

# A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Another month has zipped by, leaving many people wondering "Where did May go?!" But the Residents at Willow Creek Terrace won't spend time trying to answer that question; they are too busy making the most of the new month!

June has already offered a few days designated for special-foods celebrations and lists more on the calendar. Hazelnut Cake received recognition on June 1, followed by National Doughnut Day on the third, and Chocolate Ice Cream was honored on the seventh. These are the days that will find the special foods featured on the menus. So Residents and Staff have German Chocolate Cake (11<sup>th</sup>), "Eat Your Vegetables" (17<sup>th</sup>), Picnics (18<sup>th</sup>), Watermelon (23<sup>rd</sup>), and Ice Cream Soda (30<sup>th</sup>) to look forward to.

Morning discussions this month will focus on the world's oceans, family histories, flowers, the Korean War, forgiveness, Donald Duck, and our highway system. Always stimulating, the conversations are opportunities to reminisce, give opinions and, sometimes, "blow off steam."

Last month, the morning group especially enjoyed their conversations about the Kentucky Derby, the Armed Forces, wearing purple for peace, lucky pennies, brothers, jazz and the Indianapolis 500. Some residents enjoyed taking the Derby conversation further by participating in the Terrace's horse-race game. Some were able to explain what being a military spouse was like. Some residents remembered to wear purple and later gathered to add their prayers for peace. Finding a penny and giving it away is sure to bring a person a lucky day, is the old saying, and several Residents agreed that they remember this when they find coins in their path and continue to pick



On Tuesday, residents at Willow Creek Terrace were treated to a surprise concert by the Heppner Jr./Sr. High School choir, led by music teacher Rick Drake. -Contributed photo

them up. Most Residents were able to share stories about older and younger brothers, and some could explain their young wishes for a brother. And some Residents enjoy listening to jazz, while some enjoy watching the 500 on TV.

Some Residents will travel to the city park this Sunday evening for the return of Music in the Park. The first concert will feature the greatly-enjoyed steel drum band from the Tri-Cities.

Enjoying the in-house activities will continue to attract many Residents who prefer the cooler indoors to the summer heat that seems to have arrived. Even some of these Residents, however, find going out with a friend for short walks worthwhile. A guest named "Strider" has been visiting the Terrace for about three weeks and might stay longer, and Strider appreciates walking about the property now and then with any of his new friends who volunteer to stroll. Strider is an 11-year-old Labrador who belongs to Betty Hamill, the new nurse practitioner at the hospital. Strider does not stay home alone well, so Betty was hoping to find him some work-shift-time company. She and he have found that at the Terrace, at least for now!

Volunteers continue to be critical to life on

the Hill, so last month's Mustang Mop-Up was a day greatly appreciated by Residents and Staff. Two crews of HHS student and staff volunteers spruced up the building with a good washing, cleaned the van in and out, pulled weeds, planted some seedlings and finished the covered structure in the new park-like space. Residents noted their busy work and joined them for a cookie break.

Several volunteers are finding time to work at the new project, trying to help keep the development costs in line with the thoughtful funding donation. As the volunteers have other demands on their time, scheduling their assistance is sometimes a big challenge, so progress is sometimes slower than curious sidewalk superintendents expect. The site has been leveled and cleared, the structure added, and the details of a watering system for this soon-to-be area of

grass and plants are being studied.

Staff members have been able to study topics pertinent to their work at the Terrace, as Manager Nairns continues to arrange workshops with local professionals, and recently, three employees appreciated attending a free dementia-care workshop in Wilsonville. Each attendee of each workshop is later able to share the learned information with other employees.

Two new employees at the Terrace are from Ione. Becky Cason and Juanita Garnica are both in training now for the multi-faceted work at the facility. The Residents welcome the new faces, and they look forward to welcoming a new neighbor, as soon as someone moves into the available apartment. Remember, the Community at Willow Creek Terrace views "new" with enthusiasm!

## Community turns out to meet 4-H agent



A public meet and greet was held with new Morrow County 4-H agent Damion Turner last Thursday. Pictured with Turner (middle) are Morrow County 4-H ambassadors Kane Sweeney (left) and Tim Gould (right). -Photo by David Sykes

## Community lunch menu

Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, June 15, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include roast pork, potato medley, zucchini and summer squash, cucumbers and onions, hot rolls, and strawberry shortcake. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

## Heppner Music in the Park begins this week

Heppner's summer Music in the Park series begins its fourth season this Sunday, June 12, with the return of a crowd-pleasing favorite—the Tri-Cities steel drum band, Bram Brata. The concert will be held at Heppner City Park on Main Street from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. If the weather doesn't cooperate, the concert will be moved to the Heppner Elementary gym.

This will be just the

first of four monthly concerts this summer, funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and facilitated by Hopeful Saints Ministry. Food will be available for purchase, to help fund the Shared Ministry's ongoing efforts to provide clean water to needy people around the world. More information about Shared Ministry activities is available by calling the office at 541-676-9970.

## Heppner church gets ready for 'Commotion' at VBS

Heppner Christian Church invites children ages four through 11 to its "Ocean and Commotion" vacation Bible school next week, June 13-17, from 6-8 p.m. The time will include Bible lessons, games, crafts and snacks.

## Catholic churches plan VBS

St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic churches will hold a free vacation Bible school next week, June 13-18, 9 a.m. to noon, at the St. Patrick's parish hall in Heppner. Ages five through sixth grade are invited to "Learn to say yes to Jesus like Mary did." Mornings will also include crafts, fun with friends and snacks, as well as an end-of-the-week celebration after Mass.

## Murray obtains doctorate in theology

Dr. Luke Murray recently defended his dissertation at KU Leuven in Belgium, completing a Systematic Theology PhD from city (Florida) and ogy PhD from KU



Luke Murray, PhD

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## Murray obtains doctorate in pharmacy

Sean Murray is graduating from OSU College of Pharmacy on Friday, June 10, with a Doctorate of Pharmacy (PharmD degree). Sean graduated from Heppner High School in 2008.

Sean plans to start work for CVS pharmacy in Senora, CA in July.

## Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, June 16, at noon in the Heppner City Hall conference room.

Tom Wolff will give a Columbia Basin Electric update and Alison Hart will visit and give the group an update and better understanding on the IP28 measure.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Howe's About Pizza will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Tuesday before to guarantee a lunch.

## Hunter Education

Courses to be held June 14th, 16th, 21st and 23rd

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Heppner High School

With a field day Saturday June 25th at Lexington Gun Club 8am -12 noon



Any person under 18 who wishes to hunt must pass this course in order to acquire a hunting license in the State of Oregon. Any person wishing to hunt out of state must also hold a valid Hunter Education Card. The course is being taught by Jim and Darlene Marquardt.

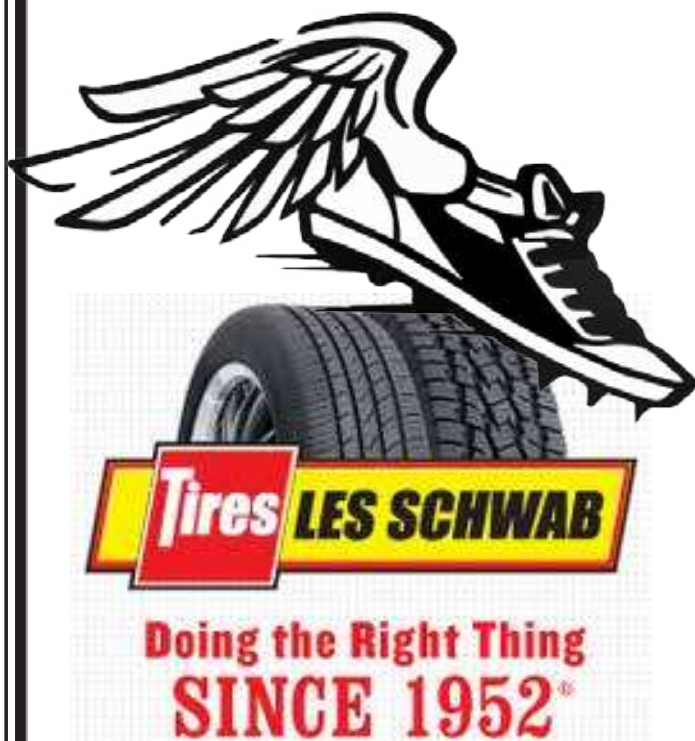
Questions, call Jim at 541-969-4845.

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The fee for the course is \$10 and is set by ODFW

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