

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

The residents at Willow Creek Terrace who have youthful viewpoints saw an opportunity for some laughter and frivolity on September 30, Chewing Gum Day, and only hesitated briefly before popping wads of bubble gum into their mouths. More than one playful person admitted to not chewing bubble gum for many, many years, since being teenagers, but that didn't stop them from working those jaws until they were able to produce somewhat pliable wads and attempt to blow bubbles. Amid lots of laughter some bubbles did result, some as big as about four inches in diameter, proof again from the Hill that there is no age restrictions on fun for the sake of fun. More than one participant had sore jaws later.

The next day, residents were able to greet a new neighbor. Vi Oliver moved into an apartment from her previous home in Heppner and is surely learning quickly about the opportunities for light-hearted fun, as well as educational, entertaining, and inspirational activities at the Terrace.

Fitting into those categories this month have been activities that cel-

brated Guardian Angel Day and World Smile Day, as well as Fire Prevention Week and National Carry-a-Tune Week, and favorites for obvious reasons, National Angel Food Cake Day and National Sausage Pizza Day.

Residents will have more celebrations through October that will feature food, fun, serious conversations, and fright. National Face-Your-Fears Day (13th), Grouch Day (15th), Chocolate Cupcake Day (18th), Evaluate-Your-Life Day (19th), Boston Cream Pie Day (23rd) identify a few of those. And the Halloween month features "Super Heroes" this year.

Residents will welcome pre-school children on the 27th and invite them to choose pumpkins from the Terrace garden that they can then paint. The staff will dress as their favorite heroes on Halloween. And many of the residents will be eager to welcome trick-or-treaters that evening from 4 to 9. Maybe the parlor will be full of super heroes large and small that evening, so the ghouls and ghosts might have a formidable challenge to their spookiness. And a guarantee has been issued: The Great

Pumpkin will appear! Absolutely a sure thing, guaranteed.

The rest of the harvest from the garden has been preserved for the months ahead, and plans are already in the making for next year's garden. The garden has been a great addition to life on the Hill, according to several staff and residents. Many friends and relatives have also continued to share their garden produce, so the Terrace community thanks the Meligans, Debbie Warren, Bill Boyd, the Wunderlichts, the Al Osmins, the Gateses, and Daisy Collins. And the baked goods that Floss Watkins has brought have complemented the menus nicely.

A new addition to the monthly picture at the Terrace will be Mrs. Beth Dickenson's Heppner High School class that plans to visit once a month, with various activities in mind. Something the residents will look forward to.

They also look forward to a special event on the last day of October. Dick and Virginia Wilkin-son will be celebrating 59 years of marriage, and that is a success that the residents view with admiration.

Morrow County proposes amending zoning ordinance

The Morrow County Planning Commission has held the first of two public hearings to consider amendments to the Morrow County Zoning Ordinance and the second is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Morrow County School District Building in Lexington in the board room.

According to Planning Director Carla McLane, this will be the second chance for Morrow County residents to comment on the draft provisions.

The proposed amendments affect Article 1, Introductory Provisions, Article 2, Establishment of

Zones, and Article 4, Supplementary Provisions, Section 4.130, Manufactured Home or

Recreational Vehicle Authorized as Temporary Residence for Care of a Relative in Conjunction with Existing Residential Use. According to McLane, changes to Oregon State provisions and requirements prompted these amendments. However, planning department staff are also taking this opportunity to correct any inconsistencies and gram-

matical and typographical errors that may accidentally have been introduced into the affected provisions over time.

The change will add definitions for the terms 'tax lot' and 'parcel' to Article 1; add the new zoning designations that were approved earlier to Article 2; and update the language in Article 4, Section 4.130 to allow the planning director to make permit renewal decisions and to meet state requirements for approving hardship variances.

Associate Planner Lori Timmons explained that adding definitions for the terms 'tax lot' and 'parcel' to the ordinance will eliminate confusion when the terms are used in future land-use actions.

The county is seeking to update Article 2 primarily to include in the List of Established Zones the zoning designations approved by the county in the last few years. These zones are the "Resource Related Industrial Zone (RRI)," "Tourist Commercial Zone (TC)," "Rural Light Industrial Zone (RLI)," and "Speedway Limited Use Overlay Zone (SO)."

Section 4.130 of Article 4 is being revised to ease the burden on families

faced with removing hardship dwellings, which are second dwellings placed on a piece of property to provide housing for a caregiver for a resident requiring close-at-hand care. The ordinance currently requires that hardship dwellings be removed within 60 days after they are no longer needed. The revised ordinance would allow an additional 30 days, for a total of 90 days, to remove a hardship dwelling. The revision also aligns the ordinance more closely with state requirements for approving hardship dwellings in Exclusive Farm Use and Forest Use zones.

Building on the discussion from the September 29 public hearing, the Planning Commission looks forward to the second hearing and additional comment from the citizens of Morrow County. At the conclusion of the second Planning Commission hearings, the Planning Commission can choose to hold a third public hearing or forward the amendments to the County Court for final adoption. The County Court hearing is tentatively scheduled for December 2009.

Copies of the staff report for the proposed amendments and copies of draft amendments will be available at the Planning Department.

For more information, please contact the Morrow County Planning Department at 541-922-4624 or 541-676-9061 extension 5503 or send an e-mail message to mcurry@co.morrow.or.us.

Wolff, Meyer named Commended Students

Ashley Wolff and Julia Meyer of Heppner High School were recently named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

HHS class of 1999 to hold reunion



Pictured are members of the Heppner High School class of 1999: First row (L-R) - Christy Kenny, Shane Matheny, Brooke Boyer-Kates, Derek Gunderson, Jaci Hughes, and Sarah Monahan. Second row (L-R) - Travis Winters, Heather Davis Hendricks, Sarah Greif Skroch, Audra Bunch Huntington, Brooke Sweeney, Jill Barber-Greenup, and David Bates. Third row (L-R) - Royal Robinson, Janelle Healy, Kristi Worden-McNamee, Kathleen Greenup-Albitre, Travis Judd, and Dusty Rollis. Fourth row (L-R) - Blas Elguezabal, Riley Tingué, Julie Watkins, Casey Evans, Jessica Maben-Roy, Bobbie Rankin-Bates, Brian Knowles, Tim Dickenson, and Jared Eckman. -Contributed Photo

The Heppner High School class of 1999 will hold its 10 year class reunion on Saturday, November 7, at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge.

A steak dinner will be served. The cost is \$25 per person and kids are free. Weather permitting, possible options of bowling or golfing will be available earlier in the day on November 7.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP and send a check to Janelle Healy at 645 Hager Street, Heppner, OR 97836 by October 25.

For more information contact Jaci Hughes at hughes_jaci@yahoo.com.

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on October 7 in Heppner with Judge Tallman, Commission Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of the meeting provided by Leann Rea.

The court reviewed and approved accounts payable and 4-H photography premiums for a total of \$201,962.51. Also reviewed the pooled cash report provided by the treasurer.

Health Department: Heard a status report regarding the H1N1 (swine flu). Statistics from Umatilla and Morrow Counties and the State of Oregon for the regular flu and the H1N1 flu were reviewed.

Road Department: The crew has been working on the Spring Hollow Road between Rhea Creek Road and Toll Rock Road. The road needed to be shaped, as it has been cut down for several years and was below ground level, causing water to stand in the road way. The crew is putting rock on the top to raise the grade. This road is not a high priority. However, it does serve a couple of ranches who haul cattle into pasture each spring. Hopefully, this will improve the condition of the road enough to make it more serviceable.

Grading: The crew is grading the 21 Road, the Blake Ranch Road, Rhea Creek and Sanford Road as well as in the Alpine area.

Cutsforth Pond: This project is almost complete. Currently the crew is building the main overflow system. This should take care of the pond's needs with limited or no maintenance in the future. The crew hopes to be able to have this pond finished and full by spring so the pond can be stocked with fish and be back in service for fishermen next summer. Cutsforth Park was full the first weekend of deer season. There are 11 new campsites in the Van Winkle Section of the park. The crew began working on this project 10 years ago. The sites are now ready for use.

HHS Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 15 - Irrigon at home (A/B/C), 6 p.m.
Oct. 17 - 4-way Union/Ent. at Stanfield (A/B/C), noon
Oct. 22 - at Pilot Rock (A/B/C), 6 p.m.
Oct. 24 - 4-way WM/Elgin at Elgin (A), noon
Oct. 27 - Stanfield at home (A/B/C), 6 p.m.

Will continue attempting to secure some funding to get power and water to these sites though grant sources. Until that can be achieved these new sites will be dry camp sites. Individuals are beginning to use the new cabins. These are a welcome addition to the park.

Bunker Hill Road: The crew will be starting some work with reclaim asphalt, weather permitting, in the next week or so. The Bunker Hill road from Clarks Canyon to the top at the intersection of Meadow Brook Road is the planned work area. This section of the road is fairly steep and is hard to maintain as a gravel road.

Sheriff's Department: Heppner, Ione and Lexington areas - Five hour search for an individual that was thought to be suicidal. Subject located in Penland Lake area. Responded to a single vehicle roll over where an individual was entrapped in vehicle. Multiple agencies responded. Irrigon area - Responded to a complaint at the Skate Park, a burglary and home intrusion, and a boat with a motor that would not start and was stuck in the Columbia River. A Good Samaritan towed the boat to the Irrigon Marina. Boardman area - Received a call from Deschutes County regarding a female being held by a male with a gun to her head. This call turned out to be a false alarm. The female was delusional and had been drinking. Located and assisted a boater back to land. A call was received from a woman regarding a possible suicide. Located and arrested the potential suicidal victim in the Lexington area for possession of a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon. A call was received regarding a two vehicle accident on Three Mile Road. Power lines were down, but still activated. Several agencies responded to the accident. The court was told that there has been a lot of interest shown from the ad on Ebay for the used Dodge Charger. Once this vehicle is sold, the court will need to decide what type of

HHS Football Schedule

Oct. 16 - Pilot Rock at Home, 7 p.m.
Oct. 23 - Irrigon at Home, 7 p.m.
Oct. 30 - Weston McEwen at Athena, 7 p.m.

Ione High School Football Schedule

Oct. 16 - Arlington at Ione, 7 p.m.
Oct. 23 - Nixyaawii at Ione, 7 p.m.
Oct. 30 - Echo at Ione, 7 p.m.

Ione Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 16 - Arlington (V/JV) at home, 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 17 - (V/JV) in Echo, 1 p.m.
Oct. 24 - Dufur Tournament (V) in Dufur, 9 a.m.

vehicle to purchase for the car pool with the proceeds from the sale. The court authorized a \$3,000 increase to the Visa Credit Line for the Sheriff's Department.

Planning Department: The court reviewed information regarding the Cascade Crossing Transmission Project. There will be an open house held on November 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Port of Morrow in Boardman to discuss routing options. The court approved and Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the State of Oregon, acting by and through its Department of Energy and Morrow County. This IGA will allow for reimbursement of county expenses related to the site of various energy related projects i.e. Idaho Power, Saddle Butte, and Carty Project. The IGA covers the time frame of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. Reviewed and approved a grant application from the Department of Land Conservation and Development for various projects in the Planning Office.

City of Heppner:

The mayor and city manager along with several business people from the city spoke with the court regarding the property on May Street. They were requesting that the county provide some assistance with some the work that needs to be done to create a parking lot for the use of the city and overflow parking for the county. The court asked that the city do some more research regarding the acquisition of the property, the condition of the materials that will need to be removed and come back to the court with their findings. The reservoir #4 was also discussed. The city is proposing to sell the reservoir. However, the reservoir is located on county property. The county assessor, county surveyor and planning director will meet and research various matters regarding this matter.

Reviewed various correspondences and meeting notices.

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CARDINAL BOOSTER CLUB HALL OF FAME DINNER

Date : Saturday, October 24, 2009
Location: Ione Legion Hall
No host social hour: 4:00 pm
Dinner served: 5:00 pm
Cost: \$10 per person

The 1st annual hall of fame dinner will see inductees
from 1922 to 1960 - A total of 51 inductees

**Come help celebrate this wonderful
event and honor our hall of fame**

Please RSVP dinner reservations to
Betty Gray (541) 422-7335 by October 20, 2009