

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Residents and staff of Willow Creek Terrace view their time with Nina Harshman and Juanita Martin as pluses in their lives. These neighbors were enjoyable presences who are greatly missed on the Hill. The community members have offered a fond farewell to these women and condolences to their families.

The families of several residents, as well as friends, continue to grace the Terrace with produce from their gardens — most recently Dorothy Green, Jim and Kathy Martin, Lyle and Virginia Peck, Sheri Stahl and Wendy Appleton. Such a treat to have fresh vegetables and fruits on the menus. The fresh flowers donated by Jan Stroeber have given the Terrace an added cheeriness and lovely fragrance. Al and Donna Osmin have added some Bingo prizes for the weekly games, as well as some saltwater taffy for several sweet-tooths.

The Heppner High School Class of 1964 kindly financed the purchase of furniture for the gazebo. Now, on warm days, one can find residents and guests sitting there, enjoying quiet conversation and the sights and sounds of birds. The gazebo is also the perfect spot for inspecting the pumpkin patch.

Residents also inspect and care for the tomatoes they plan to enter into the Morrow County Fair. Might the whispering of "ripen, ripen, ripen" occasionally be heard at the tomato bed?

And residents continue work on other projects for the fair. They hope that other area residents will join them with their own, various projects to help make the fair an especially interesting one. Many residents plan to attend at least one day, if not several.

Recently, residents

attended the Music-in-the-Park concert in Boardman. Manager George Nairns treated to the picnic of vendors' delightful fare at this July 28 event.

Without traveling to China, Terrace residents and staff will enjoy Olympic Games that begin on August 8. These will include the official world games broadcast on TV, of course. But also exciting for participants and spectators will be the Terrace Olympics. Beginning with a putting contest and Chinese dinner on the 8th, these Olympics will continue with a competition each week and end with an awards ceremony, complete with medals. Details are available by calling the Terrace office.

These will be more causes for celebration on the Hill, where "celebrate" continues to be a collective state of mind. Can one imagine how this community celebrated the recent National Ice Cream Cone Day, National Lasagna Day, National Cowboy Day, and National Cheesecake Day? (Who keeps track of these surprising dates?)

Maybe Lori White has something to do with finding special celebrations. Lori has been on staff since October 31, 2005. On her first day, she proved her great sense of humor and adventure when she willingly donned the costume handed her for Halloween. She was a potted sunflower. Lori began part-time work at the Terrace but now works full-time on the day shift. She has gained the confidence of the residents and fellow staff members with her dedication to being a first-rate caregiver. She demonstrates her creativity as she leads the morning exercises, giving both bodies and minds good workouts.

Willow Creek Terrace residents view Lori and their other staff members as truly valuable, precious additions to their daily lives.

Judge Wallace called to duty in Iraq



A special going away gathering was held for Judge Jeff Wallace of the Sixth Judicial District Umatilla and Morrow Counties last Thursday at the courthouse in Heppner. Wallace is a member of the Army Reserves and has been called up to serve a tour of duty in Iraq. After special training Wallace will be stationed at camp Anaconda. Above is Sheriff Ken Matlack (left) talking to Judge Wallace at the send off. Wallace is a former District Attorney for Morrow County and presently resides with his wife Ronda and family in Hermiston. —Photo by David Sykes

Heppner Elks to host beer garden

The Heppner Elks BPOE #358 will be hosting an outdoor beer garden and live entertainment on August 15 and 16 during fair and rodeo weekend.

Music will be Friday 4-12 p.m. and Saturday 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the parking lot behind the lodge. Live music will be provided both nights by the band "Travelin' Jones" who hail from Unity and have played at various Elks functions throughout the year, including St. Patrick's Day. According to Leading Knight Kelly Fox, "they're a little bit country and a little more rock and roll."

Josh Coiner, exalted ruler stated that, "many members and officers have suggested such an event in the past, but this year's officers decided to give it a shot. It will take a big effort by a lot of people, during a busy weekend, but hopefully it will be a success and turn out to be something people will look forward to in years to come."

The event will be open to the public with a \$5 cover charge for non-elk members. The inside lounge will be open to members only for those wishing to enjoy a quieter place to socialize.

Any members wishing to lend a hand that weekend should contact Tim Dickenson at 676-8990 or dickensonchiro@centurytel.net to schedule a shift.

USDA says no early CRP withdrawals without penalties

After much anticipation, Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer announced this week that USDA will not allow landowners to withdraw acreage from the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) without paying contractual penalties.

In making his announcement, Schafer cited a long list of factors playing into the decision, from a corn crop on track to be the second largest on record and recent easing in commodity prices to the fact that total CRP acreage is set to decline regardless of any policy changes.

In the 2008 Farm Bill, Congress lowered the cap on the total number of CRP acres from 39.2 million acres to 32 million, though there are currently 34.7 million acres enrolled in the program.

Contracts on about 1.1 million CRP acres are scheduled to expire on Sept. 30, with contracts on another 3.8 million acres expiring

Sept. 30, 2009, and contracts on 4.4 million acres expiring on Sept. 30, 2010.

Additionally, Schafer said that the number of acres withdrawn with penalties this spring was more than 50 percent higher than last year. Livestock producers also have access to a temporary haying and grazing program announced in May, though it was recently modified by a Seattle court ruling.

Livestock and bakers' groups and others have been calling for penalty-free early-outs from CRP since the early in the year as an effort to boost production and ease commodity prices.

Though commodity prices are higher than they have historically been, cash prices are down 25 percent for corn and 14 percent for soybeans from record highs last month, and wheat prices are down more than a third since peaks early in the year.

N A W G has been vocally opposed to CRP early-outs without contractual penalties, but supports timely emergency haying and grazing on CRP land.

Household hazardous waste collection event scheduled for Morrow County

Residents of Morrow County may dispose of a wide variety of their household hazardous waste items free of charge at a collection event scheduled for Saturday, September 20th, at The Morrow County Road Department parking lot on 365 W. Hwy 74 in Lexington from 10-2 and again on Sunday, September 21st, at North End Transfer Station, 69900 Frontage Ln. in Boardman from 10-2.

Morrow County is holding the event in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). DEQ funds the event through landfill disposal fees.

Common items to be collected include aerosol cans, antifreeze, engine cleaners, fluorescent tubes, herbicides, household batteries, mercury products, motor oil, paints, pesticides, solvents, thermometers, weed killers and wood preservatives. These items should be kept in their original containers if possible. Persons should not bring waste items such as explosives or products that contain radioactive waste, such as smoke detectors.

All collected materials will be handled by a state hazardous waste contractor. The materials will be screened for usable products such as latex paint, and will be made available to local residents for reuse. Remaining materials will

be taken to a permitted hazardous waste facility. After final processing, these materials will be sent to reuse, recycling, energy recovery and incineration facilities. More than 60 percent of the collected materials are burned for energy recovery or recycled. Most of the remaining materials are either incinerated or placed in the hazardous waste landfill in Arlington.

According to national estimates, each home contains three to eight gallons of hazardous materials. Each year the average U.S. family throws out 15 pounds of these toxic products. In addition, family members are at risk around this hazardous waste. When mishandled or disposed of improperly, these products can cause lung irritation, burns, blindness, even death. Children and pets are extremely vulnerable. Disposing of toxic substances in yards or landfills can leach into soil, polluting groundwater and streams, harming wildlife and contaminating drinking water.

For more information about the event, contact: Morrow County Public Works, (541) 989-9500; DEQ Bruce Lumpner, (541) 298-7255 ext. 40; or visit DEQ's web site at www.deq.state.or.us and turn to the household hazardous waste web page at www.deq.state.or.us/wmc/solwaste.hhw.htm.

Bedortha-Alleman wedding held



Perry and Anne Alleman

Anne Bedortha of Lone and Perry Alleman of Pasco, WA, were married Saturday, July 19, in a garden ceremony at the bride's home in Lone. Officiating was Judge Charlotte Gray.

Bridesmaids were the couple's daughters, Kristine Clements, Kimberly Finley, Katelyn Alleman and Kacey Stewart. Flower girls were granddaughters, Lisa Finley, Emma Finley and Adrienne Stewart. Ring bearers were grandsons, Ryan Stewart and Kellen Clements.

A dinner and dance were held following the ceremony at the Lone Legion Hall.

The couple will be at home in Lone. The bride is the daughter of the late Jack and Bertie Anne Marston. She is a graduate of Culver High School and Central Oregon Community College in Bend. She is employed as a corporal at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office in Heppner.

Alleman is the son of Vince Alleman of Lone and Margaret Alleman of Hermiston. He graduated from high school in Seattle, WA. He is employed as a corrections officer at Two Rivers DOC in Hermiston.

Justice Court

Morrow County Judge Charlotte Gray has released the following report:

-Vester Wayne Hams-Driving under the

influence of intoxicants, \$1805 fine, 180 days in jail with \$500 and 178 days in jail suspended with two years' probation and completion of alcohol education program by February 15, 2009.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Alejandro Avila-Vera, 24, was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 18 months' supervised probation, ordered to be subject to numerous conditions and pay \$528 in fines, fees and assessments. His driver's license was suspended for six months.

Pendleton Air Show this weekend

The annual Pendleton Air Show will be held this Sunday, August 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Pendleton Airport.

The show will feature aerobatic shows and on the ground displays of aircraft. Thirteen different countries will be represented at the show. Have a chance to look over the planes, some of them military, and enjoy flybys and aerobatic stunts. Spectators are urged to bring a chair and enjoy the show.

Local student named to EOU dean's list

Judd Lemmon of Heppner has been named to the dean's list at Eastern Oregon University at LaGrande.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

Don't Miss ...

Murray's
12th Annual Beer and Wine Tasting

Thursday, Aug. 14th from 6-9:30 p.m.
at the Morrow County Fairgrounds

Jet Teas for the Kids • Bring Lawnchairs! (some seating available)

Dinner provided by Bucknum's Catering

Entertainment by Joe Lindsay from 6 - 7 p.m.
plus Urban Octopi and Big News from 7 - 9 p.m.

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M.C. Fairgrounds
in conjunction with
Murray's Wine Tasting
on Aug. 14 from 6:30
p.m. until we run out
of food! There will
be mouth-watering
brisket, chicken, lamb
kabobs, and ribs with
all the fixin's! Come
down and have a
finger-linking good time!

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