

Volunteers receive awards



Volunteers for the Morrow County Health District's Emergency Medical Services program were recently honored for their outstanding and dedicated service. Stephanie Rill was honored as EMT of the year and Herman Winter was awarded volunteer driver of the year. Pictured (L-R): Stephanie Rill, Rusty Estes and Herman Winter. -Contributed photo.

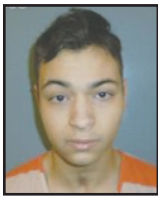
Wrestlers prepare for tournament



Wrestlers preparing for the JoHi tournament this weekend ran to the cross on New Year's Day. Pictured back row: Charles Cason, Leo Waite, Jace Coe, and Conor Brosnan. Front row: Suzy Cason, Roen Waite, Alaina Lemmon, Christian Dubry and Carson Brosnan. The BEO Invitational, wrestling's home tournament, will be held Feb. 2. -Contributed photo.

Suspect arraigned on online sexual corruption charge

Kai Christopher Larkins, 20, has been formally arraigned in the Sixth Circuit Court on the charge of first-degree online sexual corruption of a child. At the arraignment, his bail was also reduced from \$65,000 to \$50,000 by the judge due to him being charged for a single crime, rather than an additional two counts of attempt to commit a crime. Larkins, from Indiana, was arrested by Boardman



Kai Christopher Larkins

police officers at Portland International Airport on Dec. 19 after a police investigation revealed he was traveling to Oregon to meet a girl who was younger than 14. The victim's parents reported the online communications to the police.

According to Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson, the next question is whether or not

Larkins' family will bail him out. Ten percent of the bail, \$5,000, is needed for his release. The suspect has already signed a waiver that would allow him to be extradited back to Oregon if he fails to appear in court.

"It does not allow him to fight the extradition process," Nelson said of the waiver. "If he's picked up in Indiana, he will get brought back."

As of Sunday night, Larkins was still incarcerated at Umatilla County Jail.

Vandalism suspect arrested

Skyler Lee Kendrick of Heppner, a suspect involved in vandalism at the Fit Park in Heppner, was arrested Dec. 31 by Morrow County Sheriff's Office and has been lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.



Skyler Lee Kendrick

Following the investigation by the sheriff's office, Kendrick has been charged with Criminal Mischief I-Felony (vandalism), Contempt of Court and Fail

to Appear-Misdemeanor.

Morrow County Undersheriff John Bowles attributes the arrest to a good criminal investigation by law enforcement and the willingness of the public to provide information to solve a case.

A View From The Hill

By Doris Brosnan

"An unusually wonderful holiday season," Administrator Nairns reports from Willow Creek Terrace. Staff and residents, surrounded by festive decorations, enjoyed family guests and groups of carolers and they and friends enjoyed the recital by Alaina Lemmon's eighteen students. Music filled the Terrace as the talented young people played piano selections, sang some songs and played some favorites on bells. The thoughtful "Terrace Angels" and a kind "Santa" gave gifts to each of the residents, after they had all enjoyed Sue's reading of The Night Before Christmas (now declared a new Terrace tradition) and then settled down for their Christmas Eve sleep.

For Ron Peck and six of the lady residents, preparation for the season's activities included getting their hands and nails into good shape with manicures offered by staff. Ron knew the benefits of such grooming and was even game for everyone's suggestion that he let them paint one of his pinkies, just to see how long before someone noticed.

Such a refreshing view of the past month can brighten the view of the coming year and everyone agrees that beginning with birthday celebrations is a great start. Today, Jan. 3, will see neighbors, friends and family joining Mary Jean McCabe for her birthday lunch. On the 10th, Bev Norton will be the honored birthday girl at the lunch she has chosen for her celebration.

New Year's Eve featured some evening activities and games before the dropping of the Terrace's very own ball (on ED time). 2019 began on the first with the issuance of survival kits for the residents. Each kit

contains several reminders: a toothpick (pick out the good qualities in others); a rubber band (be flexible - things may not always be the way you want, but they will work out); a pencil (list your blessings every day); eraser (everyone makes mistakes and it's okay); chewing gum (stick with it and you can accomplish anything); mint (you are worth a mint); peppermint patty (keep your cool); snickers (keep your sense of humor); candy kiss (everyone needs a kiss or hug every day); tea bag (relax and go over that list of blessings).

Residents and staff would like newcomers to begin the new year with them as a great way to start 2019. Studio apartments are available and a tour of the Terrace is always available, as are brochures that explain many details of this facility that stresses service with attention to each resident's privacy and promotes independence to every individual's highest potential. The monthly rental rate and any fees for assistance services are comparable to similar facilities in other communities, but the Terrace has a contract with Medicaid, which can help make this a more financially feasible living option than one might first believe. Calling 541-676-0004 will provide answers to questions and schedule a tour. The willowcreekterrace.com web site contains helpful information. The welcome mat is out, and the entire community on the hill is eager to share news and views with visitors.

Quilters, quilters, listen up. You are invited to share your works of art with Terrace citizens and visitors in a display at the Terrace. Since Jan. 26 is designated "Quilt Shop Day," quilters are encouraged to bring quilts to the Terrace this coming Sunday, the 6th, to be displayed until the 27th. A variety of display techniques will be incorporated and quilt racks would be useful for some quilts. If this Sunday does not work for delivering a quilt or quilts, call 541-676-0004 to set up an alternate date with administrator Nairns or get answers to questions anyone might have about the event.

Some other January highlights will include the hosting of lunch of the Morrow County Health District's maintenance crew on Maintenance Day, the 16th as a thank-you for all they do. Hats will be de rigueur on the 18th, when everyone will have a hat to wear on Hat Day. Nurses Day is on the 25th, another day of thanks by any residents who require such assistance. And the 31st will end the month with Backwards Day, which could become a bit confusing, with clothes worn backwards, meals beginning with dessert and other activities beginning with their endings. Three coming movies will hold some special meaning for some residents: an Elvis movie on the 5th; a Winnie the Pooh-related movie on the 19th, in honor of AA Milne's creation; and the movie Groundhog Day on the calendar's on Groundhog's Day, Feb. 2.

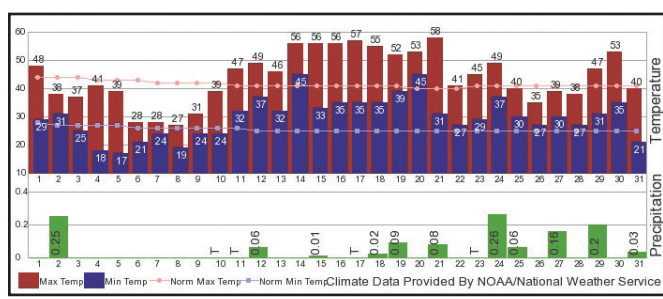
If the groundhog sees his shadow, we will be in for another six weeks of winter, according to groundhog's day aficionados. But residents and staff will be able to get out their survival kits and remind themselves that shadow or not, they will be flexible, like the rubber bands, for they view themselves fortunate to be at the Terrace with interesting events indoors and outside, come what may.

Heppner warmer than usual in December

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

The average temperature was 37.0 degrees which was 3.5 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 44.1 degrees, which was 2.7 degrees above normal. The highest was 58 degrees on the 21st. Low temperatures averaged 29.8 degrees, which was 4.3 degrees above normal. The lowest was 17 degrees, on the 5th.

There were 19 days with the low temperature below 32 degrees. There were four days when the high temperature stayed



below 32 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 1.22 inches during December, which was 0.10 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation, at least .01 inch, was received on 11 days with the heaviest, 0.26 inches reported on the 24th. Precipitation in 2018 totaled 10.87 inches, which is 3.13 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 4.01 inches, which is 0.05 inches

below normal.

Snowfall totaled 0.5 inches. The heaviest snowfall was 0.5 inches reported on the 2nd.

The outlook for January from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for above normal temperatures and below 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.

Cavan wins contest



Emillia Cavan is the winner of Oregon Trail Library District's Heppner branch Guess the Book contest. Cavan identified the mystery book as Captain Underpants to win the prize.

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With no potential renters, the county decided rather than tear the 100-year-old building down, or continue to pay for maintenance, it would donate the building to a newly formed Heppner Community Foundation. The foundation was set up to take ownership of the

building and also handle the renovation. In addition, the county has set aside \$235,000 to help with the upgrade. The Howard and Beth Bryant Community Trust plans on providing a large amount of money to complete renovation.

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