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Ione School homecoming activities underway



Ione High School kicked off its homecoming activities Monday morning with a tug of war contest and dress up days. Seniors Beth Morter and Mary Gates show their school spirit with the sock hop theme of the day. Gates won the overall best dressed student. On Friday, against Dufur, the middle school football and volleyball teams will play at 2 p.m., the varsity volleyball team will play at 4:30 p.m., and the varsity football team will play at 7 p.m. -Contributed Photo

Oregon Trail Library District to host OMSI Science Festivals

Live critters, brainteaser displays, and hands-on science experiments are just some of the fun that's planned by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) as part of science festivals hosted by the Oregon Trail Library District for Boardman and Heppner.

The festivals will be held at the Heppner branch library, 444 N. Main St., on Friday, October 8, from 4-8 p.m. and again on Saturday, October 9, at the Boardman branch library, 200 S. Main St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The festivals are free. Children under age 12 must be in the company of an adult.

Attendees will be able to try their hands at various science experiments at several tables loaded with science equipment and challenges guaranteed to intrigue youngsters, perplex adults and offer everyone a fun science experience.

OMSI's popular table-top "brain teaser" puzzles, among the most popular attractions at the museum, will be available.

Marsha Richmond, library district director, said she and other library staff are delighted to have OMSI staff come to Morrow County with actual displays and equipment from the Portland-based metropolitan museum.

Jesse Hampton, OMSI outreach coordinator,

said staff from OMSI "are always happy to come out and present programs in eastern Oregon."

"For this trip we're planning to bring a few dozen brain teasers, some demonstrations with nitrogen and other elements, and some live critters. There'll be something of interest for everyone," he added.

The OMSI Science Festival is sponsored by Libraries of Eastern Oregon with grant funding for its "A Sense of Place" program.

"A Sense of Place" is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as a pilot project to bring metropolitan offerings in lifelong learning to rural communities through the public library. OMSI is a key partner in the pilot project.

IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. To learn more about IMLS, see www.imls.gov.

For more information about A Sense of Place and the science festivals, please contact Richmond, who also serves on the LEO board of directors, at 541-481-3365 or LEO exec. director Lyn Craig at 541-763-2355.

Nilsen to present piano concert at Boardman Senior Center

John Nilsen, noted Magic Wing recording artist, will present a piano concert Sunday, October 17, at 4 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center, 101 Tatone Street in Boardman. The one-hour concert is free but donations toward expenses will be accepted.

Nilsen started studying classical piano at the age of six and plays a variety of music including many pieces of his own composition. His over 200 annual performances have included national tours of the United States, Great Britain, and Japan. His recordings have been released in Germany, Taiwan, Philippines, Great Britain, and Singapore and have sold over 700,000 copies.

Several CDs will be available for purchase.

Ione students to hold bake sale fundraiser

Ione School seventh and eighth graders will hold a bake sale Saturday, September 28, from 5 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at the "C" Store in Lexington. All proceeds will go to benefit the seventh and eighth grader science field trip in February.



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A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

The Community on the Hill receives television programming via Direct TV satellite now, so residents have been becoming familiar with the resulting changes. Many Willow Creek Terrace residents are too busy with other activities to watch much TV, though, preferring interaction with real people instead of reality shows.

The camaraderie among residents has been heightened by the work in the garden and the sharing of its bounty at the dining tables, by the exercises and/or brain games each morning, by the Bingo competitions each week, by the sharing of the weekly newspaper and book exchange, and by the variety of activities provided each month by visitors and staff.

This past month has been replete with those national special days that astound many and usually bring some silliness and fun to the Terrace, as did Kiss-a-Bald-Head Day, Wonderful Weirdoes Day, and Talk-Like-a-Pirate Day. Serious moments came on the anniversary of V-J Day, Labor Day, and Patriot Day. And residents were reminded, often with special activities, of a plethora of other special days that ran the gamut of silly to serious (i.e. Chewing Gum Day, Ballroom Dancing Week, Ancestor Appreciation Day).

As the seasons change, the garden offers less, but Bud and fellow gardeners can still find some squash and melons near the pumpkin patch. And Janet Greenup shared her garden harvest with the residents this month, also. September finds the Terrace freezers ready for winter, filled with some garden produce, two 4H beehives compliments of Charlie and Marsha Anderson, and a 4H pig provided by the local Odd Fellows organization. The kindness of others is always greatly appreciated by residents of Willow Creek Terrace.

One kind young lady, Kelly Jones, recently shared her time and talent with residents. Kelly, who plans to become a nurse, visited twice a week for three weeks, simply because she wanted to, and helped interested residents create dream catchers, doorknob note-holding hangers, and Halloween decorations.

October will bring Halloween fun to the Hill, of course, so that pumpkin patch will be put to good use, and the month will also bring a birthday celebration for one of the newest residents. Caroline Morgan will pick a birthday treat to share on October 6.

October would be a perfect month for new residents to join the community. Three apartments remain available, so interested persons are encouraged to call 676-0004 for information. One of the staff members who would be greeting newcomers to the Terrace is Tammy Smith. Tammy is enrolled in the Blue Mountain Community College nursing program while she works part time. This "hard-working team player is a joy for other staff and the residents to share time with," says Administrator George Nairns, and Tammy's credentials as a massage therapist have been a bonus from time to time for some of the residents. Tammy and other kind and competent staff are one reason that life at the Terrace can be viewed as a reality show worth participating in.

Thompson celebrates 100th birthday with family and friends

Family and friends gathered in Charbonneau recently to celebrate Gwen Thompson's 100th birthday.

Gwendolyn Evelyn Evans was born in Spokane on September 14, 1910 to Emma Miller Evans and Evan J. Evans. They moved to Lexington, where she attended school, when she was an infant. After graduation she attended Oregon Normal School and returned to teach at the Upper Rhea Creek School.

She met and married Heppner rancher R. Stephen Thompson. Gwen was active in Girls Scouts, All Saints' Episcopal Church and served on the Morrow County School

Board as well as being a busy rancher's wife and mother of Terry Thompson of Heppner, Judy Schneider of Charbonneau, and Janet Beach of Wilsonville. The family moved to Pendleton in 1954 and then to Charbonneau in 1978 where she was active in P.E.O., Boys and Girls Aid Society, the Native American Art Council of the Portland Art Museum and St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church. Steve died in 1989.

Although Gwen's ability to participate in activities has diminished, she enjoys visits with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren at Spring Ridge Court where she resides.

HHS homecoming week held

By Brett Harrison

Heppner High School recently held their homecoming week. The week consisted of many fun activities and events including a gladiator fight, dodgeball tournament, and four separate dress-up days which included, Medieval Day, Rockstar Day, Color Day, and Blue and Gold Day. The week ended with two successful wins from the football and volleyball teams.

Also, the high school held an open house last Thursday. This allowed parents the opportunity to tour the school, visit with teachers, and even enjoy snacks. The student council officers were also selling Mustang window flags for \$10, and license plate covers two for \$5. Anyone interested in purchasing a flag or license plate cover can contact Brett Harrison, publicity director, or Natalie Rauch, business director, at 541-676-9138.

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DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office has released the following report:

-Russ John Hickerson, 52, was convicted of Unlawful Use of a Weapon, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to three years supervised probation, 180 sanction units with 90 jail units, complete 80 hours of community service, and other conditions. Hickerson was also convicted of Menacing, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration, three years bench probation, and other conditions. Total fines, fees, and assessments are \$2,174.

-Kelly Brister III, 40, was convicted of Disorderly Conduct in the Second Degree, a Class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 45 days incarceration with 45 days suspended, 18 months bench probation, complete 20 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$463 in fines, fees, and assessments.

-Darin F. Williams, 42, was convicted of Theft in the Second Degree, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days incarceration with 180 days suspended, two years bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$3,213.68 in fines, fees, and assessments.

-Noe R. Rodriguez Jr., 25, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to six month driver's license suspension, three years bench probation, 180 sanction units with 90 jail units, complete 80 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$208 in fines, fees, and assessments.

-Alex Luis Ahumada, 25, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to six month driver's license suspension, 13 months incarceration, two years post-prison supervision, other conditions, and pay \$603 in fines, fees, and assessments.

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