

The Loop to hold meetings

Morrow County Transportation The Loop will be holding its quarterly advisory committee meetings on January 21 at the Irrigon City Hall, located at 500 N.E. Main Avenue, Irrigon. The Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee will start at 3 p.m. On the agenda for that meeting will be public comment, approval of minutes, revenue/expense reports, ridership and other business as needed for the good of

the order. The Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee will meet directly following the Special Transportation Fund Advisory Committee. On the agenda for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund Advisory Committee will be public comment, approval of the minutes, revenue/expense reports, fixed route and other business as needed for the good of the order.

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Funeral Service

Sylvia Patnode – A memorial mass will be held Saturday, February 8 at 11 a.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church in Arlington for Sylvia Patnode. A luncheon and time of sharing will follow at the Arlington Grade School. A private family burial will be held at a later date at the Arlington Cemetery.

Patnode, a former Hermiston and Arlington resident, was born Sept. 9, 1933 in Yakima, WA and died at home in Ione at the age of 86.

Memories of Sylvia can be shared with her family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

Wolf depredation committee seeks member

Morrow County is seeking applicants for a vacancy on the Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee, an advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners. The committee consists of two members who represent wolf conservation, two members who represent livestock producers, two members who represent local business and one county commissioner. The current vacancy requires the person to own or manage livestock.

The purpose of the Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee is the administration of the Oregon Wolf Depredation Compensation and Financial Assistance Grant Program. The committee meets to discuss

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county there are also has a lot of abandoned and junk recreational vehicles and he would like to develop a future program to get rid of some of those too. “When RVs get older, they have no value,” Russell pointed out. “It costs a couple of thousand dollars to get rid of them, so people just let them stack up on their property.”

In discussion with acting county planner Stephanie Case Russell said he would like to see county ordinance very plain addressing abandoned RVs. “We need black and white to take to the landowners (that are in violation),” he said. “Something that says

ways to assist livestock producers with non-lethal deterrent methods and, when appropriate, the dollar amount to be distributed in the event of a proven wolf depredation. Term lengths are four years. The committee meets every other month, except May-August, in Heppner or on an as-needed basis.

For additional information or questions, contact Roberta Lucher, Executive Assistant, 541-676-5613 or rlucher@co.morrow.or.us.

Please submit letters of interest by Friday, January 31 to Ms. Lucher at the above email address or regular mail to Morrow County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 788, Heppner, OR 97836.

you have unlicensed RVs and these are the rules.” He said he wanted ambiguity taken out of the ordinances for the person responding to the complaints of landowners with abandoned RVs on their property. “This is an ongoing problem that won’t go away. People buy a piece of property and say ‘I can do whatever I want on it’.

I want to sop the problem before it gets too big,” Russell said of his goal. The county planning department along with a code enforcement officer from the sheriff’s office handles all abandoned vehicle complaints, and it was decided to set up a group to decide how to tackle the problem.

Meet and Greet scheduled

The Boardman Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors invites everyone to the meet and greet for the candidates for fire chief being held February 2, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Sage Center, 101 Olson Rd, NE in Boardman.

Additional information regarding the candidates will follow in a future issue of the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Death Notice

Billie M. Van Arsdale – Billie M. Van Arsdale, 76, of Arlington died Sunday, January 5 at her home. She was born September 13, 1943 at Houston, TX. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 25 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Arlington.

A complete obituary will follow in next week’s Gazette-Times. Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in care of arrangements.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

This month, the beginning of the last year in this decade, began with a meal the Terrace community views as splendiferous. The menu featured crab patties made with the crab again provided by Colin and Erin Anderson. Such a tasty treat.

Special for the Annual Staff Holiday Dinner on the 10th was the catered meal prepared by Alvin Liu. Prime rib done just right.

Carolyn Hall enjoyed the Christmas and New Year’s feasts but has since relocated to the St. Patrick Senior Apartments. Her apartment and two others are now standing ready for the welcoming of new residents.

A few more special menus will greet everyone at lunches when birthday celebrants share some favorite foods in the coming weeks: Mary Jean McCabe on the 20th and Ernie McCabe on February 3, Anna Schwarzin on February 5 and Bernice Lott on February 25.

And the Terrace will host the maintenance staff at lunch today. This is National Maintenance Day, so the meal is meant to show the facility’s appreciation of all that these specialty workers do.

With the days growing longer but colder, inside activities are especially useful. The 10:30 morning exercise-and-discussion time is a great body-and-mind fitness hour. And the other regularly scheduled activities are good stimuli when wanting to stay warm, but engaged: bingo, book club, crossword puzzle, Uno

card game. National Book Week begins on the 19th and residents and staff will be encouraged to talk about some favorite books and offer to share their books.

Some haberdashery and millinery examples could show up this Friday, the 17th, when staff and residents will be invited to wear hats to celebrate National Hat Day. National Hugging Day is to be acknowledged on the 21st, so everyone might, maybe, could offer a few more hugs through the day. Following on the 23rd will be Clothes-Clashing Day, when at least some brave souls will try to be outstanding in their outlandish choices of conflicting colors and/or patterns. And some will probably enjoy changing some clothes around on the 31st, to get in on Backwards Day.

Two prominent literary figures have back-to-back special days this month: Popeye’s 1929 birthday date this Friday is followed on Saturday by Winnie the Pooh’s 1926 date of creation. Topic of discussion on Monday, the 20th, will be Martin Luther King, Jr. on his nationally recognized day.

Already halfway through the January calendar, the community on the hill watch the winter weather that has showed up, check their calendars for activities, and wonder what will be on the February calendar besides the Super Bowl and their special, candlelight dinner on Valentine’s Day. And they can view all this in the warm comfort of Willow Creek Terrace.

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Heavy haul trucks and equipment will be impacting Morrow county roads Northeast of Lexington. Minimal activity is expected to begin 01-15-2020 and increase over the following months. Peak activity, including turbine delivery is expected beginning in March.

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