for the residents who take advantage of the variety of daily activities and the special occasions, not the least of which are the birthdays. Evelyn celebrated her special day in July, but the residents have had to wait until this month for more birthday cake. Nina, Fred and Stubby are all September celebrants, so there will be ample opportunity to sample some refreshments and to wish a neighbor "good health and good will," two pleasantries of life at the Terrace on the hill.

Several members of The Sew Happy 4-H club traveled to Salem to compete against 4-H members from around the State in the "The Foods of the Pacific Northwest Intermediate Food Prep Contest." At the State Fair they prepared recipes of their own choice in front of a judge and audience. They then served the food to the judge and were interviewed. The 4-H members are expected to have

complete knowledge of ingredients they used and the nutritional value of their foods and complimentary side dishes.

Sherilyn Peck prepared a hot tuna hoagie in the sandwich division. She received a blue ribbon for her efforts, doing very well in the presentation and nutrition segment.

Catherine McElligott prepared a healthy and delicious stir-fry called Bud-

dha's Delight. This dish won her a blue ribbon in the one pot meal division.

Emily Thompson competed in the mini-meal contest and prepared homemade fettuccini with marinara sauce and a Caesar salad she scored high and also received a blue.

Maggie Armato served a Thai Chili fried rice for the grain division of the food prep contest. She was named Champion for her di-

vision. She also prepared a shrimp ravioli in basil cream sauce and a Sicilian orange salad for the Mini Meal contest. She received a special award for best use of trawl fish in the mini meal division, a blue ribbon and was named Intermediate Division Winner of the Foods of the Pacific Northwest Contest.

Everyone did a great job, learned a lot and had fun.

Changes at DMV at least 2 years away

Oregonians can expect big changes in the future in how they get driver licenses and identity cards under both federal and state legislation passed in 2005. But those changes won't begin to take effect for at least two years.

By mid to late 2007, DMV will compare the facial images of applicants for driver licenses and ID cards against images already on file. This check will prevent people from obtaining a license or ID card in more than one name or in someone else's name. The 2005 Oregon Legislature approved this change under Senate Bill 640.

This process will require DMV to issue a temporary license or ID card and to mail the final version to the customer after completing the facial recognition check.

SB 640 allows a fee increase of up to \$3 per card to pay for the facial-recognition check and other requirements under the bill. Yet that fee increase is unlikely to take effect until at least 2008.

Oregonians will see even bigger changes under the federal Real ID Act of 2005, signed by President Bush in May.

States will have until May 2008 to comply with the act. If a state does not comply with the new federal requirements, the state's license or ID card will not be accepted as proof of identity by federal agencies for purposes such as entry into federal buildings or air travel.

Oregon already complies with many of the federal requirements, such as requiring proof of date of birth, documentation residence within Oregon, and retention of digital photos of drivers and ID card holders. But the law will add several new requirements for people who apply for driver licenses or ID cards. Among them:

- Proof of citizenship or legal presence in the United States.
- Verification of identity documents with the issuing agency-for example, Social Security number with the Social Security Administration and Alien Registration Number with the Department of Homeland Security.
- Rejection of all foreign documents except official passports.
- Photograph of all applicants even if they are denied a driver license or ID card.
- Electronic imaging of all documents that customers present.

In Oregon, the new requirements under the Real ID Act are not expected to be in place until 2008. Several provisions of the act need federal rules to clarify details, and changes to laws won't be considered by the Legislature until 2007.

Customers can start preparing to make their future visits to the DMV more convenient by checking to see what forms of ID they have, other than their driver license, and making sure that they are safely stored. Customers also may consider obtaining other forms of ID for which they qualify, such as a passport.

Oregon's cost to implement the Real ID Act is not yet known.

West Nile Virus detected in Umatilla County

Umatilla County Public Health Department identified a case of West Nile Virus in a horse near Milton-Freewater, said Genni Lehnert, Administrator of the Health Department. Testing was completed at the Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Pullman, WA confirmed the virus.

This is the first detection of the virus in Umatilla County. The horse had to be euthanized. "It is not surprising to see the disease appear in horses here," says Emilio DeBess DVM, MPH, State Public Health Veterinarian. "We've seen the virus move northward since it was first identified in Southern Oregon last year and have been aware that the virus is in several counties bordering Umatilla County."

West Nile is primarily a bird disease and crows, magpies and jays are especially susceptible. Mosquitoes become infected by feeding on an infected bird and can pass the virus to humans, horses or other hosts

when they bite. Genni Lehnert, Administrator of the Umatilla County Public Health Division said, most people who become infected do not become ill. Some may develop mild flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches and occasionally swollen lymph glands or a rash. In rare cases West Nile may cause encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain. Individuals with severe or unusual headaches should seek medical care as soon as possible. She encourages people to continue submitting dead birds for testing so officials can track the spread of West Nile in Umatilla County.

Local Officials and health care providers in Umatilla County have been notified of the virus detection.

The State of Oregon has set up a West Nile Virus Information line. For more information please call (866) 703-INFO.

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