

## A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

There is a time and place for everything, according to an almost ageless adage, and Barbara Struthers has decided that now is the time and Willow Creek Terrace is the place. Just 19 days after her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, Barbara moved from the St. Patrick Senior Center Apartments to the Terrace. Since Oct. 1, she has been settling into her new apartment, visiting with many familiar neighbors, and trying to adjust to letting someone else cook and clean for her. Barbara is missed at the Senior Center, where she was the first resident to move in almost 24 years ago, but her new neighbors view her arrival as a fine contribution to their community.

Barbara brought with her an idea to share. On Oct. 11 and 18, she will show the other residents how to create some spookily fun treats for the "Ghosts and Goblins" who will come to the Terrace's annual Halloween party for preschoolers.

The residents and staff will welcome these scary little people on the 30<sup>th</sup> with pumpkins, tasty treats and activities, and welcome Trick-or-Treaters brave enough to enter on the 31<sup>st</sup> from 4 to 8 P.M.

This year's pumpkins for the youngsters will not be from the Terrace's garden, which did not yield as much food for the residents and friends this year. Though production, in general, may have been normal, the main beneficiaries were the deer that come daily to munch through the garden,

flowers and grass. One resident reports seeing six or seven four-legged foragers every day, and they seem confident enough to amble away only when a person walks to within approximately five feet of them.

This situation will change, reports Manager Nairns, when the Willow Creek Terrace Staff wins the current "Biggest Winner" contest. Seven of the Terrace employees have formed the "Garden Girls" team of weight-losing competitors who have their eyes on the prize. Confident that they can and will be victorious, they already know what the prize money will be used for: a deer-proofing fence around the garden.

While watching for signs of progress in the staff's weight-loss efforts, the residents will be busy with their daily routines and with the special events that will mark sometimes strange and unusual and sometimes serious observations on the calendar. Frowns might greet visitors on Oct. 15, if residents and staff take National Grouch Day seriously. One might be able to guess what one discussion topic and at least one menu entry will be on Oct. 24, National Bologna Day. Among some of the favorite special days will be those that celebrate desserts, but "Make a Difference Day" on Oct. 27 is an example of the days that will stimulate serious thoughts and conversations.

Conversations about birthdays will be prevalent for part of the day on Oct.

26. Mabel Heath will celebrate another birthday with her neighbors and friends, this one her 91<sup>st</sup>. Mabel reports that she feels almost great and would feel great if this reporter would "take" her chronic back pain.

When the Old Time Fiddlers come to visit and perform later this month, Mabel and her neighbors will have some great entertainment to take minds off aches and pains, at least temporarily. The Fiddlers are always welcome on the Hill, and this visit will culminate with some freshly-baked apple pie for the musicians and the residents.

The apples for the pies, some applesauce, and baked apples have come from gardens of some generous donors. Recently, Gene Orwick, Jim Jepsen, Al and Donna Osmin, Ed and Marie Struthers, Rod and Meg Murray, and the Odd Fellows have shared food and garden harvests with the Terrace. Harriet Hall's family has brought some flowers, and Marion and Sharon Biddle have provided some supplies.

Friends like these, entertaining activities, diverse menus, relaxing moments in the sunshine, caring personnel—these all contribute to the positive view residents seem to have of life on the Hill. They miss Virginia Wilkinson, who moved out last month, leaving an empty spot in life on the Hill, but wish her well at her new location. An empty apartment at the Terrace now awaits a new resident, so life on the Hill may soon take another new turn.

## Caitlynn Bailey's breads: Making some dough

Young teens don't often think about getting a job, let alone starting a business. But Caitlynn Bailey, now 14 and a freshman at Heppner High School, is not your run-of-the-mill teenager.

She had been working for her older brother, Jordan, in his lawn mowing business and decided she wanted to do something different. When she discovered her options for employment were limited as a teen, Bailey decided to start her own business.

Jeannie Collins, Bailey's Language Arts teacher, baked yeast bread to sell at the local farmer's market. During the summer of 2011, when Bailey was an eighth grader, Jeannie invited her student to bake and sell items with her. Taking advantage of the opportunity, Bailey not only baked cookies and other treats, but also made a couple of loaves of quick bread. She said she only made about \$50 the first week, but people loved her bread and she received requests for more. Listening to what her customers had to say led to an important conversation.

By making quick bread, she could offer her customers a wide variety of choices, increase her sales and profit, but not negatively impact her teacher's sales. Following this conversation and making changes to her plan, Bailey's business skyrocketed.

While many teens spend summers sleeping in and relaxing, Bailey began a rigorous schedule—one that lasted every week throughout the entire summer. "I purchased my ingredients on Sunday. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, I got up early and spent the whole day baking quick bread."

As the weeks progressed, she stopped making cookies altogether. She was solely committed to quick bread and that first summer she sold a little less than 300 loaves.

Jeannie was unable to participate in the farmer's market this summer, so Bailey began making and selling yeast bread, too.

"Because I wanted it to be really fresh, I baked the yeast breads all day on Thursday. Friday morning, I would go to farmer's market. The market started



Part of Caitlynn Bailey's bread business was a stand at the local farmer's market during the summer, where the teen (L) did booming business with her quick breads. —Contributed photo

at 10 a.m., and I was completely sold out in an hour and a half."

Bailey's parents helped get her business started by purchasing the ingredients at first. In just a few weeks, she was able to begin reimbursing them. Now she pays for them on her own. Her business is generating a profit and she has great demand for her product. She goes through 100 pounds of flour a week.

"That's a lot of flour and it gets expensive," Bailey shared.

Caitlynn Bailey's Breads is much more than a summer activity and money-making business. It's also her Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) for FFA. Her FFA advisor is Beth Dickenson. Joining FFA as an eighth grader, Bailey learned the agricultural program is made up of classroom experience, FFA, and an SAE. She chose Entrepreneurship. Competition is part of her project and, this year, the Beginning Team took first place at a competition held in Stanfield. Bailey participated in the salesmanship portion of the competition.

She said, "I baked my bread, put it in a basket, made it look really attractive, and 'sold' it to my pretend customer—just like I do every week at farmer's market. It's hard work baking bread and, at one point, I told my Mom I was so tired...but I just kept baking bread. When someone comes to me at farmer's market and is so excited about my product and wants more...it's all worth it. I love it."

What's been the biggest challenge with her business?

"Saying 'no.' I don't like disappointing people," Bailey said. "It's rewarding to see my customers so happy."

But Bailey is done baking bread for now—until next summer, that is. She's a busy young lady with

responsibilities at school, sports, FFA and, of course, to her family.

"My whole family is my role model," she said. "My Mom and Dad work so hard—so do my brothers. They're so important to me."

Gary Neal, General Manager for the Port of Morrow, said, "I'm proud of Caitlynn Bailey's accomplishments, and she is exactly the type of entrepreneur we need in Morrow County."

"It is so beneficial to have the Small Business Development Center located on the campus of Eastern Oregon University so we can help entrepreneurs like Miss Bailey leverage resources they need to grow their business. I congratulate her and wish her continued success with her business and educational endeavors," said Eastern Oregon University President Bob Davies.

Greg Smith, Director of the Eastern Oregon Small Business Development Center and State Representative from Morrow County said, "I cannot tell you how impressed I am with this young lady. It is rare to find all of the traits necessary for a successful entrepreneur in someone this young. It's one thing to have an idea, talent or passion for something, but it takes a strong work ethic and determination to bring success. FFA is an important program for our youth and I will continue to do everything I can to support it. These young people are our future—and with kids like Caitlynn, our future looks very bright."

Anyone interested in learning more about Caitlynn Bailey's Breads can visit her Facebook page. For more information about the Supervised Agricultural Experience, go to <https://www.ffa.org/About/WhoWeAre/SAE/Pages/default.aspx>.

## Chamber Chatter

### Boardman

Boardman Quilt Show: The eighth annual quilt show will be held Oct. 12-13 at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center. Hours are 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Admission is \$3. Lunch is available for purchase.

Chamber Board Elections: The Board of Directors will have two positions open for terms serving from January 2013 through December 2015. If you are interested and would like more information, let the chamber know. The election will be in November.

Candidate Forum: Before you cast your ballot, attend the candidates' forum on Monday, Oct. 22 from 7-9 p.m. at the Port of Morrow. Candidates for Boardman City Council, mayor and Morrow County Commissioner have been invited to attend. The evening will begin with opening remarks from all the candidates and a short question and answer period. The candidates will then be available for one-on-one questions.

Halloween: The Kiwanis Club of Boardman is looking for volunteers for the Community Halloween Party. Anyone interested contact Michelle Erickson at 541-314-2127 or [michelle.erickson@conagrafoods.com](mailto:michelle.erickson@conagrafoods.com).

A Very Poplar Run on the Boardman Tree Farm: A Very Poplar Run is a fundraiser for Hermiston Agape

House. Saturday, Nov. 17. Registration 7-8:45 a.m. One-mile kids race, 9 a.m.; 5K and 10K, 9:30 a.m. (walkers welcome in all events. For more information, go to <http://www.averypoplarrun.com>.

Harvest Fundraiser: Help support the Kiwanis Club of Boardman and feed your family with local crops donated by your local businesses. Customer Pick-up at the Senior Center, Nov. 10 from 9-11 a.m. Twenty pounds potatoes (donated by ConAgra), 20 pounds onions (donated by Boardman Foods), 1.5 pounds of dehydrated onions (donated by Cascade Specialties), all just \$10 each. Shipping available for just \$20 more. Contact any Kiwanis member or get an application form from the Boardman Chamber office.

Morrow County Fair: Court tryouts are Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Application deadline is Oct. 26. Pick up an application at the Fair Office or call 541-676-9474.

### Heppner

United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties: United Way's Kick-Off Campaign is now underway. Win your choice of a 2012 Honda Metro scooter; a red and blue tribal pattern Pendleton blanket; weekend getaway for up to six people for December 21-22 at Seaside Worldmark; \$25

Visa Gift Card, with the proceeds to benefit United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties. Drawing will be Dec. 1; need not be present to win. There will be a maximum 2,000 tickets to be sold, so call the United Way office at 541-276-2661 and purchase some tickets, or they can also be purchased at Columbia Bank, Banner Bank in Hermiston; Sterling Bank and White Elephant on Main in Pendleton.

Eastern Oregon Word Round-up—October 26-27, 2012, 9 a.m.—10 p.m.: You will find writing and publishing workshops, authors' readings, book art, book fair, trade show. Sponsored by Libraries of Eastern Oregon, Oregon Cultural Trust, Wildhorse Foundation, Wildhorse Resort and Merlo Foundation. For more information, email [eowordroundup@gmail.com](mailto:eowordroundup@gmail.com).

Saturday, November 3: Artifactory Craft Fair, sponsored by the St. Patrick Senior Center, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Contact the senior center at 541-676-9030 to reserve a table/space.

Sunday, Dec. 2: "Christmas Is" community program held at the Methodist Church with two performances, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets will be

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Saul Salas, 24, was convicted of one count of Assault in the Fourth Degree, a Class A misdemeanor; sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant given two months bench probation, to include no contact with the victim, 80 hours community service and anger management evaluation. Total fines, fees and assessments were \$530.

-Juan Rodriguez Pacheco, 41, was convicted of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and sentenced to 18 months supervised probation subject to 90 sanction units and 30 jail units. Probation conditions included substance abuse evaluation and recommended treatment, successful completion of social reeducation/life skill training, and five custody units converted to 80 hours community service. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$970.

## Wheat growers plan annual meeting

The Annual Membership Meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League has been set for Monday, Nov. 12, from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in Coeur d'Alene, ID in conjunction with the Tri-State Grain Growers Convention.

Registration to the conference is not a prerequisite for attending the annual meeting.


The business meeting agenda will include the election of officers, introduction of the 2013 board of directors, review of 2011/12 fiscal year audit report, acceptance of committee priorities for 2013, and the traditional presentation of the Winn-McRae Gavel to the incoming president.

Members of the association in good standing are welcome and encouraged to attend. Wheat producers

wishing to actively participate in the annual meeting who are not currently members of the association are welcome to contact the OWGL office in advance of Oct. 31 to remit membership dues prior to the annual meeting. Questions can be directed to the OWGL staff at 541-276-7330.

The OWGL Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for candidates for the secretary/treasurer position. To qualify, candidates must be members in good standing of the association and must be wheat producers. Interested producers should contact Craig Reeder at 541-376-5055.

Nominations will remain open until Nov. 1. Any producer wishing to submit his/her name should be present at the annual meeting.



# BURNING BAN LIFTED

**As of October 5, 2012, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner has lifting the burning ban**