

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

The Willow Creek Terrace community views the passing of their friend and neighbor Fred Painter as a great loss. Fred was a thoughtful gentleman who helped each person at the Terrace feel special each day. He will be missed.

Residents continue their variety of activities on a daily basis, finding no shortage of games, crafts, cards, exercise and musical entertainment in their lives. But they also view the uncommon and surprise events as important ingredients in life on the hill.

March was full of such events, with St. Patrick's Day activities and the special luncheon for Oregon's Home Health Nurse of the Year, Donna Schonbachler, and our other medical providers. And April has already brought several enjoyable activities to the hill, with more to come.

National Library Week started the month with emphasis on reading and on the service available at our Oregon Trail Library. During that week also, the Red Hat Ladies hosted a tea for the residents - the men and the women - on the April 5. A large group enjoyed the conversation and tasty morsels and tea.

Elmer Meligan celebrated a birthday with neighbors and family on April 5, also, and Juanita Martin will receive many "happy birthday" wishes on April 20.

Since National Gardening Week fell from April 9 through April 15, the

community and some of the Board members braved the weather to plant flowers on April 10 and 11. They relaxed on April 12 by listening to the melodious sounds of the singing group "Has Been Wanna Be's."

Staff and residents enjoyed an egg hunt on April 13, and on the April 14, some special young visitors joined in coloring some more Easter eggs. Several residents attended Easter services with friends and family last weekend.

This week, on April 18, residents and staff were invited to join the National Wear Your Pajamas to Work Day by dressing appropriately.

Next week, on Thursday, April 27, the community at Willow Creek Terrace will host a reception for Suzanne Jepsen at 6:30 p.m. Suzanne is leaving the Board of Directors, after serving as a catalyst in bringing the Terrace to Heppner, for she had a vision that could not be shaken by nay-sayers who said it could not happen. She has headed the Board through the construction and the management of the completed and successful facility but now must turn to other demands in her life. The staff and residents invite the Willow Creek Valley communities to join them at the reception on April 27 as they pay tribute to this person who has served so determinedly, faithfully, and successfully. They view such dedication with respect and appreciation.

Ladies' Ecumenical soup and salad supper to be held

The Church of the Nazarene will host the Ladies Ecumenical Soup and Salad Supper on Monday, April 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event will take place in the St. Patrick's Church Parish Hall.

The guest speaker this year will be Pastor Connie Jo Yutzie from Arlington. Pastor Yutzie is an ordained pastor in the Church of the Nazarene. Her theme will be Mountains Valleys and Living in Reality.



Pastor Yutzie

"For Eternity" will provide music. They are a trio from Yakima who have performed not only around our area but also in India and Ukraine.



For Eternity

This event is open to all ladies in our area and we hope all will attend and enjoy the evening. For more information, contact Kathy Jones at 676-5529.

Rebekah Lodge to hold bunko party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting a Bunko party this Sunday, April 23 at the Odd Fellow Hall in Lexington. Play will start at 3 p.m. Fun, food and prizes will be provided. The cost is \$5 per person and is open to the public. For further information please call LaRae Kindle at 676-5223.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

"April showers bring May flowers." This would be true this year. One of the reasons Morrow County was selected for the Oregon International Speedway was because we have 300 days of sun here, so by current calculations if we want any more rain the rest of 2006, it must be close to some blue sky time.

During each session about the speedway, we learn more facts. For those who have not attended, visit with someone who has or visit www.YESmcs.com to discover what this major motor sports racing complex will mean to Morrow County and to our small communities. Say, "yes" to 100-200 full-time family wage jobs; 750 construction jobs for three years; and all the opportunities for new business attracted to a destination speedway. Your Chamber of Commerce believes it is a positive for Heppner, don't you?

What, you don't want change? It has been

proven over and over that change happens daily. We see it as we walk down the street. It is up to us to look around, think about the future of our young people, dream opportunities for them and move forward toward positive change. In my mind, I always wanted to race in the Grand Prix. Do you suppose there's an event for grandmothers? Just about every other kind of race will be offered at the Oregon International Speedway, including amenities for young and old to experience. Visitors who want to stay awhile in 15,000 RV sites will want to venture on to Heppner, of course. It's about creative and forward thinking to stimulate the economy and create jobs. Join us as we focus on all kinds of possibilities and make them reality.

Thought for the Week: "What is harder than rock, or softer than water? Yet soft water hollows out hard rock. Persevere." - Ovid

Oregon East Symphony to present Mahler's Second Symphony

The Oregon East Symphony is celebrating its 20th season with the biggest musical project that has ever been done in Oregon east of the Cascades: Gustave Mahler's Second Symphony with over 150 musicians on stage, conducted by Music Director Kenneth Woods. The concert will take place at the Vert Auditorium, 500 SW Dorion in Pendleton, at 3:15 p.m. Sunday, April 23. Tickets can be reserved at (541) 276-0320 for Adults / \$15 and Seniors / \$10. Student admission is free.

Ninety musicians will almost double the usual size of the orchestra and will be joined by a chorus of 70 singers, necessitating the construction of several new platforms to triple the size of the stage extension. Almost half of the orchestra will be on the extension to provide enough room for the chorus.

A typical large symphony concert might have four horns, two trumpets, three trombones and a tuba. The Mahler calls for ten horns, six trumpets, four trombones and a tuba, and the woodwind section is also twice its normal size. There will even be an offstage band playing the part of musicians in the distance, necessitating a video hook-up so that they can see conductor Woods.

The local core of musicians will be joined by leading players from all over the Northwest, including the Spokane and Oregon Symphonies. As well, a trumpeter is coming from Illinois, and Woods' wife, violinist Suzanne Casey, who soloed in the previous concert, will travel from their home in Cardiff, Wales.

Soloists are Soprano Amy Paden and mezzo-soprano Angela Niederloh.

Paden recently completed her master's of music degree in vocal performance at the University of Washington, where she studied with Vincent Cole. Her latest roles were in works by Offenbach, Stravinsky and Mozart. She received her bachelor of arts from Lewis and Clark College and sang with the Portland Opera Young Artists Program.

Angela Niederloh was a finalist in the 2000 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and in 2004 won first place and audience favorite in the prestigious Eleanor Lieber Awards. She recently completed her tenure as a member of the Houston Grand Opera Studio, appearing in Verdi's "La Traviata" and "Falstaff." In Portland, she has appeared in Handel's "Messiah," the Bernstein "Mass" and Mahler's "Symphony No. 2" with the Oregon Symphony.

About 20 years ago Gustave Mahler surpassed Beethoven as the most popular composer in the world, with his music selling more recordings and concert tickets than any other classical composer. They both published nine symphonies. He was also the greatest conductor of his time, leading orchestras in Vienna and New York.

To read the conductor's words on this "ode to the resilience of the human spirit and testament to the power of spiritual redemption," go to www.oregoneastsymphony.org and scroll down on the home page to Mahler Journey.

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Stargazing program set for Heppner

The Oregon Trail Library District is offering a stargazing program in Heppner to explore the night skies of eastern Oregon. The program will be offered for area residents at the Heppner High School library on Saturday, April 29 at 7 p.m.

The stargazing program is free and open to persons of all ages.

It will be presented by Bob Duke, professional astronomer from Astoria who writes the monthly "Skywatch" astronomy column for the "Oregonian."

The program will start at the HHS library with an introductory session for about 45 minutes and will then move outside to observe the night sky.

Duke will bring a portable observatory and several other telescopes for program attendees to use.

He will also demonstrate how to effectively use the library district's new Astroscan telescopes, how to locate hidden objects in the night sky, telescope basics and how to purchase one.

His program includes a collection of slides including constellations. Duke will also demonstrate how to use a planisphere to identify constellations and will have these cardboard wheels available.

Duke has taught observational astronomy at Mt. Hood and Columbia Gorge community colleges

Willow Creek Symphony to present Young People's concert

Members of the Willow Creek Symphony, under the baton of R. Leo Friese of Athena who is Music Director and Conductor of Inland Northwest Musicians, will make an educational and concert presentation for elementary students and others at the Echo Community Building on Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 10:30 am. Schools participating to date are Ukiah, Echo, A.C.

and is currently working with the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center to develop its educational astronomy programs. He travels throughout the northwest bringing astronomy education to rural communities and schools.

Duke's program is brought to Heppner by OTLD and the Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO).

Forty-five public libraries in eastern Oregon recently received telescopes and GPS units for patron checkout from LEO. Funding for the equipment was provided to the nonprofit by the Swindells Charitable Trust and the Oregon Community Foundation.

The equipment complements regional programs launched by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) in partnership with LEO.

The OMSI-LEO partnership is called the STARS program- Science, Technology and Rural Students- and supports distance education, professional development of librarians and teachers, delivery of video conferencing programs to rural areas and lifelong learning for persons of all ages.

For further information, please contact Oregon Trail Library District director Marsha Richmond at 481-3365 or LEO executive directory Lyn Craig at (541) 763-2355.

HHS announces honor roll students

Heppner Junior/Senior High has announced their quarter 3 honor roll. Following is a list of the honor roll students:

7th Grade- Joseph Armato 4.0, Justin Gutierrez 4.0, Brett Harrison 4.0, Julia Meyer 4.0, Ian Murray 4.0, Devin Robinson 4.0, Daisy Victorio 4.0, Kolleen Chapa, Lindsay Cutsforth, Donald Mathews, Kelsi Putman, Taighler Dougherty, Willy Gentry and Sarah Kendrick.

8th Grade- Jordan Hatfield 4.0, Keenan Jack 4.0, Frank Meyer 4.0, Emily Thompson 4.0, Laci Wagoner 4.0, Ashley Wolff 4.0, Lane Wright 4.0, Curtis Harper, Andrew Johnson, Christopher Lien, Brynna Rust, Jared Huddleston, Erin Price, Jessica Hughes, Kellee Jones, Jodessa Chapa, Bryan Holland and Brent Eckman.

9th Grade- Maggie Armato 4.0, Spencer Palmer 4.0, Sherilyn Peck 4.0, Jordan Shepherd 4.0, Grant Smith, Joseph Pranger, Luke Young, Kathryn Moore and

Eddie Collins.

10th Grade- Viktoria Koch 4.0, Whitney Mathews 4.0, Sean Murray 4.0, Megan Orr 4.0, Baillie Keithley, Luke Basile, Kate Kendrick, Kelsey Wolff, Jenna Bowman, Ignacio Elguezabal, Kelsie Fox, Patricia Little and Taylor Kempas.

11th Grade- Regina Seitz 4.0, Chesley Little, Justin Delveaux, Chelsey Foster, Lyndi Patton, Sarah Price, Kimberly Crumbliss, Casey O'Neal, Aaron Allstott and Quinn Peck.

12th Grade- Lynan Bingham 4.0, Katie Britt 4.0, Nichole Gibbs 4.0, Matthew Kenny 4.0, Julianna Moore 4.0, Laurie Murray 4.0, Krystal Nairns 4.0, Roy Proctor 4.0, Brittney Herbison, Amanda Davis, Heather Rill, Daniel Basile, Rory Kilkenny, Abby Key, Brenda Victorio, Amanda Miles, Colton Helfrecht, Mikel Britt and Veronica Wilhelm.

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Retirement Celebration
for
Suzanne Jepsen
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Thursday, April 27th, 6:30 p.m.
at the Willow Creek Terrace
Everyone is invited to attend

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