A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

Fair to say that the Willow Creek Terrace residents viewed the Morrow County Fair as more than just "fair" last Wednesday. Fourteen residents enjoyed exploring the displays, livestock, entertainment and foods and were greatly pleased to see the ribbons attached to the booth they helped design and the hand-crafted crosses they made last Easter. One of the residents also entered three pieces of handwork, so her neighbors applauded her efforts and her three ribbons.

In July, the rodeo court visited the Terrace and encouraged everyone to join them at last weekend's rodeo and the evening breeze was enough to entice three residents to the rodeo arena on Friday. They appreciated the show without enduring the heat of Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Residents view the county fair and pro rodeo as important area attractions.

The ribbons won at the Fair continue a winning streak for the Terrace. The facility entered two pies in the "Celebrate Heppner" contact on July 28 and won "Best of Show." Residents and staff are still examining their options with the $50 gift-certificate prize that can be used at any Heppner retail store.

Also in July, residents delighted in the "Mutt Day" visit from Duchess Wenberg and her human family and continue to visit with Spot on a monthly basis. Spot, the dog of Molly Rhea's family, seemed to fit right in when he came to visit, so he is returning on a monthly basis, to simply hang out with the residents while Molly completes a day's work before picking him up to go home.

One of the first outings for Terrace residents in August was the trip to Irrigon for another "Music in the Park" program. This one was an entertaining and informative musical developed and presented by a home-schooling family, with the four children and both parents involved in the production. The 14 residents, staff and volunteers Cyde Estes and Bob and Judy Stevens thought it well written and performed.

This second jaunt to the north end of the county for "Music in the Park" program ended with a trip back home through the sounds and sights of a terrific thunderstorm. A similar trip home finished up the Terrace's Boardman excursion the previous month, so at least one wary person has joked that the Terrace should think twice before traveling again during the tinder-dry season... (Smokey the Bear was scheduled to visit the Terrace on his birthday in July, but he had to take a "rain check" because he was out fighting fire. Residents celebrated without him, with birthday cake during their morning exercises.)

Often, when not busy with activities, residents savor their relaxation out on the back and front patios, in the mornings and evenings on the hill. From those vantage points, they can see that the seasons are starting to change. Some fall flowers are beginning to bloom and some leaves are beginning to change color. Joining them for this view of transitions is the newest resident at Willow Creek Terrace.

Delores Wilson moved into the one vacant apartment on Aug. 2. After many years away, Wilson, a sister of Ed Baker, is returning to the Willow Creek Valley from Hermiston. Soon, Wilson will know all her new neighbors and their families and the neighbors are hoping that she will view her new surroundings and opportunities with enthusiasm similar to theirs.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Seventh Day Adventist church members are the volunteers for the Aug. 30 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu for the day is Swiss steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, hot bread, cucumbers and tomatoes, Jell-O parfait with fruit and ice cream bars.

The rummage sale and raffle were a great success. All those that helped in setting up and then boxing and bagging what was left were greatly appreciated.

Lyn Jewett won the birdbath in the silent auction. Raffle winners were notified Sunday, Aug. 20. If you have not picked up your prize, please do so between the hours of 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the senior center office.

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Heppner girl crowned at pageant

Kolleen Chapa

Kolleen Chapa, of Heppner, was crowned Friday night at the National American Miss Pageant. The Pageant was held at the Eugene Hilton Thursday through Saturday. Chapa was in the Pre-Teen category. She received the crown and a large trophy for her Silver Level Award for Outstanding Program Participation in the State Cover Girl Category. Chapa was additionally named one of the 30 semifinalists out of 143 contestants in her Pre-Teen group. All semifinalists were presented with roses. She was judged on formal wear presentation, one-on-one interviews with six judges, personal introduction on stage and community involvement. She additionally competed in the photogenic, art, best thank you note, most promising model and volunteer service competitions. She received special recognition in the photogenic program by receiving a ribbon and received a trophy at the competition for her state finalist placement.

"I cried when she came out on stage in her gown, she was so beautiful and her smile lit up the ballroom." said her mother Jodi Chapa. "She was a winner before she left for the pageant and this will just help her to continue to strive for the best in everything she does. We are very proud of her."

The weekend started on Friday night with registration followed by a pajama party attended by the princess, junior pre-teen and pre-teen contestants. Friday morning brought orientation and rehearsals to prepare for optional contests. Friday afternoon began the rehearsals for the formal wear and personal introduction competition to be judged Friday evening. The girls were required to be escorted onto stage individually and present themselves to the audience in their formal gown. Chapa wore a mixed colored gown with black heels. Then the girls were off to the changing room to get into their interview/personal introduction outfit. Chapa wore a coral sweater top over a white, lacy tank and a white skirt with white heels. They were then ushered into the ballroom again, given a microphone by the reigning queen and introduced themselves to the audience with their name, hometown and information about themselves or their ambition in life. After the competition, girls in the state cover girl category and spirit category received their crowns, banners, roses, trophies and prizes.

Saturday started with rehearsals for the opening dance production number, followed by rehearsals for the Saturday Evening Finale. Saturday afternoon was filled with each contestant individually entering an interview room where six judges sat at individual tables and the girls went from table to table on a timed schedule, interviewing with each judge who asked them various questions about themselves. The Saturday evening finale opened with the parade of contestants into the ballroom in their production number outfit, a pink National American Miss T-shirt and jean shorts. After the dance production numbers, the girls changed into their formal gowns and were presented one at a time onto the stage for the judges. The 30 semi-finalists were announced, presented roses and remained onstage. Next were the announcement of the top five finalists and the crowning of the 2006 National American Miss Pre-Teen Oregon.

Chapa was accompanied to the pageant by her mother and by sister, Jodessa Chapa.

Chapa's participation was sponsored by The Victorian Rose, Heppner Family Foods, Howe's About Pizza, Farmers Insurance, Petersons Jewelers, Murrays Drugs, Pettyjohns, Willow Creek Reality, Bill and Jo Segraves, Manuel, Deborah, and Jessica Chapa, Hopie Chapa, Grace, Dedrick and Nicole Holloway, Todd Segraves, Marti Luther, The Prices, The Gochnauers, Dr. Sinha, The Sargeants, The Haguewoods, her car washing buddies Eddie, Ben, Jason and Jordan, The Keys, The Days, her mom and sister and the town of Heppner.

The state title of National American Miss Pre-Teen of Oregon 2006 went to Christina Evert of Bend. She will attend the National Competition in November at Disney Land in California.

Ione library to increase hours

Beginning Aug. 28, the Ione Library will increase its hours by four hours per week. The library will now be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Library at 422-0803 or Kristy Crowell at 422-7563.

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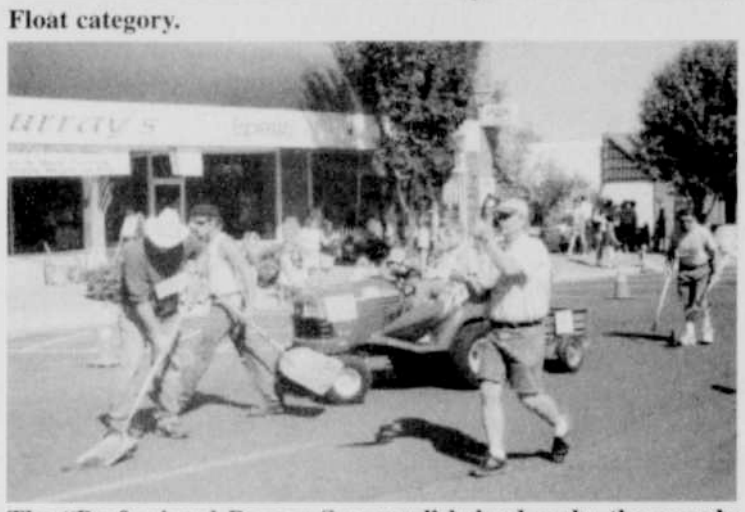
Bank of Eastern Oregon takes third in Commercial floats.

Camas Prairie Red Hat Mamas take first place in the Community Float category.



The "Professional Pooper Scoopers" helped make the parade fun for all.

"Happy Trails to the Fair and Rodeo" was this year's theme for the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo parade. Many participated with winners in the following categories:

Commercial Float: 1st- Morrow County Grain Growers, 2nd- Bonnie's Aug and Auto and 3rd- Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Community Float: 1st- Camas Prairie Red Hat Mamas, 2nd- Heppner Fire Department and 3rd- Morrow County 4-H.

Antique Autos, Steam Engines and Tractors: 1st- Chris Brauer for Circuit Court Judge, 2nd- Morrow County Museum and 3rd- John Wenholz and Ray Grace.

Courts and Royalty: 1st- Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court, 2nd- Pendleton Round Up Court and 3rd- 1946 Rodeo Court.

Family Riding Group: 1st- Ranch Horse 4-H Group and 2nd- HM Ranch Riders.

Individual Horse and Rider: 1st- Sherron Woodside and 2nd- Lelia Workman.

Senior Riding Group: 1st- Round Up Directors.

Teams, Wagons, Buggies: 1st- Mini Trails to You and 2nd- Pooper Buster.

Youth: 1st- Makenzie Hughes and 2nd- Nathaniel Roberts.

Creative Arts and Crafts group to discuss upcoming workshops

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will meet on Aug. 24 at 1 p.m. at GD's banquet room.

The agenda will include fall workshops with Sandra Haynes, including classes in colored pencil and scratchboard. Haynes will be at the meeting to discuss what type of art the group taking the classes would like to do. So, if you have a preference for animals or flowers, or something else, attend the meeting.

These workshops are open to the public, so anyone can take them. Some are weekend classes to accommodate the people who are working during the week.

All classes must be paid for 30 days in advance. This is a policy needed to insure funding for classes.

Members and non-members are urged to attend the meeting so decisions can be made on what to do in the classes and class dates.

Hospice training session offered

Pioneer Memorial Hospice is offering a seven-week Volunteer Training course starting Monday, Sept. 11, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Hospice agency office in the lower level of Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. These classes will be lead by Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, Cyde Estes, along with several other hospice team members.

Each session will introduce skills and tools to assist the class members in interacting with and assisting hospice patients and their families. Participants will learn about the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual journey of persons experiencing terminal illness, as well as patients and families experiencing the dying process, death and entering bereavement.

Pioneer Memorial Hospice, which provides end of life care for terminally ill patients throughout Morrow and Gilliam counties, is providing these evening classes at a charge of $10 to cover the cost of materials. Attendees will be under no obligation to become a Hospice volunteer.

Registration for the seven-week course is required. If you are interested in this training, please call the Hospice office at (541) 676-2946.