

# A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Note: A correction to last month's column, Phil Pacheco, employee of the Oregon Trail Library Heppner branch, leads the weekly book-club activity at the Terrace as one of the library's outreach programs.

The staff at Willow Creek Terrace accepted the Ice Bucket Challenge in September by adding a twist. In support of Team Heppner, who participated in the walk-for-a-cure for ALS, held in Portland on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, these brave staff members went under the bucket, but theirs was a bucket of bucks. Outpoured not ice-cold water but the dollars that they were donating to the cause. They contributed \$87 to the walking team's effort. This was viewed as a useful, but not freezing, effort.

Now, it is time to bring out the candles for the two birthdays that are getting October off to a celebratory start. Marjorie Gorham enjoys her birthday Oct. 3, with neighbors and family, just one day before candles will be called for as Willow Creek Terrace recognizes its origin sixteen years ago.

October will sign off with the Terrace's yearly observance of Halloween and all things related. In the next few weeks, Kim Hendrichs will be leading the residents who want to work with fall and Halloween crafts to add atmosphere

to their apartments and the common areas. By the time trick-or-treaters don their costumes, everyone at the Terrace will have decorated their entrance area, prepared their treats and donned their pumpkin patch shirts.

October will probably be the last month for beet harvest in the Terrace garden, with some beets on the menus and some pickled for later. If the sun shines warmly enough, the tremendous number of tomatoes on the vines will turn red and contribute to the dining pleasure of all. In the meantime, everyone continues to appreciate the garden-harvest bounty being shared with them by neighboring gardeners and friends. Residents and staff have enjoyed and will miss the strawberries, zucchini, peaches, zucchini, corn, zucchini, tomatoes and many more fresh treats, including zucchini.

Indoor daily and weekly activities will carry everyone through the month, and the Terrace now invites Facebook friends to join the fun by checking the Willow Creek Terrace page for the weekly brain game trivia questions they play with on Fridays. These questions cover the topics discussed each morning of that particular week.

October's discussions will focus on nationally celebrated days that include: Face Your Fears (9<sup>th</sup>),

Silly Sayings (12<sup>th</sup>), the Navy's 1775 establishment by the Continental Congress (13<sup>th</sup>), Pet Peeves (14<sup>th</sup>), the Dictionary (16<sup>th</sup>), the Cadillac first produced in 1902 (17<sup>th</sup>), the 1867 purchase of Alaska from Russia (18<sup>th</sup>), the Sweetest Day (20<sup>th</sup>), the Sourest Day (25<sup>th</sup>), Mothers-in-Law (28<sup>th</sup>) and Forgiveness (29<sup>th</sup>). The morning discussion group will discuss favorite colors on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and they will examine what those colors mean about their personalities, as well as have some fun taking the best colors for you test.

October 14 begins national Wolf Week, so this timely topic will be of interest each morning. And the 21<sup>st</sup> begins Spiritual Care Week, a daily opportunity to reflect on recognition of the local pastors who visit their parishioners on a regular basis.

Closing out October will be creepy things, as on Frankenstein Friday (26<sup>th</sup>), when menu items will look a bit strange and carry eerie names. And on Haunted Refrigerator Day (30<sup>th</sup>) the cleaning out of the fridge could produce some hauntingly good treats for the table.

So, happy birthday to Marjorie and to the Terrace and happy fall and Halloween to friends and neighbors, who the community on the hill view as important elements in their lives year-round.

# Chamber announcements and upcoming events

Starting, Friday, Oct. 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., First Friday Friends of Jesus at First Saints Parish Hall. A new season of First Friday Friends of Jesus begins with a morning filled with Bible stories, games, crafts and music and concludes after a free lunch is served. There is no cost to attend and all community kids, ages four to 12, are welcome. More information is available by calling the Hopeful Saints Ministry office at 541-676-9970. The church is located on the corner of Church and Gale.

Saturday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Annual Morrow County Harvest Festival at the SAGE Center in Boardman. Do you make a unique artisan product? Grow delicious produce? Are you located in or near Morrow County? If you think your products are what we're looking for, then we invite you to apply to become a vendor at the event. The vendor application can be completed online at: [www.tinyurl.com/SAGE-2018HarvestFestival](http://www.tinyurl.com/SAGE-2018HarvestFestival)

For more information, please contact the SAGE Center at 541-481-7243. Please note we are not accepting direct sales vendors at this event.

Saturday, Oct. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge, Heppner High School Booster Club's annual steak dinner and auction. Doors will open at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 and the live auction beginning at 7 p.m. Dinner will consist of steak, potatoes, salad, bread and homemade dessert for \$20 per person. A limited number of VIP Tables will be available and can be reserved by calling 541-561-0234. VIP tables include reserved seating, special table décor, two bottles of wine and wait service during the meal. For additional information or to make a donation, contact Brandi Sweeney at 541-246-0358. This event is open to the public.

Saturday, Oct. 20, 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest Auction and Dinner. This event is a benefit for The Woolery Project and will be held

in the big tent on the Port of Arlington peninsula. A prime rib dinner prepared by Paradise Rose Chuckwagon Catering will be served. There will be dinner music by One Hum and Wheeler County Ramblers, a huge silent and live auction (with 2 Henry Tribute Edition rifles). Dance music will be provided by Countryfied. Tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased at MCGG-Wasco, Thrifty Food Center-Arlington, Condon Chamber, Murrays Drug-Condon and Dinty's Market-Biggs Junction. More information is available on the Woolery Project Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/thewooleryprojectinc](http://www.facebook.com/thewooleryprojectinc) or via email to [info@thewooleryprojectinc.org](mailto:info@thewooleryprojectinc.org).

Saturday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Riverfront Center, Port of Morrow, Boardman, First Annual Morrow County FFA Dinner/Auction to benefit the Heppner/Irrigon/Ione, Riverside Chapters. There will be a live and silent auction along with a meal.

# Kindle and Grieb receive scholarship

The board of the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust recently announced the recipients of the Beth Slottee Memorial Scholarship. The 2018 recipients, Mekayla Kindle and Paige Grieb, will each receive \$750.

Mekayla Kindle is the daughter of Jim and Becky Kindle of Heppner. She is enrolled at Oregon State University in the double major program for edu-

cation and human development/family sciences with an option in child development. During her years at OSU, Mekayla has maintained high marks and has been a teacher assistant at the Corvallis Boys and Girls club. She has also gained experience working for the Our Little Village child care center and is currently student teaching in a third grade classroom in Corvallis.

Paige Grieb is the daughter of Ken and Carri Grieb of Lexington. She is entering her senior year at the University of Oregon, studying elementary education with a minor in Spanish and maintains high marks. Paige plans to pursue her master's degree and complete her English as a second language endorsement. She studied abroad in the summer of 2017, allowing herself to become immersed in the culture as well as the language.

Ms. Beth Slottee was a teacher at Heppner Jr Sr High School in 1996 and passed away during her time there. Her family created the memorial scholarship to help support college

students pursuing a music major/minor or education major/minor in their junior, senior or graduate years at an accredited college, with preference being given to a music major/minor. The students are selected on the basis of academic achievement, chosen field of study and financial need.

The board of directors include president Adam McCabe, vice-president Ginger Bowman, secretary Brandi Sweeney and treasurer Tricia Rollins along with Martha Munkers, Carri Grieb and Karen Holland. The Beth Slottee Scholarship was combined with the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust, Inc several years ago with the purpose to expand access to higher education for students of Heppner and Ione High Schools in Morrow County by promoting a scholarship program, developing an operational structure, raising funds for student aid distribution and distributing awards on a fair and non-discriminatory basis. Tax deductible donations can be sent to SMCS Inc, PO Box 102, Ione, OR 97843.

# Prepare for emergencies, disasters

October is National Community Planning Month and the Morrow County planning department's focus is on Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning and Housing, two current areas of focus. The goal is to inform the citizens of Morrow County on how to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and community should a disaster strike.

Natural disasters will vary depending on location. Not all areas have the same risk of natural disasters, which in turn will change how a person needs to prepare. Morrow County has eight hazards locally to focus on: drought, wildfire, flooding, windstorms, winter storms and to a lesser extent landslides, seismic and volcanic events.

Morrow County may not have as severe natural disasters as other places around the world but it still is good to be prepared for the disasters that could happen in this area. There are areas of Morrow County that are within a flood zone. In 1903 there was a major flood in Heppner, the worst flood in terms of loss of lives ever to occur in Oregon.

Morrow County and all five cities in the county have an adopted Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. This plan can help reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences. Morrow County has a steering committee that meets in the spring and the fall to discuss the priorities and general course of operations for the mitigation plan. You can read more about the Morrow County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan by going to the website at <https://www.co.morrow.or.us/planning/>

page/natural-hazards-mitigation-plan.

People should always be prepared for a natural disaster. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), there are 12 ways to prepare: sign up for alerts and warnings, make a plan, save money, practice emergency drills, test family communication plans, safeguard documents, plan with neighbors, make your home safer, know evacuation routes, assemble or update supplies, get involved in your community and document and insure property. Along with these tips it is also recommended to prepare an emergency kit in a vehicle with blankets, food and water. Another plan is to have a box in your house with candles, food, water and blankets in case of power outages.

Having a plan in place is an essential for being prepared. Often times when a natural disaster strikes communication networks, such as cellular phones and computers, would be

unreliable and there may be no electricity. Planning in advance will help ensure that all members of your household know how to reach each other and/or where to meet up in an emergency.

Due to the different disasters that could happen in the area, people should know what to expect. If you are evacuated due to wildfire, you need to know your evacuation plan and leave when asked by local officials. If there is a power outage you want to be prepared with alternate light and heat sources. In case of drought, have plenty of bottled water stored ahead of time.

The FEMA website (<https://www.fema.gov>) is a good resource for preparedness as well as information on natural disasters happening around the world. For more information on preparedness tips you can visit <https://www.ready.gov>. To sign up for Morrow County's Alert Sense go to: <http://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/?region-id=1395>.

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**Blue Mountain Community College Offers Retirement Planning and Investment Classes**

Are you thinking about retiring but don't know if you are financially prepared? Are you wanting to know more about the ways you can save for retirement and how to do it? The series of three classes are designed to help attendees gain the skills to estimate how much money they need to retire, learn about various ways to save for retirement, the basics of investing, and retirement income planning. The classes are offered beginning October 9 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM and will meet at the PettyJohn Building, 430 West Linden Way, in Heppner. The class series will be held on three consecutive Tuesdays as follows: Investment Basics- October 9, Retirement basics-October 16, and Retirement Income Planning (This class includes insight to help you determine when to begin taking Social Security) - October 23. The instructor is Rita Van Schoiack, a financial advisor who specializes in retirement planning and investing for retirement.

The classes are free and include a workbook. Advance registration is required. Please call Rita Van Schoiack at 541 676 5226 or by email at [rita@bluemountaininvest.com](mailto:rita@bluemountaininvest.com). You can also contact Anne Morter at (541) 422-7040 or e-mail her at [amorter@bluecc.edu](mailto:amorter@bluecc.edu). Students may also register online at [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu). Rita Van Schoiack is a financial advisor with Cetera Advisors LLC, member FINRA/SIPC. Cetera is under separate ownership from any other named entity.

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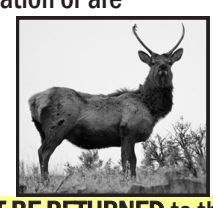
General 2nd Elk Season Tag Required

**Morrow County Public Works**

365 W. HWY 74, P.O. Box 428  
Lexington, Oregon 97839  
Phone: (541) 989-9500  
Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8:00am to 5:00pm

**Morrow/Grant County OHV Park Youth Spike Elk Hunt**  
Youth Ages 12 - 17  
\*Youth need to be between ages 12 - 17 at time of hunt or be participating in the ODFW Mentored Youth Hunter Program

Morrow or Grant County youth that have their hunters education or are participating in the ODFW Mentored Youth Hunter Program.



Application **MUST BE RETURNED** to the Morrow County Public Works office by **Wednesday, October 10, 2018, 5:00pm**