Notarial ed program set in Heppner

The Notary Education Program, offered free of charge to the public by the Secretary of State is coming to Heppner on August 18, 2010.

The information presented at this seminar not only covers the rules and regulations for Oregon Notaries, it also explains how to properly identify the signer, what to record in your journal, as well as what requirements are needed to create a proper Oregon Notarial Certificate.

People are invited to check out the seminar website at:http://notsem.sos.state.or.us/

Those interested may register on-line, or call at (503) 986-2200.

M.C. Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray has released the following Justice Court report:

-Stephen S. Dougherty, 42, Lexington, Failure to Use Seatbelt, $106 fine;

-Shawn William Schnell, 26, Hermiston, No Operator's License, Failure to Use Seatbelt, $395 fine;

-Deborah Ann Messersmitz, 54, DUII Diversion Program, $458 fine, mandatory attendance at a victim's impact panel;

-Angelique Rayleen Woodall, 35, Heppner, DUII Diversion Program, $458 fine, mandatory attendance at a victim's impact panel;

-Gene D. Heliker, 61, Pendleton, Failure to Use Seatbelt, $144 fine;

-Matthew R. Holland, 19, Heppner, Minor in Possession-alcohol, $215 fine;

-James L. Cason, 43, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule, 82 mph in a 55 mph zone, $215 fine.

A VIEW FROM THE HILL

By Doris Brosnan

Some Willow Creek Terrace residents view the weather as the main reason June seemed to pass so quickly. Rain, rain, and more rain seemed to delay the coming of actual summer weather, and now June has moved aside for July already.

The rain and cool temperatures have affected the garden, so the amount of produce has been less than hoped for, but the recent change promises some later results for the dining tables, including corn on the cob. Of course, the rains have also provided work for gardeners interested in tackling the persistent weeds.

The weather's drying out and warming up means that residents are now able to travel to north Morrow County to enjoy Music in the Parks. They attended the performance on July 12 in Boardman and plan to return for one more performance in August.

While the early-June weather kept most everyone inside, it didn't keep them idle. Several days of significance provided some entertaining moments and some thought-provoking moments. Residents and staff now know when Superman flew onto the scene, have yo-yo'ed to celebrate that toy's anniversary, had an opportunity to try their hands at juggling on World Juggling Day, and competed in watermelon seed-spitting (preparing for the Morrow County Fair?). And they were invited to discuss family on Family History Day, think about the meaning of National Forgiveness Day, and contemplate the importance of Waffle Iron Day.

Of course, everyone on the Hill was invited to the fireworks at dusk on July 4, to celebrate our freedom, but most of July's supplemental activities will be just for fun and frolic. Residents were invited to wear the fashion of the day on National Bikini Day, but none accepted. The Teddy Bear Picnic was, apparently, better received, as was the ice cream social with the visiting Garden Club. Nostalgia will probably reign on Woody-Wagon Day, and, surely, everyone looks forward to what will accompany the Gummi-worm, Strawberry-Sundae, Peach-Pie, Ice Cream-Cones, Old-Jokes, and Cheesecake Days of July. The month will end with a week of visiting an exotic place! This year, residents and staff will "journey" to the Virgin Islands, via decorations, music, foods, and educational information. Anyone wishing to escape to the islands for a few minutes any day during the week of the 25th through the 31st should visit the Terrace!

Moving to the Terrace just in time for the month's weekly and extra activities, Helen Crawford joined her new neighbors, many already-familiar faces, on July 6. She can now be part of the Welcome Committee when two more individuals join the community on July 12 and 26. She has come to the Hill in time to help celebrate the birthdays that make July "the month of the Velmas." Both Velma Felt and Velma Wight are the month's celebrities.

Residents and staff at the Terrace encourage anyone interested in the lighter side of life to join them for some of these moments that they view as important to a positive balance in everyone's life.

Save lives this summer-give blood

When fall rolls around thousands of people throughout Heppner will be talking about what they did on their summer vacation. The American Red Cross hopes that most of them will be able to say they "helped save a life this summer." This statement will be true if they will take the time to give blood.

Blood donation often takes a back seat to vacations and other summer activities, and Heppner is not alone. Fewer people are donating blood nationwide, which can cause blood shortages in many states. The need for blood remains constant throughout the year.

American Red Cross Blood Services collects blood to ensure patient needs are met year-round. In order to meet these demands, blood must be available before it's needed.

Valid identification is required for all blood donations.

All eligible donors are asked to schedule an appointment to donate blood for the Heppner community blood drive at St. Patrick's Senior Center at 182 N. Main for July 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. by calling 1-800-RedCross (800-733-2767). For more information about blood donation or eligibility, call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.