

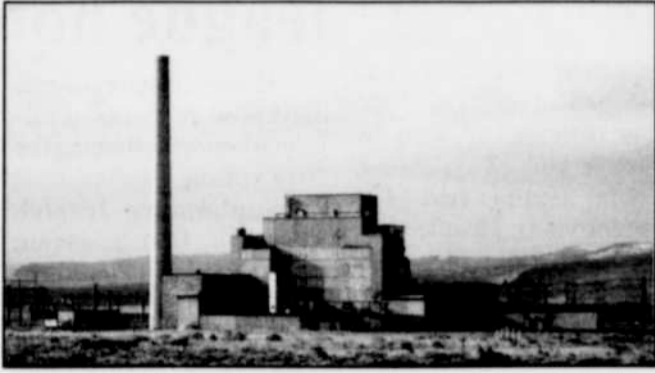
Hanford B Reactor tour planned for July 9

Another tour of the historic B Reactor at the Hanford complex in Washington has been scheduled for July 9. Interested persons in north and south Morrow County are invited to sign up.

The April tour was so successful, the Morrow County Historical Society is handling the arrangements for this second tour of the important historic development in our region, in cooperation with Morrow County Special Transportation Service.

Individuals are encouraged to get on the list of participants now. Sign-up will close on June 25. Handling sign-ups in Heppner is Doris Brosnan, 541-676-5382, for Boardman and Irrigon is Bobbie Hug, 541-481-4021. Senior citizens and individuals with disabilities will have priority if interest exceeds the maximum capacity of the buses.

Tentatively, buses



The Hanford B Reactor played a pivotal role in World War II; it was designated a historic landmark in August of 2008. —Contributed photo

will leave Boardman and Heppner at 8:30 a.m. on July 9 and meet at the Umatilla truck stop to caravan to the Hanford site.

The tour will begin at 11:15 a.m. and last approximately four hours. It does not include climbing; it can accommodate canes, walkers and wheelchairs, although some areas will be tight. Chairs are available for sitting when needed.

Participants should be able to remain on their feet for as long as 30 minutes. Participants are responsible

for their snacks, drinks and sack lunches. The weather could be extremely warm, so drinks and appropriate clothing are especially important.

The suggested donation per person will be \$10 for the bus ride. The tour is free.

An internet visit to hanford.gov offers additional information about the World War II phenomenon, the B Reactor.

Questions may be directed to Doris Brosnan at 541-676-5382.

Heppner AR students tour SAGE Center



The Heppner Elementary Accelerated Reading (AR) students traveled to the SAGE Center in Boardman for their annual AR field trip; 137 students from HES were eligible, having passed all four of their AR goals during the school year. Students enjoyed a tour of the center, which included learning about all the products our county produces and a simulated hot air balloon ride over Morrow County. —Contributed photo

Clean shaven roadways designed for deer control

Area residents may have noticed the clean-shaven appearance of the roadside along Hwy. 207 in the Heppner area.

The mown grass along the roadway is courtesy of the Oregon Dept. of

Transportation (ODOT) and has been well received, local resident Louis Carlson reports.

The local ODOT office borrowed a mower from Umatilla County and cleaned up the right-

of-way along Hwy. 207; the main purpose of the upkeep is apparently not only aesthetics but also deer control in an effort to prevent "deer suicides" along the highway.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

A quick view of the month of May reveals a pretty quiet time on the Hill. The nationally-recognized days of celebrations, as usual, stimulated morning conversations and/or some especially tasty menu items, but most of these were not "hoot and holler" events.

However, the Mexican Fiesta meal on Cinco de Mayo was magnifico. Other foods with their very own day on the calendar were the buttermilk biscuit, the chocolate chip, and the pizza—each a tasty entree on a menu in May.

During Nurses' Week, May 6-12, residents enjoyed showing their appreciation for local services by inviting hospital, home health and hospice nurses to lunch. And for Provider Appreciation Day on the 9th, they sent trays of cookies and veggie pizzas to the clinic and the hospital. During Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9, in-house teachers Lucile Peck, Liz Buehler and Donna Bergstrom joined a discussion about teachers and classroom experiences—and no one needed to be concerned about being graded on participation or using "correct grammar." Armed Forces Day honored residents Roice Fulleton, Marge Burgess and Kenny Peck, and the morning conversation focused on family members and friends who have served in the United States military. Stories insightful

and entertaining brought back memories during the morning conversation on Brothers' Day on the 24th. Memorial Day was also a day for remembering, and several residents appreciated visits with friends and family in Heppner for the holiday. Some also took flowers to the Masonic Cemetery that day.

More guests came to visit and some for lunch on Mothers' Day, spending time with their moms on this holiday first celebrated in 1914. Visitors on May 15 were especially important to the Terrace residents, for they were a Mustang Mop-Up crew from Heppner Junior and Senior High School. This crew of 12 students and two teachers was "one of the best we have ever had," reports George Nairns. "They accomplished a remarkable amount of work in a half day!"

One workout that some of the residents had during May was in celebration of National Backyard Games Week the 19th-26th. This was an opportunity to try some yard bowling and to take on the challenge of ladder golf...fun for all. And the pleasant weather has enticed several residents to spend more time outside, enjoying a "walk around the block," chatting in the warm sunshine, watering the planters, working in the flowerbeds. June promises to bring more of these opportunities and more

outdoor events.

Residents can join their Heppner friends and neighbors on June 5 at the Community Bank's barbecue, and they plan to have their own barbecue on Fathers' Day, when they will be served the menu planned by the three men who live at the Terrace, Roice, Kenny and RG Watkins.

The Belmont Stakes race on June 6 will be televised at the Terrace, and the residents will be able to participate in some races of their own.

The month will also bring some baseball activities for the residents, and they will be taking in the Steel Drums band performance that is scheduled for "Music in the Park" in Heppner on the 29th.

Already planned for June 27 is an "unBirthday Party" for everyone. On that day in 1859, the "Happy Birthday" song was published. Mildred J. Hill, a teacher, had composed the music and her sister Patty Smith had written the lyrics. But the true birthday in June belongs to Colleen Kitch, who will be celebrating her 88th birthday with her neighbors on June 30. So, two opportunities in just four days to sing that familiar song!

What an upbeat way to end the month, and the residents of Willow Creek Terrace view such upbeat opportunities as reasons to smile.

Heppner fifth-graders delve into Eastern Promise



On May 29, the Heppner Elementary fifth-grade class was invited to spend the day on the Eastern Oregon University campus. This experience was part of the Eastern Promise class that these students have been taking during this school year. The fifth-graders were given a tour of the facilities and treated to lunch. —Contributed photo

Heppner day care wraps up preschool year

As summer approaches, Heppner Daycare Inc. has been busy wrapping up the preschool activities.

The students have been learning about all things spring. Shamrocks, eggs, rain, weather, frogs and flowers have been

the learning topics the past few months. Each month the students work on thank-you cards and have discussions on being thankful and appreciative. The preschool classes also enjoyed being able to show off their singing talents at

the spring concert.

Seventeen preschoolers graduated on May 21 and will be headed to kindergarten next fall. The staff and board say they wish them the best as they start their first year at Heppner Elementary. These little ones will be Heppner High School's class of 2027.

The last day of preschool was spent at the park with snacks and drinks.

The center will be providing daycare Monday through Thursday this summer. Trips to the pool, story time at the library, gardening and many other hands-on learning activities are planned to keep kids learning and engaged all summer long. Call the center for more information.

Ione Library Summer Reading Program Kick-off Event!



The Amazing Juggling and Comedy Act of Charlie Brown!
Come see him at the Ione Community School Gym
June 12, 1pm

After enjoying the show, stick around for the hands on Circus Arts Workshop with Charlie and his wife Zephyr! Learn to juggle, hula hoop, balance things, practice the Chinese yo-yo, spin ribbon and just have fun and move your body! No age limit! This event is absolutely free and open to the public. The Topic Club will provide refreshments. Children may register for the summer reading prize program at this event or anytime thereafter at the library until July 22.

Schedule of Event

All events are free. Children DO NOT need to be registered or sign up to attend.
Early Literacy Program
Ages 2 1/2-6

Tuesdays at 10:30am
All programs include stories, songs, crafts, and activities.

June 17th
Fun in the Frog Pond
Featuring a puppet show

June 24th
Magical Music and Movement
Musical instruments will visit!

July 1st
The Man in the Moon
Featuring a puppet show

July 8th
Squirmy Worms
We will have real worms!

July 15th
R is for Robot
Featuring a puppet show

July 22nd
Watery World
Water play!

June 17th
Planet Earth
Create a mini-habitat!

June 24th
Radioactive
Things that glow

July 1st
Rockets Red Glare
Rocket building and launching

July 8th
Science Rocks
Visit from a Geologist/Crystal Gardens

July 15th
Build it and They Will Come
Structure building with supplies you can find around the house.

July 22nd
Defying Gravity
A visit from raptors plus "flight school"



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