

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

This winter weather and life on the Hill share one characteristic: both have been, at least partly, unpredictable. Though residents and staff do look forward to the routines they can count on each day of the week, they know they should also be ready for variables. This might be compared to viewing sunshine and 60+ degrees one day and looking out at snow and 36 degrees the next day.

Terrace residents continue to appreciate the many volunteers providing routine activities that include bingo and other games, piano music, reading of the Gazette-Times, crafts, and book exchanges. The daily exercise-and-discuss program and the Saturday-matinee movie also add comfortable expectations for the residents and staff. The unpredictable fills in the remainder of the calendar.

Who can predict the madcap celebrations that the "someone" who researches such things can come up with in a given month? This month, for

instance, one that a resident with a sweet tooth could look forward to was "Oatmeal Cookie Day" on March 18. Visitors might be surprised to see more than usual activity at the Terrace on March 22, which will be "As Young as You Feel Day." Imaginations might run wild on March 26 because the feature will be "Make Your Own Holiday." How the Terrace observes these special days oftentimes brings some chuckles.

Some special days are thought-provoking. The emphasis on March 1 would be a good idea every day and might contribute to more world peace; it was "World Compliment Day," followed on the 2nd by "World Day of Prayer." The entire week of March 4-10 was an observation of "Celebrate Your Name," so the staff researched the meaning of each resident's name, and everyone is helping to create wall and door hangings that feature the names and their meanings. (Something new for visitors to look for.) This type of interest by the staff members is why the March

9, "Employees Appreciation Day," was special on the Hill. The 7th observed the 79th "birthday" of the game of Monopoly, which enticed a few resident-players, and the Girl Scouts organization was 100 on March 12, which led to some reminiscing. "Mom and Pop Business Day" on March 29 will probably stimulate some interesting discussions, as will "Doctors Day" on March 30.

Over the past two years, residents have occasionally discussed windmill projects in Morrow County, usually during the Wednesday readings of the Gazette-Times' related articles and letters to the editor. Suzanne Jepsen organized a field trip to the Matteson Farms project on March 6 for the 11 residents, who enjoyed an up-close look at some turbines. Leann and Jerald Rea went on the trip, also, and Leann offered her personal and political knowledge of the projects in the county.

This month has also featured two musical groups led by Joe Lindsay. The junior high school band played some great tunes for the residents and, on

the next day, the residents enjoyed the Heppner High School choir, also under Lindsay's leadership.

This young man was also involved in the development of the dramatic production at the Catholic Parish Hall on Thursday evening. Five residents enjoyed this traditional beginning of the "Wee Bit O' Ireland" celebration in Heppner. Some residents also braved the cool weather to watch the Great Green Parade on Saturday.

Jerald Rea has returned to the Terrace for a bit longer visit. Jerald will be a respite resident for a time, but his stay still leaves one apartment available for rent. Anyone wishing more information is encouraged to phone 541-676-0004. If Jerald has the luck o' the Irish, he will be a temporary resident still when Marge Burgess celebrates her 94th birthday at the end of the month, since something birthday-special will surely be shared in the dining room. Just another extra event on the Hill, which residents view as important to their monthly schedules.

Chamber Chatter

Heppner

March 21 from 6 -7 p.m.: Relay for Life informational meeting to talk about planning the "Relay for Life" coming to Heppner. Come and find out more, and see how you can get involved...join the committee, volunteer, get a team going and fight back against cancer. The meeting will be held at Heppner City Hall.

Morrow County Community Health Improvement Partnership will be sponsoring "Wellness in Morrow County - Public Meeting." This meeting will give the local businesses an opportunity to learn more about health insurance costs and employee wellness opportunities, with lunch to be provided. Planned topics include simple steps businesses can take to encourage better employee health, a presentation on factors influencing your health insurance costs, presentation of local success

stories and countywide efforts to improve health. Meetings will take place in Heppner on Tuesday, April 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church and in Boardman on Wednesday, April 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Port of Morrow.

Wednesday, April 18: Travel Oregon and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting a Scenic Bikeway Workshop in Heppner on April 18 at All Saints Episcopal Church; time and specifics are still being defined. More information to follow.

Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m.: 5K Run, 10K Run, 5K Walk and 1 Mile Kids' Fun Run to be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. This great event is being sponsored by Morrow County Health District. To register or get additional information, visit <http://www.active.com/running/heppner-or/rolling-hills-run-2012>.

Wranglers plan can drive

The Wranglers riding club will be holding a can drive behind Les Schwab Tire Center in Heppner on Thursday, April 5, from 4-6 p.m. They ask everyone to stop by and drop off their cans to help the Wranglers.

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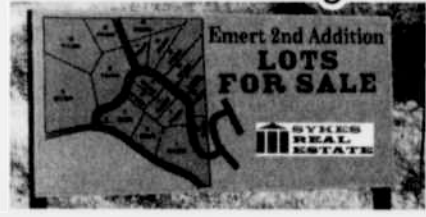
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