

# A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

The Community on the Hill has greeted 2018 with enthusiasm and wishes that friends and family have many reasons to do the same.

One simple reason for enthusiasm comes from the special calendar days booklet that manager George Nairns and the staff search every month for significant and silly days to celebrate, several of which offer tributes to foods. A week ago, chocolate-covered cherries were held in high esteem, and the Terrace will later celebrate by sharing strawberry ice cream (14<sup>th</sup>), Fig Newtons (16<sup>th</sup>), blonde brownies (22<sup>nd</sup>) and chocolate cake (27<sup>th</sup>), these in addition to their various other desserts on the menus.

Morning discussions are often stimulated by the months' designated special days. Last week, on the 4<sup>th</sup>, the tribute to the blender (on the market since 1910) and acknowledgment of L. Braille's birth in 1809 resulted in some kitchen stories and comments on the importance of braille. Yesterday was Poetry at Work Day, so some experimenting with poetry was called for. Martin Luther King, Jr., born in 1929, will be discussed on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Winnie the Pooh Day on the 18<sup>th</sup> may bring up some memories and appreciation of the invention of the tin can in 1825 will surely add to the discussion on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Everyone at the Terrace must expect some hugs on National Hugging Day, the 21<sup>st</sup> and readers are encouraged to give out hugs that day, too. A good belly laugh supposedly burns up six calories, so laughter will be part of the exercise plan on the 24<sup>th</sup>, jokes galore will be flying. Though winter Olympics will entertain next month, they will be part of the morning discussion on the 25<sup>th</sup>, the day of the first Olympics in 1924.

Anyone who has been in the Rocky Mountain National Park can contribute to the topic on the 26<sup>th</sup>, the celebration of its opening in 1915.

On the day of the NFL Pro Bowl, the 28<sup>th</sup>, the sun room will be featuring TV coverage and snacks. That could be the day that the Terrace begins sign-ups on the betting board for the next weekend's Super Bowl.

Puzzle Day on the 29<sup>th</sup> celebrates creators of puzzles and games, so several residents will appreciate its significance. Some rousing times result throughout the weeks when they gather for bingo, crossword puzzles, trivia, and brain games. A recent example was the Murder Mystery Logic puzzle that took contributions from several participants to solve. It was such a success on Dec. 30, more such puzzles may be challenged and some with invited guests adding to the fun.

Ironically, the 29<sup>th</sup> is also designated Curmudgeon Day in tribute to WC Fields, who was born in 1880, so some discussion may be about his movies. But surely no curmudgeons will be present at the several gatherings at the Terrace this month. One gathering for positive personalities may be on the 19<sup>th</sup>, which is Hat Day, a perfect day for a tea party, if arrangements go smoothly. Since the 12<sup>th</sup> is Hot Tea Day, plans may start shaping up that day for the follow-up related event on the next Friday.

There was another special day on the Hill, Bev Norton celebrated her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday with her husband, neighbors and family, having one of her favorite meals for the occasion. This is one example of why the Terrace residents and staff can view 2017 with some fond memories and view the new year as another opportunity for some memory-building.

# Chamber announces upcoming events

The deadline for community nominations for the chamber's annual Town and Country Community Awards is Friday, Jan. 12 and all nomination forms need to be received by the Heppner Chamber or Kuhn Law Offices by end of business that day. Nomination forms are also accepted via email to heppnerchamber@centurytel.net or by fax to 541-676-5656.

Dinner tickets for Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards Dinner event on Thursday, Feb. 8 will go on sale starting on Friday, Jan. 12. Tickets will be available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner Chamber, Heppner City Hall, Community Bank and Murray's. Ticket prices this year are \$25 each until the week of Feb. 5, at which time they will be \$30. Reserved tables will be available on a first come, first serve basis by purchasing round tables of eight or long tables of six. Contact the Heppner Chamber for more information or to reserve seating at 541-676-5536.

Heppner Chamber's annual luncheon to be held on Thursday, Jan. 18 from noon-1 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room. Cost for the lunch is \$10 and an RSVP no later than Jan. 16 is required. Heppner Market Fresh Foods will be catering the lunch and will be serving French dip, green salad and cheesecake for dessert. RSVP to the Chamber at 541-676-5536 or by email at heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

Thursday, Jan. 25 will be the Business Education and Training seminars, coordinated by Boardman Chamber of Commerce. The Boardman Chamber is coordinating a seminar presented by Paul Hutter,

which will include morning and afternoon sessions. Morning will be "Health Care Update; Marijuana in the Workplace; and Oregon Overtime Rules for Manufacturers. The afternoon session will include discussion on Motivating and Retaining your employee. Cost for 1/2 day for chamber members will be \$200, \$250 for a non-chamber member (Heppner Chamber members will pay the chamber rate). Cost for a full day is \$350 as a chamber member or \$400 for a non-chamber member. Small businesses with 10 employees or less is offered a \$50 discount. Bring multiple company employees for one price. Contact the Boardman Chamber at 541-481-3014 for more information or to register.

Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards dinner will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. This annual event, coordinated by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, recognizes nominated community members and a local business for their involvement in our community. The theme for the event will be "An Evening with the Stars" and the awards will recognize a Woman of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and a Youth Award. Dinner, catered by Alvin Liu of Gateway Cafe, will consist of prime rib, green salad, green beans, roll and dessert. So purchase your tickets early and plan on coming out and enjoying a great community event and celebrate with just a few of the great community members who make Heppner a great place to live.

# Ione FFA to host Greenhand Dessert

The Ione FFA chapter will be hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Greenhand Dessert on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at the Ione School Cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of this event is to recognize new members and listen to creed speakers. Dessert and coffee will be served and the public is invited to attend.

# Ski club sponsors outings

The Arbuckle Nordic Ski Club (ANC) sponsors weekly cross country ski outings on Saturdays in January, February and early March. The skiers meet at the Heppner City Park at 9 a.m. to pool rides to go to the best skiing snow in the Blue Mountains south of Heppner.

The group skis in various locations, including the OHV Park and areas off Highway 207, the Sunflower Flat area and Cutsforth Park. The outings are led by an ANC member whose responsibility is to check on access and snow conditions

prior to the outing. The skiers bring a lunch which is eaten alongside a warming fire after a couple of miles of skiing on easy terrain. The group returns to Heppner by midafternoon.

The club has some used equipment to lend if a person is interested in giving cross country skiing a try. For more information call Steve Brownfield at 676-9696, Bill Ewing at 676-9119 or Dan VanLiew at 676-5050. The group would like to remind everyone that if you can walk, you can quickly learn how to cross country ski.

# The Loop to hold quarterly meeting

The Loop Morrow County Transportation will hold its quarterly meeting on Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. at the Irrigon City Hall, 500 NE Main St. Items on the agenda will include the ADA Van grant, 5310 Discretionary Grant and the ridership and revenue expense report. The public is welcome to attend.

# Morrow County Historical Society to hold meeting

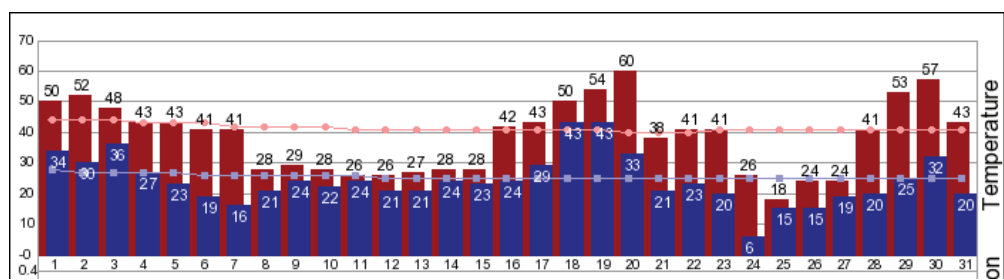
The quarterly meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28 at Two Old Hags Pizza, near the steps of the courthouse. Participants are asked to partake of the food

and beverages offered as a courtesy to the restaurant. Items on the agenda will include approval of minutes of the previous meeting and the health status of the current president.

# Heppner colder than normal in December

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged colder than normal during the month of December.

The average temperature was 31.4 degrees which was 2.1 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 38.5 degrees, which was 2.9 degrees below normal. The highest was 60 degrees on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Low temperatures averaged 24.3 degrees, which was 1.2 degrees below normal. The lowest was 6 degrees,



on the 24<sup>th</sup>. There were 25 days with a low temperature below 32 degrees. There were 12 days when the high temperature stayed below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.89 inches during December, which was 0.43 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation -at least .01 inch- was received on nine days with the heaviest, 0.21 inches reported on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Precipitation in 2017 totaled 13.31 inches, which is 0.69 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 3.76 inches, which is 0.30 inches below normal.

Snowfall totaled seven inches with at least one inch of snow reported on two days. The heaviest snowfall was five inches reported on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The greatest depth of snow on the ground was

five inches on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. The highest wind gust was 48 mph which occurred on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

The outlook for January from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal temperatures and near normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during January are 43.6 degrees and normal lows are 26.7 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 1.47 inches.

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