

Celebration of life to be held for VanArsdale



The life of Guy VanArsdale will be celebrated on Friday, October 24, at 2 p.m. at 65820 Airport Road in end hanger #101. A potluck will follow. Please bring a dish.

A view from the hill



Gordon Craber

By Doris Brosnan

Passing up the good food served on the Hill is difficult for the Willow Creek Terrace residents. The fresh produce, lately from Pecks, Shirley Rugg, Donna Osmin, Phyllis Piper, Seilers, and Hislers, creates such tasty side dishes that complement the beef and pork on Ann Gump's menus, thanks to the Oddfellows and Andersons. But, on Wednesdays, a few residents view lunch at the Senior Center an important event. Those good lunches are complemented with conversation full of news that the residents can take back to the Terrace to share with neighbors.

The Center becomes a destination for several residents on Tuesday afternoons, also. They join several other area residents of a wide age range, share some noshes, and vie for that elusive "blackout" pot while hoping to win some of the smaller Bingo games. One can see why some residents view the St. Patrick Senior Center, which is undergoing a major renovation, as an important element in their lives.

The pumpkin patch is important to many residents, and this year, they have shared their pumpkins with the Heppner Day Care Colt Club. That Friday group of young students will surely turn them into some interesting jack-o-lanterns and maybe enjoy some roasted pumpkin seeds.

This summer, a bird dropped an entertaining surprise near those pumpkins: Everyone watched the development of a lone sunflower that grew to an impressive 16-inch diameter! Gordon Craber was especially interested in this gift from the sky, as he is an avid gardener. In fact, interest in having a vegetable garden next spring is growing among the residents and staff, so gardening might become part of the routine at the Terrace.

The daily and weekly routines offer residents opportunities to participate in card games, Bingo, group-reading of the Gazette-Times, the Saturday matinee, and craft projects.

Staying fit is also part of the daily routine, but exercising does not have to be routine. Recently, that activity included line dancing. Yes, confusion reigned briefly, but some residents proved quite capable of a boot-scootin' boogie, even some using their walkers! (During "Line Dancing Week, of course.")

Though they are not regularly scheduled into the routine at the Terrace, the Ol' Time Fiddlers are frequent visitors, and they delighted their audience again on September 7. The welcome mat remains out for them and their boot-tapping music.

One routine on the Hill is to celebrate special, designated days, no matter how obscure, but these celebrations offer anything but routine activities. For instance, one might try to picture the challenges and variety the residents and staff have in commemorating Assisted-Living Week, Patriot Day, International-Chocolate Day, Comic-Book Day, Ancestor-Appreciation Day, Teddy-Bear Day, World Smile Day, National Kick-Butt Day, and Make-a-Difference Day. Coming up soon is Haunted-Refrigerator Day and Frankenstein Friday....

This Halloween, visitors to the Terrace will be haunted by some characters who look as though they might belong in an offbeat western movie. A horse and rider will have the greeter's spot at the front door. And could a saloon girl be playing the organ? Many, many "cattle ears" are now accumulating in the parlor, so one will have to visit on Halloween to find out if the staff or the residents will have turned into cowboys/girls, Indians, or bovines! Trick-or-treaters are again welcome from 5 to 8 p.m.

The routine and not-so-routine obviously keep the Community on the Hill on their toes. In the view of one person, "Some of these activities create an important, anticipated schedule, and some add a sense of adventure, also important for anyone."

Sheriff's Report

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gon that a male subject was chasing him and was going to damage his vehicle.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon who believes that someone has poisoned all of her puppies. Caller thinks she knows who had something to do with it.

-BPD received a report from a caller who says while on break a man stopped and stared at the females and then left and came back and turned off his lights.

-BPD received a report from a caller who says they believe they found a container that has methamphetamine in it.

-BPD received a report from a caller who says her mother is on the property and wants her trespassed. All parties were separated.

-BPD received a report from a caller who says her mother is in her house and won't leave. All parties were separated.

-BPD received a report that the callers cat had been attacked by a dog that was on a leash. Subject was advised that this was a civil matter and that no laws were broken.

-BPD issued a citation to Melissa Rodriguez, 21, for violation of the speed limit of 37 mph in a 30 mph speed zone as well as no operator's license. Narcizo Flores Fuentes, 30, was issued a citation for permitting unlawful operation of a vehicle.

-Boardman Ambulance received a request for a 91 year old female with blood in urine and general pains.

July 16: -MCSO received a report from a caller in Lexington that his water tanks had been shot at yesterday.

-Boardman Ambulance received a request for a 56 year old female.

-BPD issued a citation to a male subject for failing to maintain a safe distance from an emergency vehicle.

-BPD checked on a vehicle with 4-way flashers on. They were ok and just tying stuff down.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that a five gallon gas can and high octane racing gas was stolen.

-MCSO reports that a deputy in Irrigon was out on location regarding a code issue due to a basketball hoop in the street.

-BPD received a report from a caller that there was a man that was stranded and he is getting gas and needs a ride back to his vehicle.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon who says there are dogs locked up in a vehicle at the marina with all the windows rolled up. Vehicle was gone when the deputy arrived.

-BPD received a report from a caller that there is a small vehicle eastbound on I-84 with a male subject who is laying half out of the driver's side and is stopped in the fast lane of traffic.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that a male subject has not paid her child support for approximately years.

-MCSO received a report from a caller about a fire near the Pilot in Stanfield. Hermiston Police Department was called and they are aware of the fire.

-MCSO issued a citation to Lori Ann Patterson,

44, for violation of the basic rule.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon whose pump house had been broken into sometime last night.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that there was alcohol at the skate park.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that there was a dead deer in her back yard. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife was taking care of the call.

-Boardman Ambulance received a report that a juvenile female subject is diabetic and non responsive. The subject was transferred to Good Shepard Hospital.

-BPD issued a citation to Jose Chavez, 40, for violation of the speed limit of 50 mph in a 40 mph speed zone.

-BPD received a report from a caller about a service truck losing a large amount of diesel on the ground. Jose Alvaro Mendez Aguilera, 32, was cited for operating with leaking load.

-BPD issued a citation to Manuel Vidalbermudez, 33, for failure to wear seatbelt, no operating license, and failure to carry proof of insurance.

-BPD received a report from a caller that the father of her child wet to her house and assaulted her.

-BPD received a report from a caller who says her sister stole a jewelry box containing several pieces of expensive jewelry.

-Boardman Ambulance received a request for a juvenile male subject complaining of chest pains.

-MCSO received a report from a caller that advised that there are two large piles of chicken waste that have caught fire.

-Heppner Ambulance received a request for a 90 year old female feeling light headed.

July 17: -MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that says some time last night tires and wheels were taken from her property. Deputy responded and the property was returned to the owner.

-MCSO arrested Jesse Salisbury, 21, on an Irrigon Justice Court Warrant for contempt of court and failure to complete alcohol education.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that says a male subject was given permission to live on the caller's property in exchange for work. The subject is now refusing to complete any work and the caller says the subject has until the 1st to be out.

-MCSO issued Shawna Faye Hahn, 38, a Morrow County Circuit Warrant for grand jury indictment for unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner who says that a male subject took off running when he saw some male workers. Travis Leroy Davis, 33, was arrested on theft charges.

-BPD issued a citation to Lawane D. Yoder, 30, for violation of the speed limit of 86 mph in a 65 mph speed zone.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon who says that his nephew and his wife were just at his residence and just had a dispute.

-MCSO arrested Joshua Lee Kent, 21, on a warrant for probation vio-

lation and theft in the 3rd degree. Subject was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-BPD issued a citation to Mackenzie Elizabeth Colgan, 18, for violation of the basic speed limit of 87 mph in a 65 mph speed zone.

-BPD issued a citation to Carlos Montoya, 21, for failure to yield at a roundabout.

-BPD was attempting to locate a subject who was transported to the hospital last night. The subject left the hospital in a rage with IV's still attached and left their medication there.

-BPD issued a citation to Thomas Allen Murphy Jr., 24, for driving uninsured.

-BPD received a report about a subject who was laying face down in the playground for 20 minutes and had not moved. An officer responded and the subject was intoxicated and issued a citation for an MIP.

July 18: -BPD received a report about a suspicious vehicle. An officer responded and made contact. It was determined the subject worked out there.

-MCSO issued a citation to a subject for violation of the basic rule of 70 mph in a 55 mph speed zone. Subject was also cited for no operator's license, and driving uninsured.

-BPD reports a suspicious subject looking for something along the fence.

-BPD received a report to do a welfare check on a truck driver who was parked on the ramp who looked to be slumped over the wheel.

-HPD arrested Daniel Robert Futter, 51, on an Irrigon Justice Warrant.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that his neighbor's house had been vandalized.

-MCSO issued a citation to Nelsine Norbeck Rasmussen, 61, for violation of the basic rule of 74 mph in a 55 mph speed zone.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner who says someone took 5-6 feet of hose.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon who says she heard pistols going off around midnight.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon who says the neighbor's dog has been leaping at the fence at her child.

-BPD received a report that there was a motor vehicle accident with minor injuries. Brandlyn A. McCleary, 28, was issued a citation for driving while suspended license misdemeanor.

-MCSO received a report that some restrooms that were locked had blood all over them.

-BPD received a report from a caller that says there have been frequent thefts from his father's orchard.

-MCSO received a report from a caller who was concerned about her sister stealing from her mother.

-BPD received a report from a caller who says that her brother was screaming on the phone, possibly being assaulted.

-MCSO received a report of a motor vehicle accident on highway 207. Vehicle is in the ditch and the occupants have already been transported to the hospital.

-BPD issued a citation to Lance Allen Scism, 30, for doing 74 mph in a 55 mph speed zone.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner about a dog barking.

-MCSO received a report from a caller who says that there was a truck driver throwing beer cans out of the vehicle.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner who said a bicyclist threatened to shoot her dog and that the Sheriff's Office had given authority to. The deputy advised the caller that if the dog was attacking a person, that person has the right to defend themselves.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner who says someone took 5-6 feet of hose. The caller would like extra patrol.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Ione that there was an altercation. A male subject had pushed his pregnant wife. Mason Tyler, 22, was arrested for harassment and interfering with a 911. Subject was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-BPD advised that there was a door open on the school. He checked the area out and secured the door.

-BPD issued a citation to a male subject for no operator's license.

-BPD received a report from a caller who says there are subjects running through a yard. An officer responded and was unable to locate the subjects.

-MCSO issued a citation to Juan Isidoro Rodriguez, 23, for no operator's license and unlawful amplification.

-BPD/Ambulance/Fire Department received a report about a vehicle rollover. A female subject is out of the vehicle and shaken with possible minor injuries.

-BPD received a report about a disoriented female.

-BPD received a report from caller saying there are juveniles on the road and refusing to move for traffic.

-BPD received a report from a caller about a male subject who was hanging out at a place of business which was closed.

July 19: -MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner who advised there was a dead calf in the pasture across the highway from a ranch. The caller called back and advised it was actually a sheep and appears to have been shot.

-BPD reports a vehicle that has been parked at the rest area for a long time. The driver just keeps moving it form place to place and has been staying at the rest area for two weeks. He was asked to move along.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner about water escaping from a tank up on the hill above the cemetery.

-BPD received a report from a caller who says she just woke up and found that her suburban had been vandalized.

-BPD received a report about a large dead sturgeon on the beach.

-BPD received a report from a caller who had been trying to reach her father for days and has had no contact. The caller is concerned in regards to the female he is living with causing him harm.

-BPD arrested Miguel Valera Olvera, 43, for failure to appear/criminal possession of a forged instrument II and failure to pay fine/false information to a peace officer. Subject was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.