

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

The Willow Creek Terrace community views the plethora of activities offered on the Hill with enthusiasm, and time can certainly seem to fly when every week brings something different to try. Add to that a holiday and a month can zip by "in a flash!" October and November are good examples.

October was chock-a-block full of those zany special days mentioned in the previous column about life on the Hill. The residents might have especially enjoyed the National Kick-Butt Day (truly on the list), since they were provided opportunities to practice that activity on staff members. (Any takers? Any bruises?) Halloween was a great time again, enjoyed by residents, staff, and visitors. And two special people celebrated birthdays with neighbors, other friends, and family in October. George Jefferies became 90 years old, and Sylvia McDaniel turned 97!

November was equally busy. On November 6, the men received a special invitation into the kitchen because of National Men-Make-Dinner Day. (No takers!) On the 8th, tongue-Twister Day, many residents and staff had fun trying to get some tongue twisters to come out correctly. A solemn event and special recognition marked Veterans Day for three resident veterans - George Jefferies, Bud Batty, and Floyd Green - who attended the Heppner High School commemoration. Of course, World Kindness Week, November 9-15, did not require unusual effort or activity for anyone on the Hill, since the Terrace already overflows with kindness.... Many appreciated knowing about National Bible Week, November 23-29, and Advent began on November 30.

Thanksgiving was surely a time for giving thanks at the Terrace, and part of what made the day so special was the gathering with visitors. Thirty-six people filled the dining room, enjoyed the incredibly "fabulous, delicious feast" that the staff had prepared, and could feel the special ambiance of the festive decorations. "Such a great day for so many," Manager Nairns reports. The donations for the day came from Floss Watkins (mincemeat pie), Jim and Kathy Martin (turkey and trimmings), Paul and Susan Hisler (ham), and the Wilkinson and Sumner families (thanksgiving gifts). Ongoing contributions from their harvests come from Pecks, Meligans, VanArtsdales, Sumners, and Debbie Warren. Flowers from Suzanne Jepsen have been appreciated too.

December may bring colder weather, but the heated pace of activity at the Terrace continues, thanks to regularly scheduled events and surprises with visitors, volunteers, and staff. The decks of the halls were decorated last Friday, followed by a soup supper for all the helpers. Several residents plan to join the annual vehicle tour of the area's Christmas lights and decorations. Everyone wonders what crazy "National special days" will be celebrated, such as Flannel-PJ Day on the 21st and the birthday of the bowling ball on the 29th.... Birthdays will bring out the candles and cakes several times before the year ends. Bud Batty will celebrate his 92nd birthday on the 9th, the same day that Floyd Green, one of the two younger residents, will be 76. On December 19, Dick Wilkinson will turn 87, and Dorothy Odell will be 90 on the 23rd.

Dick and Virginia Wilkinson have been residents on the Hill for a month now, bringing the community to a total of eighteen. Their new neighbors, mostly familiar faces, have welcomed them heartily, for the view shared by many at the Terrace is "the more the merrier," especially this holiday-time of the year.

Heppner FFA Alumni to hold battery drive

The Heppner FFA Alumni will hold a battery drive to clean up old batteries. The group was recently formed to support the Heppner FFA program, and will be doing events such as this to raise funds.

Anyone wishing to donate old batteries can either drop them off at MCGG in Lexington, Green Feed in Heppner, or contact Craig Miles to arrange for pickup at 541-379-6230 or 541-676-5290.

Hampstead Stage Company presents "A Christmas Carol" for HES students

The Hampstead Stage Company from New Hampshire (a non-profit organization) traveled to HES for a presentation of the classic novel, "A Christmas Carol." It was a two-person performance by actors, Meagan Edmonds and Nat Angstrom, each playing several parts.

During the play, the actors select three audience members to participate. They played the apprentices for Mr. Scrooge in this show. After the performance, the actors had a question and answer time with the students.

In the past, they



Actors Nat Angstrom and Meagan Edmonds thank the "apprentices" for their help during the performance (left to right: Paige Grieb, Angel Matthew, and teacher, Sue Gibbs). -Contributed Photo

have performed "King Arthur," "Alice in Wonderland," and "Robin Hood" at HES to name a few. The

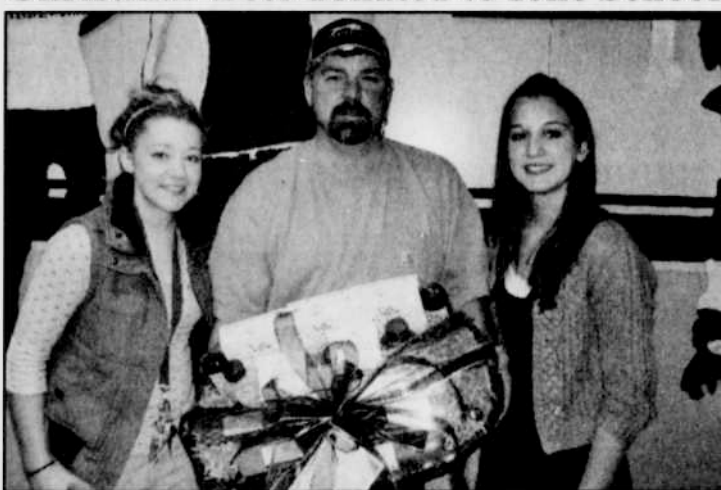
Hampstead Stage Company has performed for 25 years to over 20 million people across the US.

HHS Math Students of the Month announced

Math Students of the Month for November have been announced for Troy Morgan's math classes at Heppner High School. Each student was picked for outstanding work, effort and commitment to excellence.

November recipients are: Algebra I Students of the Month - Abby Gray and Maggie Collins; Geometry Students of the Month - Joanna Patton and Dan Jeffreys; and Algebra II Students of the Month - Matt Holland and Justin Gutierrez.

Christmas trees donated to Ione School



Darrin Padberg received a Hickory Farms gift basket from Ione ASB officers Tyree Svetich and Stefanie Archer in appreciation for the Christmas trees he donated. -Contributed photo

Some 70 freshly cut Christmas trees were donated and delivered to the Ione Community School last week by Darrin Padberg of Ione. Padberg obtained the trees from Randy Saint Marie, a friend of his who lives in the Willamette Valley.

Ione High School ASB officers are in charge of selling the trees. The money raised will be used for a community service project or to help fund an Ione School special activity.

The Christmas trees are available for \$30 each at the Ione School Greenhouse. According to Eric Jepsen, ASB president, you can stop at the school office, and he or one of the student officers will be glad to help you purchase a tree and load it up. The trees have been selling well - with almost 30 trees sold last weekend at the school basketball tournament.

Awana Club Update

It's Parent/Family Night at next week's Awana club meeting on Thursday, December 11, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. There will be a special Christmas lesson and a "Jesus Birthday Cake" to be shared with everyone.

The Awana Club is open to all children kindergarten through 6th grade and transportation is offered if necessary. To arrange for transportation for your child or children, call Pastor Dean or Teri Antonucci at 676-5581 or cell 541-701-7000.

December 11 will be the last Awana meeting for 2008 as the Club will be participating in the Light Parade this year. The Awana program will start back up on Thursday, January 8.

Last call for parade entries

Heppner's 12th annual Parade of Lights, sponsored by Columbia Basin Electric Co-op, will be held December 18 at 6 p.m. There's still time to enter. Entries must be received in the Chamber office by Monday, December 15. Prizes will be awarded in four categories: Best Community Float, Best Commercial Float, Best Individual Float, and Best School Float.

HES Family Movie Night to be held

HES will hold their Family Movie Night and view "The Snowman" on Thursday, December 11, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the HES Library. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be available.

Family Movie Night is presented by HES Title One. There will be a short Title One meeting before the movie to let families know about all the programs offered by Title One funding.

Umatilla/Morrow Counties FCE announce winning beef tickets

The Umatilla/Morrow Counties Family & Community Education (FCE) study groups drew the two winning beef tickets on December 1 at the OSU Extension Office in Pendleton. First place winner was Frank Mader, from Echo and the second place winner was Michele Freeman from Scott Mills.

The Morrow County Livestock Growers of Heppner sponsored the funding to the Family & Community Education group for this project.

Pat Mallon from Stanfield is providing the

actual frozen beef to the winners. First place was \$150 of boxed beef and second place was \$100 of boxed beef.

The FCE will hold its next training program on January 28 at the Pendleton Extension Office, BMCC, Umatilla Hall, Room 100B at 10 a.m. The cooking/subject matter will be presented by Marlene Currin, Oregon President of FCE, on "Beef - It's What's for Dinner, Again!!" The public may attend, and for more information on FCE please call 276-1166 or 278-5404.

Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church to host concert

Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church will host Hand Picked, a Blue Grass Gospel musical group, on Saturday, December 13, at 5 p.m. This concert is free but donations will be accepted. Refreshments will be served following the concert. The church is located at 560 North Minor Street in Heppner.

Send in your community calendar events!

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- Thursday, December 18th - Celebrate Heppner Christmas
- Wednesday, December 31st - Crab Feed

Free Medicare Part D - Prescription Drug Plan Assistance Coming to Your Town

Morrow County Health District will be offering Free Medicare Part D consultation appointments during the month of December to help you determine the best prescription plan for your specific needs. Plans change each year so it's important to review your coverage each year!

Morrow County Health District Staff will be scheduling appointments to meet with local residents in the following towns:

- HEPPNER - DECEMBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH & 29TH
PIONEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- BOARDMAN - DECEMBER 11TH & 18TH
BOARDMAN AMBULANCE HALL
- IONE - DECEMBER 4TH & 15TH
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