

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan
The Willow Creek Terrace Community views the many individuals who come by regularly and who come for special occasions as one collective reason life on the Hill continues to be interesting and pleasant. Family members and friends interested in becoming more involved in the Terrace's events are invited to let Manager Nairns, 541-676-0004, know that they are willing to volunteer for activities they are comfortable with.

True, also, is that the many donations from individuals and groups contribute importantly to life at the Terrace. A recent example of the impact of cash donations: Some donations have made possible the recent purchase of a Precision Weather Station for the Terrace. Assisted by Janet Greenup of the Soil and Water Conservation District, and Larry Lutchter, Morrow County Extension Agent, Manager Nairns was delighted to have the weather station delivered

and ready for installation in just a week. The weather-watcher will report its data to the SWCD, and the station will surely provide topics for conversation.

While the weather is a recent focus on the Hill, residents continue to have a variety of interests and activities to also focus on. Eight residents attended last Thursday evening's production of "Thought of Hope," Fr. Gerry Condon's latest drama to begin the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Heppner. A big success again.

Saturday's Great Green Parade held interest for nine residents, who could then enjoy the festive atmosphere of downtown. A few residents also spent the day out and about with families.

March began with Daylight Savings Time and with a couple of "tasty" days of national designation, so residents could enjoy "Peanut Butter Lovers Day" beginning an hour earlier (!) on March 1, followed the next day with the touted "Banana Cream Pie Day."

Only "Black Forest Cake Day" on the 28th will feature another special food, but the staff seems able to cook up a flavorful dessert even on an ordinary day.

Several subjects have stimulated, or will yet stimulate, some thoughtful discussions in March. During the week of March 1-7, Residents were encouraged to celebrate their names, whether a name that honors someone else or a name with special meaning according to information discovered by staff. This was also "Read a Book Week," but at the Terrace, residents need no encouragement to do something most of them enjoy immensely. The Girl Scouts provided a topic for the morning's conversation on the 12th. Some other stimulating March topics on specially-recognized days nationally included Butterfly Day (14th), Mothering Sunday (15th), Folk Tales and Fables (16th), Puppy Day (23rd), Palm Sunday (29th), and Eiffel Tower (31st).

The Terrace might

smell distinctly Irish today, since the menu will feature corned beef and cabbage and soda bread. Although wearing it isn't required, any Irish who chance to visit the Terrace today will surely be impressed by the noticeable presence of green. Several residents claim some Irish heritage and others simply like to don some green. Some remember when not wearing green on St. Patrick's Day invited being pinched, and they wonder if that holds true today.

The menu on March 29 will feature Marge Burgess's choice for her birthday lunch. Marge will celebrate her 97th birthday with neighbors and family. Soon after, on April 1, Lucile Peck will not be fooling when she selects a favorite menu for her 94th birthday celebration, and RG Watkins will be invited to do the same for his 85th birthday on April 10. Some of the happiest celebrations on the Hill continue to be for VIPs' birthdays, viewed as trumping all other events.

Road bowling winners announced



Road bowling was again a popular event this year. First place for the event went to (pictured with their trophy) the Bowl Roaders, made up of Nels Wenberg, Peter Wenberg and Elliott Strouse. Finishing second was Bohica 2.0 with Chad Doherty, Jake Roy and Jason Hanna. Third went to the Efferes, Adam Futter, Chris Fritz, Justin Futter and Andy Futter. —Photo by Megan Futter

2015 Great Green Parade winners

Heppner Chamber of Commerce has announced the winner for the 2015 Great Green Parade. Winners are: Irish Theme – Green: Hermiston Funrunners. Commercial: Morrow County Grain Growers and Morrow County Museum. Antique & Custom Vehicles: Bob Hartwell with his El Camino and Dennis and Karen Bailey with their 1928 custom Ford pickup. Merchant Trophy: Bank of Eastern Oregon.

DA's Report

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

-Josue Montano Prado, 30, was convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a Class C Felony. The defendant's driver's license was suspended for one year and the defendant was sentenced to six months prison time with credit for time served and one year post-prison supervision. Prado was also convicted of Criminal Mischief I, a Class C Felony, and sentenced to six months prison time with credit for time served, sentence to run concurrent with previous count, and one year post-prison supervision. One count of Theft II was disposed without conviction. Fines, fees, assessments and restitution totaled \$2,635.80.

-In addition, Josue Montano Prado, 30, was convicted of Escape III, a Class A Misdemeanor, and

sentenced to discharge. Four counts of Criminal Trespass II were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$100.

-Amanda Suzanne Vaughan, 40, was convicted of Interfering with a Peace/Parole and probation Officer, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, conditions of probation to include 30 hours of community service, an alcohol evaluation, Antabuse if medically able, and a letter of apology to Deputy Nathan Braun. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$600.

-Daniel Salinas, 26, was convicted of Harassment, a Class B Misdemeanor; sentence of 90 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, probation conditions to include

40 hours of community service, no contact with the victim, anger management evaluation, and compliance with the restraining order in another case. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$600.

-Garduno Juan Luis Ayala, 33, was convicted of Resisting Arrest, a Class A Misdemeanor, and was sentenced to two years bench probation. Conditions of probation include no victim contact except to arrange parenting time. One count of Criminal Mischief III was disposed without conviction. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$600.

-Juan Carlos Ceja, 26, was convicted of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to two years bench probation, conditions of probation to include 30 hours of community service and forfeiture of the firearm to the state. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$850.

-Michael James Wright, 22, was convicted of Rape III, a Class C Felony, and was sentenced to 36 months bench probation subject to 180 sanction units with 90 jail units. Conditions of probation include substance abuse evaluation, completion of sex offender treatment if recommended by the supervising officer, mental health evaluation, report as a sex offender, 80 hours of community service, no contact with the

victim or residence within three miles of the victim's home, no contact with any female under the age of 18 without prior written approval from the court, and no involvement in any organization that would place the defendant in direct contact with children. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$200.

-James Robert Martin, 25, was convicted of Burglary I, a Class A Felony, and sentenced to three years supervised probation subject to 180 sanction units with 90 jail units. Conditions of probation include 10 sanction units to be used for 160 hours of community service, substance abuse and alcohol evaluations, Antabuse if medically able and if directed by the probation officer, and no direct or indirect contact with the victims within 500 feet. Probation also includes 30 sanction units to be used for 30 days jail time with credit for time served. Martin was also convicted of Theft I, a Class C Felony, and sentenced to two years supervised probation subject to 90 sanction units with 30 jail units. Conditions of probation include five sanction units to be used for 80 hours of community service, theft counseling and no contact with the victim within 500 feet. Additional charges of Criminal Mischief II were disposed without conviction. Fines, fees, assessments and restitution totaled \$976.

Welly Toss winners

More than 80 individuals and a great lineup of teams showed up on Willow Street in Heppner to throw the welly last Saturday.

For teams, first place went to "Beat Tom Cat," with participants Brent Eckman, Lane Bailey, Blas Elguezabal and Sean Murray. Second was "The Extinguishers" with Jeremy Wilson, Brian Spivey, Rocky Turner and Jon Ellis. Third place went to "The Fabricators," Jay Coil, Jode Coil, Wacy Coil and Chance Day.

The longest women's individual throw was by Cameron Snook at 54' 7". The longest men's individual throw was by Cody Wizner with 85' 11".

St. Pat's button drawing winners

Giselle Moses of Heppner and Brent Martin of Ione were winners of the St. Patrick's Celebration Button drawings. Each received \$100.

Water control district to meet

The Heppner Water Control District will meet Thursday, March 19, at the Ag Service Center conference room, 430 W. Linden Way, beginning at 7 p.m.

Agenda items include minutes of the previous meeting, treasurer's report, election of officers, 2015 project discussion, appointment of 2015/16 budget officer and review of May 19 election.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

-Jared R. Kohnert, 21, of Lexington was found guilty of Violating the Basic Rule 81/55 and was fined \$260.

2015-16 Oregon Blue Book Available

SALEM—Oregon's 2015-16 Blue Book is now available. Copies can be purchased at the Oregon State Capitol Gift Shop in Salem, in Oregon bookstores or online.

The new edition of the Blue Book features a cover photo of Lithia Park in Jackson County. The back cover features a photo of a poplar tree farm in Morrow County.

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