

## A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

At Willow Creek Terrace, the month of June began with the day dedicated to "Say Something Nice," but residents who naturally do this daily didn't even need the suggestion. The month of June ended with the day dedicated to Colleen Kitch's birthday, which she celebrated with her neighbors and her family. And in between these two upbeat special days, other June days were filled with some activities, some comical and serious discussions, and some flavor-filled special calendar days.

When this Community on the Hill notes a day dedicated to a particular food, it does its best to honor that food, so June menus included Rocky Road Ice Cream on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rhubarb Pie on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and Pecan Sandies on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Possibly, equal enthusiasm did not greet "Eat Your Veggies Day" on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

The morning discussion on June 5 focused on "World Environment Day," with observations of how the weather is changing—the winters having become more mild and the seasons having shifted to changing about a month later than they used to. Some residents reminisced about the environment of their yesterdays.

Several enjoyed the discussion on "Gardening

Day," June 6, as they talked about their gardening experiences. Some residents noted that they "loved" to garden once upon a time. Some residents noted that they didn't necessarily like to garden, but they had no choice, since foods from the gardens were a necessity for many families.

The week of June 23-27 was time to "Celebrate the Senses," and each of five mornings' exercise gatherings included an opportunity to use one of the five senses to identify some items. These exercises contributed to the residents' discussions that week as they contemplated the question of which of the five senses one would miss most.

Another interesting conversation resulted on "Handshake Day," June 26. The meaning and importance of a handshake have been lost over the years, the residents agreed. They realize that shaking another's hand in certain situations is no longer automatic—for instance, as a sign that a business agreement had been reached, when the handshake was as good as a written contract—and they agreed that concern over the spreading of germs could be one reason people no longer commonly shake hands.

The Belmont Stakes race was a day of special interest for several

Terrace residents... racing enthusiasts, horse enthusiasts and those rooting for a Triple-Crown winner. Of equal interest among the baseball fans was the discussion on June 12, the inauguration of the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1939. These fans will be watching on July 27 for news of the 2014 inductees.

Fathers' Day on the Hill was celebrated with a barbecue. The men chose the menu, and everyone enjoyed. Some residents enjoyed the silliness on the 27<sup>th</sup>, when a party was held in honor of the writing of the "Happy Birthday" song. Staff decorated for an "un-birthday" party and served homemade ice cream.

Six residents joined the crowd at the city park on June 29 for the steel-drum concert. The two hours of music by Bram Brata, the talented teenaged performer, was enjoyed by Donna Bergstrom, Rose Bergstrom, Mary Eleanor Gilman, Meg Murray, Velma Wight and Bud Wilson.

And June ended just in time for more special days, those in July. The month began with ice cream of several different flavors because it was, after all, "Creative Ice Cream Day"! A surprise to many was that July 2 marked the halfway point of the year, and residents were looking forward to marking July 4

## Heppner basketball court a smooth piece of work



Dice Construction of Bend, OR poured the concrete for the basketball court on Riverside in Heppner on June 25. They started at 5 a.m. and had the slab poured—in a single pour—before 7 a.m. —Contributed photo

with some fireworks.

Yet to come this month are days celebrating some g-o-o-o-o-d foods, including hot dogs on the 10<sup>th</sup>, when a picnic will be served to the residents and some teddy bears (it is also the Teddy Bear's birthday that day) on the red-and-white checked tablecloths that Howard Bryant gifted to the Terrace.

The sports enthusiasts might choose to watch the Running of the Bulls on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the Baseball All-Star game on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Expected on the 19<sup>th</sup>, the celebration of Elvis Presley's first single record:

some laughs as residents discuss the "inappropriate behavior" of this soon-to-be icon in the music world. Laughter should also be plentiful on the 24<sup>th</sup>, when the morning group will be encouraged to share "Old Jokes."

Residents and staff hope to see and hear a cowboy on the Hill on July 26. That day honors "Cowboy Poetry," so they are inviting, through this column, cowboy poets to come and share their talents with the Community. A call to 676-0004 can get you on the playbill.

July is also a month for

birthday celebrations, and residents will have three opportunities to sing that "Happy Birthday" song they partied for on June 27. Donna Bergstrom's special day will be on July 8. Meg Murray will celebrate her birthday on the 12<sup>th</sup>. And Velma Wight will see July on its way on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The three birthday girls will be sharing their favorite meals and birthday desserts with their neighbors and families. Of course, the Willow Creek Terrace family views these as favorite reasons to celebrate on the Hill.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

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appointment, hotel lodging expenses paid, or sending kids with cancer to summer camps, the money raised helps take care of local patients battling the fight against cancer.

During this event, participants will have at least one representative from their team walking the track at all times, beginning at 5 p.m. on August 2 and running through the wee hours of the night until the event concludes at 7 a.m. Sunday morning.

"Themed laps where participants dress in costumes, games for teams, barbecues, friends and fun all abound at this event," says an event organizer. "Teams set up camp on the football field with their fellow participants for a fun-filled evening where 'cancer never sleeps.'"

Consider joining the event by forming a team, or becoming a sponsor or committee volunteer. Team registration cost is \$10, and there is no

team registration fee this year. Each participant is encouraged to raise \$100 and to get registered by June 30 in order to be sure they get the size t-shirt they want.

The easiest and fastest way to register is online at relayforlife.org/heppner. Paper forms are available for those who don't have internet access. Funds are usually raised prior to the event; ideas include a car wash, bake sale, chili cook-offs, etc. Manpower is needed for event setup and takedown, so you can double your community service by helping volunteers with this process.

"Over \$23,000 was raised last year for Relay for Life of Morrow County—be a part of the event this year and sign up today," says Event Chair Sheryll Bates.

For more information on how to register, contact Team Committee Chairman Staci Wilson at 541-429-3883 or Bates at 541-676-5536.

## Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

June 25, 2014: -Robert Clifford Ross, 31, of Glendale, AZ and Jinna Joo, 27, of Glendale, AZ.

June 26, 2014: -Keith Alan Scott, 34, of Heppner and Lynan Rae Bingham, 26, of Heppner.

June 30, 2014: -Danny Lee Wilson, 60, of Heppner and Melanie Ann Smith, 49, of Heppner.

## JDR Little League mops up competition

The John Day River Little League 9/10 All Star Team opened their tournament play on Saturday with a 13-3 win over Hermiston. The team was led by pitcher Bubby Tate (Arlington) who, on his birthday, finished the game with nine strikeouts. Tate pitched four of the five innings played. Offensively, Kaleb Pence (Dufur) had three hits and seven RBIs to lead the team in hitting. Braden Carmine (Condon) had two hits and scored three runs.

With the win on Saturday, JDR was matched up to battle The Dalles on Monday afternoon. The Dalles didn't fare much better than Hermiston, with JDR winning the game 14-3 in the fourth inning

with the ten-run rule. A combined pitching effort sealed the game with Pence striking out five batters and Jace Troutman (Arlington) with four strikeouts. Offensively, Derek Devin (Arlington) had two hits and scored three runs, and Carmine and Troutman each had two hits and scored two runs.

The John Day River Little League consists of players from Heppner, Lone, Arlington, Condon and Dufur.

The JDR 9/10 team will face Bend South on Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. at the Hermiston Field of Dreams Little League Field. Updated brackets and scores can be found at [www.hermistonlittleleague.com](http://www.hermistonlittleleague.com).

## JUNE WEATHER

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below normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01 inch was received on eight days with the heaviest, 0.29 inches, reported on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Precipitation this year has reached 7.46 inches, which is 1.20 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 9.83 inches, or 2.89 inches

below normal.

The outlook for July from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during July are 85.7 degrees and normal lows are 53.9 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.33 inches.

## Community lunch menu

Nazarene and Seventh-day Adventist church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, July 9, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include tuna salad sandwich, potato chips, cucumbers and onions, three-bean salad, and orange pudding (mandarin oranges, cottage cheese, Dream Whip and pineapple tidbits). Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

**Kassandra and Nathan**  
Invite you to celebrate with them as they tie the knot on  
**July 12, 2014 at 5:30pm**  
in the sticks at Penland Lake

Reception to follow at the Morrow County Fairgrounds at 7pm

No local invitations sent out

## NEOJGA announces PCC results

The Northeast Oregon Junior Golf Association (NEOJGA) has announced the results of the June 26 tournament held at Pendleton Country Club. A total of 27 youth golfers participated in the tournament. Results are as follows:

Pee Wee Boys (ages 8-11): 1. Hunter Greenup, 47; 2. Cody Adams, 50; 3. (KP) Tyce Helmick, 53.

Pee Wee Girls: 1. Sasha Keown, 51; 2. Sage Ferguson, 69; 3. Camryn Scrivner, 72.

Intermediate Boys (Ages 12-13): 1. Jared Geier, 83; 2. Kellen Grant, 95; 3. Braden Bell, 96.

Intermediate Girls (Ages 12-14): 1. Sophie Grant, 88; 2. Nicole Propher, 112.

Boys (Ages 14-15): 1.

Anders Lind, 87.

Girls (Ages 15-18): 1. Riley Helmick, 86; 2. Emily Rea, 89.

Junior Boys (Ages 16-18): 1. Zac Adams, 81; 2. Rylee Gassin, 84; 3. Craig Wallace, 86.

NEOJGA is for students ages eight to 18. Cost of each tournament is \$10 for the Pee Wee division (ages eight to 11, nine holes) and \$15 for all other age groups (18 holes). All information to register is available at [www.neojga.com](http://www.neojga.com).

The NEOJGA offers seven junior golf tournaments this year. The next tournament is set for July 11 at 10 a.m. at La Grande Country Club.

Questions can be directed to Greg Grant at [grantg@morrow.k12.or.us](mailto:grantg@morrow.k12.or.us).

## Friends of the Heppner Library 'got books'

The Friends of the Heppner Library "got books."

In partnership with the Friends of the Prineville Library, the Heppner Friends will receive a truckload of used books from Prineville on Saturday, July 5, at 9 a.m. These books are the leftovers from the Prineville Friends book sale and are once again put to good use at the Heppner Friends St. Patrick's Day Book Sale.

"This exchange

benefits both clubs and helps form a network of Friends that keeps Eastern Oregon Libraries strong," said Bill Kuhn, Friends of the Heppner Library President.

Help is needed unloading the books; willing volunteers can gather at the back of the Gazette-Times, located on Willow Street in Heppner.

"With help, the unloading will be swift," added Kuhn.

## Correction

In the June 18 article, "Summer school celebrates international visitors," former Heppner exchange student Axel Lofgren was incorrectly identified as Axel Lotgren. The Gazette-Times editor apologizes for the error.

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