

A view from the hill



Pictured is Kathleen Hisler with some of her family members on Saturday, March 24.

By Doris Brosnan

The view from Willow Creek Terrace is greener as February fades into March, and thoughts turn to getting outside to do some spring planting. Residents have started planning their garden, anticipating digging in the rich soil, the variety of colors and textures, the blossoms, and some great-tasting vegetables.

Though the cool winter weather has kept most everyone indoors for most of February, no one has lacked for opportunities to stay busy this past month. Every week residents can play bingo or work on crafts with members of the Nazarene Church; play pinochle with Joe Bursen; listen to the reading of the Heppner Gazette Times; play games or work on crafts with members of the Catholic Church; exercise with the staff; take in a weekend-matinee movie; and take advantage of the

book- and the tape-exchange.

Of course, the Super Bowl, on February 4, kept several residents glued to the TV and not interested in the stormy weather outside. A little more interest was added to the game when some residents participated in a wee bit o' wagering. Ed Dick won the pot for the first and second quarters, Jessica Skillings took the third-quarter pot, and Tonya Vawser won the end-of-game pot.

Ten days later, residents dressed up for the Terrace's Sweethearts Candlelight Dinner. Soft strains of love songs provided ambiance for the special occasion.

Music and dancing was the entertainment a couple of days later, when Alicia Rennison's students danced their way into the hearts of the audience. And jazz music was the mood-setter when residents celebrated Mardi Gras on the

19th. Beads, beads, beads and jambalaya topped off the celebration.

On Shrove Tuesday, February 20, nine residents rode the bus to the Episcopal Church's Pancake Super. Everyone had a great time in fellowship with the other diners, and many attended Ash-Wednesday services the next day at their churches.

One of the most important dates on the February calendar was the twenty-first. Kathleen Hisler celebrated her 99th birthday with her neighbors and family. A call from a dear friend, Anita Lucher, completed her celebration, and Kathleen had another family gathering on the 24th.

February wrapped up with a meeting of the Book Worms on the 27th. Members especially enjoy their meetings at the Terrace with member-residents Sylvia McDaniel, Mary Goheen, and Kay Anderson.

And now, March brings another month of activities to the Terrace. The highlight for some, Irish and not, will be the St. Patrick's Celebration. The Willow Creek Valley swells with the return of friends and family for the weekend. And residents of Willow Creek Terrace view that weekend as a great time for some added visiting and an important time, economically, for the Heppner community, so they will be among those wearin' the green!

Creative Care Preschool take field trip to Krebs Sheep Farm



On Monday, February 26, the Creative Care Preschool took a field trip to the Krebs Sheep Farm outside of Ione. The three-year old and four-year classes all attended.

Each year the Krebs welcome the preschool out for a tour of their operation. This year the kids even got to see twin lambs be born. The kids also had an opportunity to hold the bummer lambs and feed them a bottle. Penny Krebs provided snacks and juice for all of the kids.

Ione students hold Polar Bear car wash



Pictured are: back row (L-R) Jeremy Coleman, Micah Stillman, Jordan Peterson, Beth Morter, Mary Rietmann, and Kevin LaRue. Middle and bottom row Bruce McMinn, Christine Raible, Zac Orem, Matt Orem, Tanny Rietmann, Cassie Arbogast, Alex Rietmann, Mariah Bradfield, Jake Trahan and Luke Emmel.

The Polar Bear Car Wash, hosted by Erin Heideman's seventh and eighth grade science classes at Ione Middle School was more like a Polar Bear swim by the time it was all done this past Sunday afternoon at Ione Fire Hall.

In an attempt to raise money for their field trip to OMSI and the Oregon Primate Research Center the

washed over 60 cars and sold baked goods. "It was a really good turn out by the community and by all of my classmates," said Mariah Bradfield, event chairman. "We raised over \$700.00 in one afternoon!"

In addition to the 26 seventh and eighth graders, there were a number of parents in attendance helping

too. The classes would like to extend a special thank you to Kay Aldritt, Adena Johnson, Dan Peterson, Deacon Heideman, Joe and Anita Orem, Anne Morter, Donna Rietmann, Michelle Raible, Paula Emmel and the Ione Fire Department for their help and to all the parents who made baked goods.

St. Patrick's Day parade information

Heppner's seventh annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In participants are reminded to fill out their entry forms and send it to P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836 or call the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 676-5536 or visit www.heppnerchamber.com.

Pre-registration of \$10 received by March 13 will include a dash plaque. On site registration will be

\$15. Participants are asked to assemble their vehicles from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, at the northwest entrance to Heppner (former Kinzua Mill site) on Highway 74/207. Participants are asked to arrive by 10:30 a.m. so the parade announcer will be able to gather facts on each vehicle before the parade that begins at noon. The

entries will be on display on Water Street in downtown Heppner.

Plaques will be awarded for Leprechaun's Choice, Judges Choice, and the Mustang Award (for Mustang vehicles), which is sponsored by the Heppner High School student body.

The Great Green Parade will be at 1 p.m., following the St. Paddy Cruz-In Parade.

St. Patrick's Day Parade "A Wee Bit O' Ireland" in Heppner, Oregon March 16-18, 2007 Parade Saturday, March 17

Return to P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836
For information: Cliff Green or Terry Baker 541-676-5536

NAME OF ENTRY _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____ Phone: _____

Please check entry area:

- Irish floats & groups Irish Character & family
 Irish bicycle, golf cart, etc. Musical & Dance Groups
 Antique & custom vehicles Parade/special vehicles
 Irish Miscellaneous

PARADE RULES

***NOTE: THIS PARADE IS NON-EQUESTRIAN

- All motorized entries must be operated by a licensed driver.
- Entrants under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- NO persons will be allowed to ride on the outside of autos or wagons protected seating inside truck or wagon bed is ok.
- All entrants agree to maintain suitable insurance which will respond on their behalf and the City's behalf, for any injury or damage which occurs.
- The entrants also agree they are participating in the parade at their own risk and agree to hold the City harmless for any injury or damage that may occur.
- All entries must be signed in by noon.
- CANDY OR OTHER ITEMS ARE NOT TO BE THROWN FROM VEHICLES OR WAGONS.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE & CERTIFY THIS ENTRY IS NOW, AND WILL REMAIN, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THESE PARADE RULES.

Signature of Responsible party: _____

Describe your entry and type of vehicle if included and state what you want the announcer to say about your entry.

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Looking for a few energetic folks to don a leprechaun suit for a couple hours over St. Patrick's Weekend (March 16-18). This is Fun and Anonymous! If interested, please call Molly Rhea at 676-9922.

Births

A son, Cooper Tison, was born January 18, 2007 at Seton Medical Center in Austin, TX to Jason and Tina Lavender of Pflugerville, TX. Cooper weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins brother, Jackson, 2 1/2, at home.

Grandparents are Tony and Verina Schiller of Pflugerville and Ronnie and Sandra Lavender of Austin. Great-grandparents are Ray and Norma French of Heppner and Marilyn Schiller and the late Bob Schiller of Echo and Gladys Hall and the late Lloyd D. Hall Sr. of Waco, TX and Wallace C. and Mamie Lavender of Hewitt, TX.