

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

"Staying in and staying safe" does equate with boredom for Willow Creek Terrace residents. Thanks to the ability of the staff to adapt to changes the coronavirus has demanded, and to their creativity, only minor modifications have become necessary in life on the hill. The weekly volunteers who keep activities interesting are greatly missed by the residents, but the staff have watched and learned and have continued those activities (or close facsimiles). And "Tricky Tuesday" has an added activity selected by staff.

This week is National Walk Week, so everyone is encouraged to add walking to their daily routine, if they weren't already cruising the halls or the sidewalk as part of their exercise regimen.

Yesterday, since the Kentucky Derby is usually run on the first Saturday in May, the residents held their "horse race," with accompanying enthusiasm. This large board game is played with dice and much luck. The décor around the horseshoe event featured Cinco de Mayo, as did the luncheon menu.

The PGA Championship will begin on the 14th, sans spectators, and the residents will use that as their cue to sign in for their putting competition on the 15th. This tradition at the Terrace has been long but nowhere close to the 102nd year for the PGA.

When weather permits, the staff and volunteer residents will be adding their sprouted flowering plants and the small plants from the FFA, Green Feed and Market Fresh to the flower beds. With good weather, they can count on something to do on National Water-a-Plant Day on the 30th.

If weather cooperates on the 25th, everyone will be invited to participate in outdoor games. The neighboring area will be decorated with a myriad of colors, as that is Memorial Day, so residents will be discussing friends and family, especially "brothers," at the

morning discussion session. Other discussions through the month will focus on Coca Cola, introduced in 1886, on the 8th; nylon stockings (remember those?) on their 80th anniversary on the 15th; Mount St. Helens' eruption of 1980 on the 18th; blue jeans, introduced in 1873, on the 20th (remember when they were strictly working or casual clothing?); "Lucky Pennies" on the 23rd (does anyone stop to pick up a discarded penny today?).

Mother's Day falls on the 10th this year, and in preparation for that, some staff will volunteer hours on the 9th to try their hands at styling hairdos for residents who are certainly looking forward to the return of the stylists who usually come to the salon. High Tea will be a feature on the 28th, so stylish coiffures might again be called for.

A big shout-out of appreciation is being sounded for Dr. Hambleton and for Danielle Mateleska, both of whom are providing house calls when needed. Other medical appointments are being handled via telecommunications; another adaptation accomplished by providers.

Also, church services are available to interested residents and on Sundays, family chats can be arranged via the Zoom program.

Family members and friends who wish to window-visit with residents, are encouraged to do so, and the Terrace offers folding chairs, available near the front door, for the comfort of the visitors who want to use them.

The Frenches might receive more visits than usual later this month when they celebrate their birthdays. Raymond's will be on the 18th and Norma's on the 29th. So, "happy birthday" will ring out twice this month, and the community on the hill will enjoy discussing and discussing again the values of birthdays as they view the special birthday lunches the guests of honor have chosen.

Chamber Chatter

Area residents are reminded to complete their 2020 Census information. This information is kept confidential but makes a difference in the funding that Morrow County receives to help the county, communities and individuals. You can do it online at www.2020census.gov and it only takes about five minutes.

Appointments are available for the HHS Ag Plant Sale at the greenhouse. Due to Covid-19, many things have changed, including how the plant sale is done and what it looks like. People are allowed to make appointments for a 15-minute window at

the greenhouse. Those interested can email Mrs. Dickenson at dickene@morrow.k12.or.us if they would like a time on Thursday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Due to restrictions, only one person is allowed in the greenhouse at a time, but curbside pickup is available. The group asks that purchasers have a check or exact change, since they are not able to provide change. There are not as many plants this year but beautiful flowers, baskets and vegetables are available.

Until further notice the Morrow County Transfer Stations will be open for free dumping on Saturdays

Representative Greg Smith receives endorsement from the NFIB

The National Federation of Independent Business has officially endorsed Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) for State Representative of District 57. The NFIB is the nation's leading small business advocacy organization. In Oregon, thousands of NFIB member-businesses employ more than 60,000 Oregonians. Small businesses represent an overwhelming majority of the total busi-

nesses in Oregon and employ over half of the state's private sector workforce.

Representative Smith has earned this endorsement by demonstrating his effort to fight for small businesses in the capitol. These efforts include votes on small business issues that show he really understands the importance of small business to our state's economy.

Preserving the ranching heritage one scholarship at a time

Pendleton Cattle Barons Weekend scholarship program was thrown in to question amidst the COVID-19 dilemma and cancelation of this year's May event. However, the ranching heritage and western lifestyle of family support stepped forward to save the day. Seven scholarships are being awarded for this year.

These scholarships are made possible with the help of Cattle Barons partner for this year the American National CattleWomen whose members made specific donations, even with the combined events of their Region V conference and Cattle Barons cancelled, to support the young adults receiving scholarships.

Arm in arm with the Cattlewomen were sponsors that stepped forward in an amazing way to also support the scholarship effort. "We cannot thank everyone involved enough," stated Andy VanderPlaat, President of Cattle Barons "It just goes to show you that those in the ranching world are one of kind in

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (or until full) and closed on Sunday. Take advantage of this great opportunity to clean up around your house, yard and dispose of it free. For additional information, please contact Morrow County Public Works, Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 541-989-9500.

The Heppner Fire Department is offering drive by birthdays. With the inability to have the normal birthday celebrations for children, the local fire department is offering fire truck drive-by birthday wishes for local kids. Contact Eric Chick at 541-701-4910 for more information or to schedule this special "gift" from the fire department.

Ione Community Church offers online worship

Ione Community Church is now providing online resources for those looking for worship and study during the Covid-19 pandemic. On Saturday, March 14, the church's council met via Zoom (an online method for groups to meet virtually with audio and video access) to make decisions about how the congregation would respond to this crisis. It was decided at that time to close the doors for two weeks and to provide worship and programs for the congregation and wider community via the internet. The very next day, Sunday, March 15, Pastor Jeff Clabaugh provided the Sunday morning adult study, "The Wired Word," via Zoom and his sermon on the church's Facebook page.

Since that time the council has met an additional two times via Zoom, continuing to tend to the business of the church and to search for ways to serve the people of the Ione Community. At the second meeting it was agreed that the building should remain closed until further notice. Members of the council called everyone on the mailing list in the first two weeks to check on them, to let them know of decisions made and of the online worship availability.

The Trustees, the

Christian Education Board, the Mission and Outreach Group, the Diaconate and the Hospitality Group have all met via Zoom. The trustees have had the church deep cleaned so it will be ready for use when that time comes.

The Christian Education Board has remained in contact with the children and delivered an Easter gift and other resources to their homes. Pastor Jeff Clabaugh continues to provide morning worship on the church's Facebook page with music being provided by Yvonne Morter and Anna Ross. Readings have been given by Emma Rietmann. This week a virtual (Zoom) "coffee hour" was held on Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. led by Gus Peterson as an opportunity to just visit and share life's ups and downs with one another.

Pastor Jeff Clabaugh is available by phone or text at 971-517-0548 for counseling, support and encouragement. Feel free to call him with any needs you may have. He may also be reached at the church phone, 541-422-7530.

The Ione Community Church would like to remind everyone that there is nowhere that God is not with you. You can depend on Him in these strange times.

CONDEMNATION

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proceeding will not make formal presentations and the commissioners will not take questions. Members of the UEC and the commission staff will be available to answer questions from the public during the public comment hearing. Comments made during the public comment hearing will be recorded and transcribed. The transcript will become part of the public comment record in the proceeding."

The PUC website says that anyone not able to

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making plans for next year. "We are very thankful," said VanderPlaat, "that we can still support these great young adults in their efforts and we are looking forward to next year to do it again with renewed excitement of an actual event."

More information about the Pendleton Cattle Baron's Weekend can be found at <https://www.cattlebarons.net/>.

attend the public comment hearing may mail written comments to the commission at: Attn.: PCN 4, Administrative Hearings Division, Public Utility Commission of Oregon, PO Box 1088, Salem, OR 97308-1088; via e-mail to puc.publiccomments@state.or.us; or by telephone to: Consumer Services Division 503-378-6600 or 1-800-522-2404.

The UEC is petitioning the PUC for the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity because in Oregon developers need the certificate to construct an overhead transmission line which will require the condemnation of land or an interest in the condemnation of land.

The certificate lays out a detailed description of the project and the purpose of the proposed transmission line, the estimated cost, the route to be followed, the availability of alternate routes, a description of other transmission lines connecting the same areas, and other information. This information is available for the public to view on the PUC website.




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