

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

Thanksgiving Day at Willow Creek Terrace featured a traditional dinner, shared with eight guests, while seven residents went with families for the holiday. And this week, residents and guests will enjoy a prime rib dinner for Christmas Day. It will be a tasty ending to a season full of feel-good experiences on the Hill.

Eleven residents braved the weather to watch the holiday light parade downtown, finding the floats pretty but the cold night air an exception to the "feel good" experiences. Four of them, however, decided that they were up for another outing a few days later. They joined Ed Baker for a bus tour of the area's outdoor lights and found his thorough, 1½-hour tour warm and enchanting.

Adam Collins and his nephew Shawn helped deck the halls on December 5, and that set the tone for these past three weeks of good cheer. It was a perfect setting for the carolers from the Methodist Church and their friends when they came on the 11th. The hall also features the two gingerbread houses that teams of residents and staff representing the north hall and the south hall created. For all of the eight residents and two staff members who fashioned the tasty-looking houses, it was a first experience. Nine residents deco-

rated sugar cookies, which will be on the Christmas Day list of things to eat.

Word is that because the residents at Willow Creek Terrace have been good this year, they are on Santa's "Nice List," meaning that he will include the Terrace in his Christmas-Eve schedule of stops. While the residents sleep with visions of ... something dancing in their heads, through the door Santa will bound with a gifts for all the residents, each one carefully chosen for a specific person.

Santa will find that other gifts have also added to the holiday spirit on the Hill: poinsettias from Willard Felt; flowers from the Sonny Shear family; baked goods from Floss Watkins; and canned goods from Gary and Doris Jones.

When asked last Friday if they had Christmas wishes and end-of-the-year thoughts to share with the readers, nine residents revealed some of their heart-felt sentiments. Mary Goheen appreciates that "we are so fortunate to be living here and not in some other places in the world." Bud Batty wishes that "we would bring all of our (military) boys home." Gloria Kimaschesky wishes "we had no homeless people," but for those in such circumstances, she wishes they "can be out of the weather and warm." Dot Halverson added a

light-hearted touch when she said, "I hope I'm still alive for Christmas." Dick Wilkinson hopes that on this Christmas, he feels "as well as I have for all the others." Dorothy Odell is hoping "the weather is good" for her youngest granddaughter's travel. Velma Wight hopes that "everyone has a good time." Alice Buckley brought smiles when she said that she hopes "all who wish get their wishes." And Stubby Rogers wishes for all of her family to be together. Maintenance Man Adam Collins shared that he hopes "Santa really shows up this year." Manager George Nairns wishes for safe travel for her children and families, and she hopes that "I chose the right recipe for the prime rib." Staff Member Laurie White shared that she wishes everyone "health, happiness, and prosperity," and she hopes "to get the roof leak fixed."

These thoughts suggest that hopefulness is abundant at the Terrace, as the residents see Christmas and year's end grow nearer. The immediate view suggests new experiences around the corner and probably at least one new face in the community. Vi Oliver recently moved to be nearer to her son, so an apartment awaits a new neighbor, hopefully one who will view life on the Hill as part of a new experience.

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NRCS announces cutoff for EQIP 2010 applications

The final date to apply for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) for contracts starting in 2010 is set for Oregon. To be considered for a contract starting in 2010, applications must be received by January 22. For those who qualify, up to \$30,000 is available for financial and technical assistance for each EQIP or WHIP contract.

The EQIP assistance for dry cropland targets two resource priorities:

-Lands that are coming out of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP); Assistance is available for minimum tillage, direct seeding or no till for those acres slated for tillage, or to assist in maintaining the land for grazing.

-A target pool for certified organic producers and those transitioning to organic production.

On irrigated cropland there is assistance for increasing water efficiency, such as converting flood irrigation to sprinkler. Priority is given to the Butter Creek and Willow Creek

areas and tributaries.

The EQIP for rangeland continues to target the critical big game winter habitat of the Blue Mountain foothills. There is a priority pool for timber where proper management of forestlands is emphasized. For further information on EQIP, please visit the website at <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/index.html>.

WHIP prioritizes the improvement of wildlife habitat. Priority is given for the creation, enhancement, or restoration of the sagebrush steppe and grassland habitats. For further information on the WHIP see <http://www.ornrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/index.html>.

Historically underserved participants are given a priority. These designations are self determined. For further information see http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/SLB_Farmer/.

Interested parties should contact their local USDA-NRCS to apply. In Heppner, the USDA/NRCS service center is located at 430 Linden Way.

Heppner High School Boys Basketball Schedule

Dec. 28 - at Hermiston (JV Tourney), 1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Jan. 16 - Elgin at home, 1 p.m.
Dec. 29 - at Hermiston, 1 p.m.	Jan 9 - at Weston McEwen, 1 p.m.	Jan. 22 - at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.
Jan. 8 - Union at Home,	Jan. 15 - Enterprise at home, 3 p.m.	

Heppner High School Girls Basketball Schedule

Jan. 8 - Union at Home, 3 p.m.	Jan. 15 - Enterprise at home, 3 p.m.	Jan. 22 - at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.
Jan 9 - at Weston McEwen, 1 p.m.	Jan. 16 - Elgin at home, 1 p.m.	Jan. 23 - Weston McEwen at home, 1 p.m.

Heppner High School Varsity Wrestling Schedule

Jan. 1 - at Riverside, noon	Jan. 14 - at Grant Union, 3 p.m.	Feb. 6 - BEO Invitational at home, 9 a.m.
Jan. 2 - at Riverside, 9 a.m.	Jan. 15 - at home, 5 p.m.	Feb. 20 - District Tournament at Union, 8 a.m.
Jan. 8/9 - Oregon Classic, 10 a.m.	Jan. 30 - at Irrigon, 9 a.m.	

HHS Boys JV Basketball Schedule

Jan. 5 - Baker at Hermiston, 5 p.m.	Jan. 15 - Enterprise at home, 3 p.m.	Jan. 22 - at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 8 - Union at home, 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 16 - Elgin at home, 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 23 - Weston McEwen at home, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 9 - at Weston McE-		

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Jan. 8 - Union at home, 3 p.m.	Jan. 16 - Elgin at home, 3 p.m.	Jan. 29 - Stanfield at home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 9 - at Weston McEwen, 3 p.m.	Jan. 22 - at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.	Jan. 30 - Irrigon at home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 15 - Enterprise at home, 3 p.m.	Jan. 23 - Weston McEwen at home, 3 p.m.	Feb. 5 - at Enterprise, 3 p.m.

HHS Boys Jr. High Basketball Schedule

Jan. 8 - at home, 9 a.m.	p.m.	Jan. 23 - in Arlington, 9 a.m.
Jan. 14 - in Condon, 4:30	Jan. 22 - in lone, 3 p.m.	

Veteran's Services

Hours: 9-12 am & 1-4 pm
First Thursday of each month
Gilliam Building, Heppner

Please call for Appointment

Phone 922-6420

Please leave a detailed message

HHS Girls Jr. High Basketball Schedule

Jan. 7 - in Umatilla, 4 p.m.
Jan. 8 - at home, 9 a.m.
Jan. 14 - in Condon, 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 - in Umatilla, 8 a.m.

Free Medicare Part D - Prescription Drug Plan Assistance

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 28TH
PIONEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- IONE
CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT
- IRRIGON
CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT
- BOARDMAN -
CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

Call 676-2914 or 1-800-737-4113 Ext. 2914
Mon-Fri, 9 - 5 to schedule your consultation appointment.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MEDICARE CARD & A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS

Real Estate Silent Auction

The Elks Scholarship Committee will auction the Clarence Buchanan Home by Silent Auction.

1 Bedroom, 1 bath house with a large 1500 sq. ft shop ½ concrete floor enclosed and ½ open bay gravel located at 270 East St. in Lexington, OR. Approx 800 sq ft with partial basement. Minimum reserve bid is \$8,000 with option to accept any bid. Property being sold "AS IS"

All inquiries and bids can be mailed or dropped off to:

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Sealed Bids Must be Received by Dec. 31st

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