

## A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Willow Creek Terrace residents and staff viewed the "Mustang Mop Up" as a positive sign that spring truly is here. By "mopping up" the weeds from the garden spot and flowerbeds, and the dirt from the windows and the facility's van, the Heppner High School students and advisors left the Terrace looking spiffy and the Terrace-ites feeling optimistic.

Velma "Granny" Felt watched some of the work in the garden from near the front windows in the entryway and noted that watching the kids work so hard made her heart feel good...good because she didn't have to do it! Bud Batty offered some input as he stood near the rows that will soon produce potatoes; not only did the Mustangs weed the garden area, but they also planted many rows of vegetables that Velma, Bud and their neighbors will appreciate at their tables this summer.

Residents will also appreciate the plants that the women's bible-study group gave them recently, as the plants and new blooms enhance the newly clean flowerbeds.

A variety of home-baked cookies awaited the workers for break-time on Thursday morning. Lois Allyn thought that the cookies looked so good, she zipped outside and joined the weed-pullers, sure to be included as a worker later.

Lois enjoyed a birthday on May 9, celebrating her 83<sup>rd</sup> year of living and learning. She has now joined neighbors who must wait another year before selecting their birthday dinners and desserts on the Hill. Dean Gilman joined those ranks, also, after celebrating his special day last month.

This week, on Wednesday, May 25 the community will celebrate at a "sending off" party for Virginia Greib. This will be a "first" at the Terrace, for Virginia is the first person to use the respite-care services for an extended time—one month—while recovering from surgery and undergoing physical therapy. Manager George Nairns says that providing the respite care for someone working toward rehabilitation, with a plan to return home, was a great opportunity and experience for the Terrace staff. Virginia and her spunky nature will be missed.

Also missed greatly at the Terrace is Dorothy Odell, who passed away

on April 26, more than two years after moving into the community. Dorothy was a positive force to everyone around her, right up to the very day she left an enormous void behind. Residents, staff and family remembered Dorothy fondly at a memorial service at the Terrace on May 7.

After two years of life in Heppner, another neighbor, Mary Lou Wilson, has moved back to her previous location, LaGrande. But, expected in early June, Billie Kroske will bring her unique personality to Heppner from Redmond. Locating at the Terrace will mean being closer to her son, Gary, in Irrigon, and her granddaughter, Heppnerite Sandy Day.

Living at the Terrace in June will surely include several days of special celebrations and commemorations, as each month does seem to fill up with those. May has held several significant observances, including Firefighters Day, Cinco de Mayo, National Day of Prayer, Mothers Day, Purple-for-Peace Day and U.S. Armed Forces Day.

May has also held opportunities to recognize the amusing, trivial and silly, as it did on National Hug Day, Limerick Day, Apple Pie Day, Dance-Like-a-Chicken Day, Fairy Godmothers Day, Backyard Games Week, and Lucky Penny Day. The month will end with the poignant opportunity to discuss loved ones, as the residents and staff observe Memorial Day, a day that may be viewed by the residents differently from how it is viewed by the later two generations.

## Morrow county DHS agent receives state award

Marcia Anderson, with Department of Human Services covering Morrow and Umatilla counties, was recently nominated for the DHS worker of the year award. Anderson received her award at the DPSST Public Safety Academy in Salem on May 24.

According to a release by the DHS, the award was a reflection of Anderson's hard work and dedication to her job. In a nomination letter by Morrow County Victim Assistance Director Deona Siex, Anderson was called "the backbone of the Boardman DHS office." The letter went on to state that "Marcia shows compassion and empathy to the children that she encounters and is

## County Court news

The Morrow County Court met on May 4 in Heppner with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes for the April 27 meeting. They also reviewed and, after removing an inappropriate charge, approved the account payables in the net total amount of \$104,345.94.

**Road Report:** The crew has finished work on the McNab bridge project. The hot mix plant is up and running for the season, so they dug out and patched the pavement on both ends of the bridge, also placed new signs and conducted general clean up chores. The crew then dug out and patched the culvert crossing that was added to Baseline Lane near the Lexington Grange Road intersection. The crew then moved to Tower Road and did some hand patching on numerous pot holes. The crew has finished building the stockpile sites along Willow Creek Road, hauled all of the chip rock and choke material (sand) to those sites, crack sealed the upper end of the road as needed, and are currently sweeping the roadway. Next week they will do some pave patching as needed to complete the prep work before they start chip sealing on May 16. The crusher crew will finish crushing all of the chip rock at the Skinner Creek pit by the end of this week. The crusher crew will then move to the Halvorson pit. The graders are working on the last of the county's gravel roads; they are working hard to get finished up before we start

our summer preservation work. Due to all the rain, it has been a tough spring to grade roads, they have had to go back and hit several areas multiple times. Currently there are several trucks hauling rock to the Sunflower Flat Road, where they are fixing several soft spots and adding gravel as needed to other sections of the road. **Permits:** On the recommendation of the Road Dept. the following permits were reviewed and signed: Permit #167 to Jose Pena for an approach road onto Wilson Lane near Paul Smith Road in the Boardman area and Permit #168 to Bert Houweling for an approach road onto Dee Cox Road 1.4 miles up from Hwy 74 in the Heppner area. **Paint:** Public Works Management Assistant, Sandi Putman informed the court that she has been working with Paint Care Inc. for the county to become a part of the Oregon Paint Recycling Program. This would allow Morrow County residents to take paint (in its original container) to the transfer stations for free disposal.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing regarding the possibility of establishing the Lone Library District was held. The court reviewed the information provided by the applicants and then took testimony from Lisa Rietmann on behalf of the Lone Topic Club, Betty Gray and Bobbi Childers all speaking in favor of the formation. There was no testimony in opposition of the requested formation. The court then approved the formation of the district and requested that the necessary documents be prepared for signatures.

**Sheriff's Report:**

Sheriff Ken Matlack provided the court with the April activity report. The following information was reported: In the Boardman area there was a call regarding a boat taking on water, an injury rollover at the end of Paterson Ferry Road and an assist for the Boardman Police Dept. for a 51-year-old male suffering with mental issues. In the Irrigon Area a 16-year-old male ran a pickup into the Columbia River, resulting in the death of a dog that was in the pickup canopy, made an arrest for a sex crime involving children, a vehicle pursuit resulting in an arrest and a vehicle ran into the back of the Irrigon Annex. The Sheriff reported that Parole and Probation (P&P) program collected \$3,114.00 for the month of April. The number of individuals in the P&P program continues to increase. The increase will result in additional funds coming from the state to assist with the financing of the program.

**County Clerk's Report:** Morrow County Clerk, Bobbi Childers reported an issue regarding the recording of Consent to Participate documents. There appears to be some glitches in the way the documents are processed. After some discussion it was decided that more research needed to be done to see how the issue is handled in other counties.

**Equity Fund:** The Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GOEDC) Executive Director, Melissa Druggie presented a loan request for Kevin Chick DBA Miller Manufacturing in the amount of \$85,000. GOEDC made a

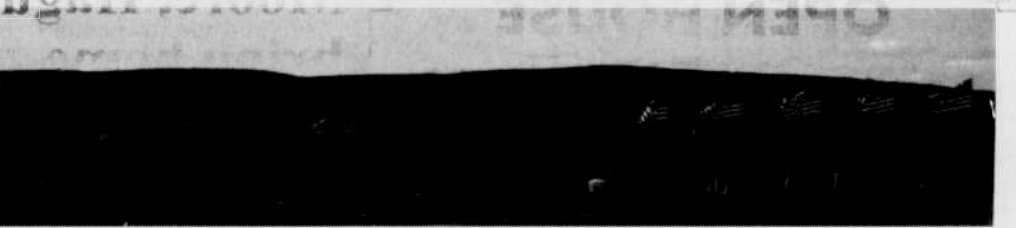
recommendation that the loan be approved with a seven year payback at 6.5% interest. After reviewing all of the information, the loan was approved with the recommended conditions.

**GOEDC Update:** Ms. Druggie provided the court with information on the three Equity Fund loans, stating that all loans are current and with the approval of today's application the loans are being used by a diverse group of businesses, including medical, tourism, retail and manufacturing. Ms. Druggie then discussed the availability of \$40,000 revolving fund program for repairs to Morrow County home owners in the low and moderate income range for siding installation, painting, heating system upgrades and electrical system repair. Providing the program is funded, a household of one would have a maximum income limit of \$28,950 with graduating steps up to a household of six having an income limit of \$48,000. These are no-interest loans that must have adequate collateral and meet other requirements of the program.

The court conducted the following business: Approved a resolution allocating National Forest Related Safety-Net payments allocating 15% for projects under Title II and Title III, 12 percent for projects under Title II and 3% for projects und Title III. The court then reviewed correspondences and upcoming meeting notices.

If you would like to be placed on the list to receive County minutes, please contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

## Ione Legion raises flags in memory of veterans



Pictured are the first 10 of many more flags to be raised each year at the High View Cemetery in memory of veterans from Ione who have given their lives in defense of our country.

Each memorial flag is personalized and each flag displayed will be the official flag of the United States at the time of the individual's death. The Ione Legion Post is responsible for this project and will continue the effort into the future. John and Linda Bristow of Ione commented on the project, saying how much they appreciate the legion members for their "thoughtfulness and efforts toward making this memorial possible".

## Ione community 4-H livestock meets and discusses project

By Oskar Peterson

The Ione Community 4-H Livestock Club held their third meeting on May 15 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ione Community Church. The meeting was called to order by club leader Erin Heideman. Club members present were Austin Carter, Hannah Padberg,

Oskar Peterson and Tyler Carter.

The first item of business was to discuss the community service project. The service project had been decided as a clean-up day at the Ione cemetery from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 22. The club then discussed a date for filling in record books and then learned helpful information about raising and training their pigs.

A fundraiser for

the animal group banners was decided after much discussion as a bake sale on July 1. The club then began discussing fair information such as when to be there, what to wear, and cleaning and feeding duties.

There will be a weigh-in on June 5. The club's next meeting will be on June 12 at Mrs. Heideman's home, the purpose of which will be to fill record books.



Marcia Anderson

focused on their needs for success."

Anderson and her husband were foster parents to two girls, both of whom they adopted and raised in addition to their own daughter. The couple lives on their acreage outside Boardman.

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### Hunters Education

Course to be held June 14th, 16th, 21st and 23rd

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Heppner High School  
Field day - June 18th at Lexington Gun Club

Any person under 18 who wishes to hunt must pass this course in order to acquire a hunting license in the State of Oregon. Any person wishing to hunt out of state must also hold a valid Hunter Education Card. The course is being taught by Jim and Darlene Marquardt.

To register for the class call Jim at 541-969-4845

The fee for the course is \$10 and is set by ODFW

Information about the course can be viewed at  
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