

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Some Willow Creek Terrace residents and other readers noticed that last month's column referred to "today's" St. Patrick's Day activities on the Hill, but the column appeared in the March 18 issue of the Gazette Times. A big "Oops!" and on to more opportunities to make mistakes....

While waiting out the cool weather and the long flu season, residents have mostly stayed at home, enjoying their newspapers, books, TV shows and conversations with their neighbors. And one cannot forget the pleasure on those special days dedicated to gastronomic delights. Significant honorees on the Terrace menus in April and coming in May include OJ, the Hoagie sandwich, apple pie, chocolate chip cookie, devil's food cake, strawberries and cream, hamburgers, buttermilk biscuits, the butterscotch brownie, and cherry cobbler. Interesting to note that an entire 10 days, May 15-25, will be celebrating "the pickle."

Though morning conversations tend to focus on the broad range of absorbing, abstract and absurd, many this spring are on serious topics. "Teachers Appreciation Week" always stimulates memories of school days, for previous students and retired teachers. "Nurses' Day" at the Terrace is importantly designated for showing the local medical and administrative staffs at the clinic, the hospital and home-health/hospice how appreciated they are. For everyone, "Mothers' Day" will be an opportunity to remember—to remember mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts—to remember experiences as mothers. It will also be a fine day for families who wish to make the day special for their relatives.

"Armed Forces' Day" might be a day of discussion more poignant than usual, for this year's calendar also designates May 16 as "Wear Purple for Peace Day." And "Memorial Day"

will bring more somber conversations, but opportunities for some positive memories as well.

Summer flowers at the Terrace might be showy by "Flower Day," on May 20, so residents might include a stroll near flowerbeds after a morning conversation about "blue jeans," which celebrates the 1873 invention of the riveted denim "overalls" designed to protect the working man's underclothing. Such is the early start of one of today's most ubiquitous fashion choices.

Providing background sounds on May 23 for breakfast and morning conversations might be those of familiar jazz bands. "International Jazz Day" might even bring out some toe tapping and finger thumping as residents enjoy the music on the discs a jazz fan gifted the Terrace some years ago.

"Senior Health and Fitness Day" on May 27 will be a good opportunity to discuss everyone's health

and to provide a segue into the information on the new wellness program that Cindy Johnson has introduced to the Terrace staff. Details are yet to be completed, but the three-month program will address the well-being of the staff members who buy into the challenge. Through their honor-system record-keeping and journaling, participants will be working toward improved individual health, with winning some of the ante money a bonus.

May will end with a discussion of news and newspapers. May 30 celebrates the first U.S. daily newspaper, the Pennsylvania Evening Post, first printed in 1783. Several residents subscribe to the East Oregonian and the Heppner Gazette-Times and appreciate the communal reading and discussion of the Gazette on Wednesdays, so Willow Creek Terrace remains a bastion of fans of the printed page, and the residents view that fact with pride.

Clark, Havermeier are badminton champions



2015 badminton champions Kaden Clark and Len Havermeier. -Contributed photo

The Heppner Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2020 hosted a badminton tournament on April 19 in the HJSHS gym.

Fourteen teams competed in the double elimination tournament, which ended with Kaden Clark and Len Havermeier as the victors. Second place honors went to Trevor Chamberlin and Jake Wallace. Third place went to Jason and Gavin Hanna.

Other participants included Tresslyn McCurry, Makayla Silvia, Casey and Cody Fletcher, Kristen Marshall, Brie Myers,

Drew Coe, Evan Kollman, Sydney Wilson, Serenity Rodriguez, Alison Cecil, Mitchell VonGunten, Molly Rhea, Terri Gentry, Jan Glasen, Enrico Macciotta, Morgan Correa, Kelly Wilson, Keegan Gibbs, Gibson McCurry, Hunter Nichols and Jayden Wilson.

Each team received a prize, with donations from Sweet Productions, Cornerstone Gallery, Heppner Family Foods, Wheatland Insurance, Murray's Drug, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Waterfall of Stitches and Devin Oil/Heppner Shell.

Wranglers announce play day results

The Wrangler Riding Club has announced the following results for its last play day:

Stick-Horse Race: 3 & Under

- 1) Axton Hendricks
- 2) Johnny Ashbeck
- 3) Savannah Hall
- 4) Morgan Milligan
- 5) Callahan Baker

4 & 5 Yr. Olds

- 1) Healy Hisler
- 2) Brooklyn Hendricks
- 3) Kenli Duntun
- 4) Mary Ashbeck
- 5) Paige Miller

6 & 7 Yr. Olds

- 1) Zach Hall
- 2) Quaid Jensen

Lead-line results:

Barrels

- 1) Paige Miller, 30.50
- 2) Brooklyn Hendricks, 30.59
- 3) Axton Hendricks, 31.94
- 4) Morgan Milligan, 41.78
- 5) Savannah Hall, 43.28
- 6) Pearl Miller, 51.04
- 7) Mary Ashbeck, 54.66
- 8) Callahan Baker, 59.85
- 9) John Ashbeck, 1:14.85

Poles

- 1) Brooklyn Hendricks, 1:00.97
- 2) Mary Ashbeck, 1:11.50
- 3) John Ashbeck, 1:15.50
- 4) Paige Miller, 1:16.38
- 5) Pearl Miller, 1:25.82
- 6) Callahan Baker, 1:42.12

- 7) Savannah Hall, 1:42.84
- 8) Axton Hendricks, 1:49.00
- 9) Morgan Milligan, N/T

Goat Un-tying (pulling the ribbon off goat's tail)

- 1) Axton Hendricks, 16.41
- 2) Brooklyn Hendricks, 16.75
- 3) Morgan Milligan, 22.72
- 4) John Ashbeck, 24.78
- 5) Mary Ashbeck, 25.69
- 6) Paige Miller, 26.97
- 7) Savannah Hall, 29.06
- 8) Pearl Miller, 31.13

7 & Under:

- Barrels**
- 1) Holden Sifford, 39.00
- 2) Zach Hall, 1:00.25
- 3) Quaid Jensen, 1:27.03
- 4) Rowdie Jo Broeckel, N/T
- 5) Healy Hisler, N/T

Poles

- 1) Healy Hisler, 44.91
- 2) Rowdie Jo Broeckel, 47.94

- 3) Holden Sifford, 57.62
- 4) Quaid Jensen, 1:35.82
- 5) Zach Hall, 1:36.25

Goat Un-tying

- 1) Rowdie Jo Broeckel, 12.15
- 2) Holden Sifford, 19.50
- 3) Zach Hall, 20.69
- 4) Healy Hisler, 21.09
- 5) Quaid Jensen, 33.40

8-11 Yr. Olds:

- Barrels**
- 1) Brock Hisler, 16.09
- 2) Hallee Hisler, 17.97
- 3) Isela Echols, 24.97
- 4) Joselyn Torres, 25.87
- 5) Saige Jensen, 29.50
- 6) Serena Echols, 29.93
- 7) Shane Sifford, 34.97
- 8) Navaeh Hall, N/T

Poles

- 1) Brock Hisler, 25.29
- 2) Hallee Hisler, 30.91
- 3) Serena Echols, 39.35
- 4) Isela Echols, 42.59
- 5) Saige Jensen, 43.44
- 6) Shane Sifford, 56.79
- 7) Navaeh Hall, N/T
- 8) Joselyn Torres, N/T

Goat Tying

- 1) Brock Hisler, 22.97
- 2) Shane Sifford, 57.34
- 3) Saige Jensen, N/T
- 4) Hallee Hisler, N/T

12-15 Yr. Olds:

- Barrels**
- 1) Jacee Currin, 18.38
- 2) Chelsea Echols, 23.84
- 3) Jessica Cain, 26.75
- 4) Kiersten Holz, 32.28

Poles

- 1) Jacee Currin, 31.16
- 2) Chelsea Echols, 32.10
- 3) Kiersten Holz, 34.44
- 4) Jessica Cain, N/T

Goat tying

- 1) Jacee Currin, 9.12

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because I'd never been to be really good, like when we go out and have steaks, which are really good here. The school sports activities. In Germany we don't have those. We just have school." *Did you have the chance to attend any special events? What did you think of that experience?*

"Homecoming. That was very cool. I had no clue what I was supposed to do

because I'd never been to an event like that. It was different."

Any other thoughts?

"It's a really interesting experience. I thought, 'I'll go to America. It will be fun.' It was so completely different than I thought it was. Everything is so gigantic. It's harder than I thought. It's hard work to be an exchange student."

Mustangs defeat Tiger-Scots in double-header



Mustang Will Lutcher tags a TigerScot player during last Saturday's double header. The Mustangs won both away games against the Weston-McEwen/Griswold team, winning by scores of 9-2 in the morning and 10-7 in the afternoon. The Mustangs now hold an overall record of 4-5 for the season and a 2-2 league record. They next host Irrigon in a twinbill this Saturday starting at 11 a.m. -Photo by Sandra Putman

Blue Mountain Community College

Alumni in the Spotlight

Blue Mountain Community College

Catherine Heath
BMCC Class of 2012
Radiologic Technologist

Catherine Heath grew up in Lone and knew she wanted to go into diagnostic imaging. She chose BMCC as an affordable option to complete her general studies prior to transferring to a diagnostic imaging program at Linn-Benton Community College. "I was able to do all of my prerequisites through BMCC to get into the diagnostic imaging program. BMCC gave me all of the tools I needed to be successful in my program." Now this lone native is a successful - and very busy! - radiologic technologist for St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

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