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-Continued from PAGE ONE their sanctioned races, is to keep racing affordable to the non-professional such as Seewald.

"Conference (ICSCC) and its clubs are dedicated to keeping racing affordable and accessible for the amateur," says its website, a fact important to racers such as Seewald.

He recently moved up from one race organization to the larger PRO3 grouping, which is only for the BMW 325i built between 1987 and 1991. The races are held all the way from the Portland International Raceway to Oregon Raceway Park in Grass Valley.

"That one is something else. It's out in the middle of a wheat field," he says.

But he enjoys the competition and says the new PRO3 group he is in offers more cars, up to 65 to compete against.

"PRO3 is the fastest growing class of race cars in ICSCC," says their website. "This rapid growth is due in no small part to the sense of camaraderie within the group. PRO3 drivers are all amateur road racers. Most received their start in car club driving events before moving up to pure racing. By day they are chefs, architects, pilots, engineers, physicians and other occupations. All have a love for racing and the camaraderie of racing with

each other in the PRO3 class."

Seewald pays for and does a lot of the work on his cars. Sometimes, however, he does get help.

"Kerry Peterson (who lives out on Valby Road by Ione) has been a big help to me," says Seewald. "He is very knowledgeable. He was a Porsche and BMW mechanic and he has helped me a lot with the motor."

Seewald says it was a chance encounter that brought him into contact with someone of those special qualifications here in Eastern Oregon.

"I was at a town event and I saw him with an ORP (Oregon Raceway Park) cap on and I talked to him a little bit," says Seewald, who later got together with Peterson; they developed a relationship around cars.

"He has a Porsche 911 and has raced, so we had things to talk about," says Seewald, who spends many weekends and evenings when he is not racing working out in the shop on his car.

In order to keep the race competitive and within the reach of the non-professional the BMWs he races are limited to no more than 2,650 pounds including the driver. The engines are 2.5 liter, 6-cylinder, 168 horsepower stock; however, his has been built up to 200 hp. The cars burn regular



Seewald's BMW makes a curve at the race track. -Contributed photo

93 octane gas from the pump and uses a brand of Toyo tires with no tread, which he says hugs the track when the weather is good but can get kind of "squirrely" when it rains. The PRO3 racing season runs from April through the end of September.

On a typical race weekend Seewald will load up the car in his enclosed trailer, usually on Friday, and head to the race venue. On Saturday there will be qualifying races, then more qualifying on Sunday and then the actual race.

Seewald said there can be 20 to 25 cars in the race (the biggest race, The Rose Cup, can get up to 40 cars) and they go between 60 to 70 mph on the curves, and then 130 mph on the straight-aways. Some cars in the races can get up to 170 mph.

"You don't really notice that you are going that fast," says Seewald,

who says the concentration is intense while racing, looking for every little advantage to win. The cars are not allowed to touch, and everything is very safe.

"I have an auto release fire extinguisher in my car in case of fire and special head restraints to protect my head and neck in case of an accident," he says. He also wears a fire-resistant racing suit and has a roll cage for more protection.

His family sometimes accompanies him to races and his wife Kim is very supportive.

"It's a great sport and available for all ages," says the 51-year-old Seewald. "You have young people all the way up to 70-year-olds participating."

He also likes visiting with other drivers and car owners about their common interest of racing and cars.

"I enjoy the whole thing very much," he says of his unique weekend activity.

Local music students qualify for state recital

Several area music students will have the chance to perform at the state level next month.

The Oregon Music Teacher's Association held its annual Ensemble Festival on Saturday, Nov. 2, in Hermiston.

Participating from Heppner/Ione were 27 students: Andrew, Ryan and CoriJo Lindsay; Rylee, Madison and Hannah Palmer; Roen, Leo and Reiah Waite; McKenna, Rylee and Lexi Bray; Eli and Justice Petzoldt; Cheyenne and Nichole Shaw; Seth, Sam, Elijah and Natalie Grigg; Genevieve Smith; Kendall Dowdy; Cody Fletcher; Nicole Prophter;

Emma Rietmann; Diana Healy and Sophie Grant.

Chosen to play in the state recital at Linn Benton Community College in Albany, OR on Dec. 7 were: Madison and Hannah Palmer - piano duet; Rylee Bray, Genevieve Smith and Kendall Dowdy - piano trio; Nicole Prophter and Emma Rietmann - piano duet; and Rylee Bray - voice.

Alternates chosen were: Seth Grigg, Roen Waite and Cody Fletcher - piano trio; Natalie Grigg and Lexi Bray - piano duet; and Lexi Bray - voice.

There were 150 students participating from Umatilla and Morrow County.



Several area students qualified for the chance to play at the OMTA state recital in Albany in December. Top Left (L-R): Hannah and Madison Palmer qualified to play a piano duet; they performed Sailor's Song at the Ensemble Festival in Hermiston last Saturday. Bottom Right (L-R): Kendall Dowdy, Genevieve Smith and Rylee Bray qualified to play a piano trio at the state recital next month. Nicole Prophter (top right) and Emma Rietmann (bottom left) also were selected to perform a piano duet in Albany. -Contributed photos

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Residents and staff at Willow Creek Terrace ended October with one of their favorite activities: Their annual Halloween party with the Heppner preschool students. The little ghosts and goblins were each treated to a pumpkin and help from residents with the creation of a fantastic and probably frightening jack-o-lantern. Everyone was able to enjoy some games, the children entertained with some songs, and refreshments were a treat to all. And the children left with sacks of small, useful items and a few tasties.

Baking tasties for her friends and family is a pleasure that Flossie Watkins frequently enjoys in the Terrace kitchen. Often, Flossie learns of a special day someone is going to have, she gathers her ingredients, and she creates a tasty addition to the day. Often, also, Flossie doesn't need a special occasion for her baking; she just feels like baking. One of the residents' and staff's favorite concoctions is the green tomato cake that Flossie has shared.

Beulah Brownfield is another resident with a reputation for her kitchen magic. Beulah is known

by her family—and many students of her son Steve—for her delicious cinnamon rolls. Recently, Beulah hosted her granddaughter and a young friend at breakfast when her recipe was being served. Staff members hope that Beulah will soon show them how she makes her also-favorite caramel corn.

A favorite feature of life on the Hill is the Terrace's salon. Nearly all the residents enjoy the convenience of stepping down the hall to their favorite hairdresser for the hair care that simply makes an ordinary day feel special. Presently, three local stylists come to the Terrace salon for appointments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Volunteers continue to come to the Terrace with their game and craft ideas on some weekdays. And a staff member has come up with a great new idea that several residents are enjoying. Katilyn Jordan has created a bowling game by using empty juice bottles as bowling pins and whiffle balls as bowling balls. Using this makeshift equipment, the residents are enjoying the friendly competition and the challenge. Presently, Manager George Nairns

believes that Barb Struthers and Bud Wilson hold the leading scores for this game. Nairns also informs the reporter that the success of Katilyn's bowling activity has resulted in the addition of a commercially manufactured bowling set to the Terrace's "Wish List." Although many wish that Alice Buckley could still be with the community on the Hill, Alice passed away last week. At age 101, Alice was the oldest resident in the Terrace, and she was also the resident who had called Willow Creek Terrace home for the longest time, almost five years. She will be missed.

For several years now, November for the Terrace residents has included an early trip to Heppner High School. This year, on the 7th, three veterans and their neighbors will attend the school's tribute assembly to the United States military veterans.

Chamber lunch meeting

This week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be an all entities report on Thursday, Nov. 7, at noon in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. Cost of lunch is \$10. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

Roice Fulleton, Bud Batty and Marge Burgess will be among the honored guests, representing the forces in World War II.

November will also include many nationally-recognized days, both serious and silly, always fodder for morning conversations and opportunities for eating some special foods. None will be any more important, however, than the birthdays of Mary Eleanor Gilman on the 23rd and Floss Watkins on the 30th. Both women will, surely, select special menus for their special days, to share with family and neighbors.

The Willow Creek Terrace has two apartments available for two new neighbors, and readers are encouraged to call 676-0004 about the facility. After all, residents and staff always view newcomers as refreshing additions to their community on the Hill.

DA's Report

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

-Brenda Gizelle Galvan, 23, was convicted of Theft II, a Class A misdemeanor; sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant given 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service, a written apology to the victim, no contact with the victim, and theft

counseling. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$440.

-Samantha Lee Brown was convicted of probation violation based on an admission to allegations. Probation was continued with the same terms and conditions of the original sentence but with the addition of 15 days previously suspended jail time in Umatilla County Jail. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$175.

Boardman to sponsor fall cleanup

The City of Boardman will sponsor a community-wide cleanup the month of November.

The city has garbage vouchers available, with a \$50 limit, to residents of Boardman. The vouchers are valid during the month of November at Finley Butte Landfill and the North Morrow Transfer Station. The garbage voucher

program encourages citizens to clean up their residences by disposing of yard debris.

City residents may pick up their vouchers at Boardman City Hall at 200 City Center Circle beginning Nov. 1. For more information on this program, call Boardman City Hall at 481-9252.



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