

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

The residents of Willow Creek Terrace view this public expression important: They really appreciate their wonderful gifts from the local "Santa" and the "Willow Creek Terrace Angels," and they also thank their families for helping greatly with the "Twelve Days of Christmas" activities last month.

Another activity that added some daily fun from December 4 through the 31st was the "Search for Santa." Each day, Santa could be found somewhere in the Terrace, and the participants in the search could feel the friendly competitive atmosphere building each day when a resident would find Santa and get the find registered. Going into the last days of the activity, two residents were tied, but one resident did edge ahead and was the winner of a special gift.

Also last month, some residents journeyed down to Main Street to watch the holiday light parade and then enjoyed a tour of the outdoor decorations on Heppner homes. Some residents also participated in the New Year's Eve games at the Terrace and then watched the ball-drop on TV. Interaction with neighbors and optimism for the future created a festive atmosphere. January 1, 2021 was greeted by all with some foods symbolic of characteristics hoped for in the new year and with the wonderful crab provided for the celebration again by Colin and Erin Anderson. Another shout-out of appreciation went up for the Andersons.

This last Monday was designated by someone as "National Thank God It's Monday" day. For residents who wanted, it was also

the day they were thankful for the Covid-19 vaccine, as they took turns being inoculated.

Yesterday was "Bird Day," so discussion of birds and observations of feathered friends at the Terrace feeders are especially timely. Today, discussion focused partly on the Wheel of Fortune, which has been on TV since 1975. (Have Pat Sajak and Vanna White aged?) Elvis Presley and his "outlandish display" on TV will surely be remembered this Friday, when his birthday is remembered (1935). Next week will be "National Pizza Week," so a variety of pizzas will be featured, and Heppner's firemen will be honored, as their day of recognition falls on Sunday, the 10th. On the 20th, "National Maintenance Day," the Terrace's maintenance staff will receive special recognition. Next Friday's "National Hat Day" will be an opportunity for interested residents and staff to don some interesting chapeaus, some of which will have been decorated during the week to make some stunning appearances at the dinner tables.

The last week of January may be filled with more compliments than usual as everyone is invited to carry "National Compliment Day" on the 24th through the entire week. Surely a positive feature that will give a positive boost to the beginning of what everyone hopes will be a positive year. Individuals who are interested in becoming a part of this positive environment as residents or as staff members are encouraged to call 541-676-0004 for information. Of course, residents and staff view positive as much more useful, enjoyable, and encouraging than negative.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10. Email to editor@rapidsolve.net or upload to Heppner.net.

American dream under assault

To the editor:
This column is written in honor of late Linda Lui, a local champion of faith in God and commitment to serve Jesus Christ faithfully and honorably in our local community and around the world.

The American dream: liberty, freedom and one nation under God is under assault as never before in the history of the Republic. America has endured multiple endangering ordeals in its heritage, most notably the Civil War, the Second World War and now the worldwide COVID police state. Never in America's storied history has the fate of the Republic faced such a divided and imperiled future. What has happened to America to produce such division, confusion, rioting, chaos and enmity amidst the citizens?

This column will examine the cherished enshrined hero of the first great American challenge, the War of Independence. General George Washington became the first President of the United States, and until now none doubted he was the Father of the Republic. What the current press, media and academia is presenting about George Washington and how his heritage is being critically undermined in America today reveals why America is in peril today. Statues of George Washington that represent the veneration of a grateful nation are being torn down and desecrated across the burning cities of America. Schools for centuries have instilled in students the cherished values of Washington; love and honor for God and country, defending liberty and freedom, honoring and teaching prayer, the Bible and the Ten Commandments. These same institutions of higher education, all started with a love for God, the Bible and our Republic, are now

erasing and desecrating Washington's name, pictures and heritage. According to the leftist/socialist elitist rulers of Facebook, news media and our present school system George Washington's heritage was won on the backs of human trafficking because Washington owned slaves. According to these expert fact checkers, Washington was not even a good general because he lost more battles than he won. Accordingly, everything Washington did must be re-evaluated by a progressive standard that fits the anti-American pro globalist game plan. We are witnessing the results of this game plan in America in the present fraudulent presidential election.

Who was George Washington, what were his standards, and why does it matter? We have virtually four generations of American students educated in this progressive system that want to trash our Christian heritage and instill a new globalist government of socialism/communism. Our courts, congress and government agencies are about to carry out this new world order and end our Republic as founded by George Washington and like-minded Christian patriots. These traitors, parading as Americans, do not have a shred of the virtue, integrity or courage of the man they claim was a slave human trafficker.

George Washington was much beloved by his black workers (slaves). They were well taken care of, well fed, well-educated especially in the precepts of the Bible. Unfortunately, the slaves on Washington's plantation were partially owned by another estate. Washington had no legal authority to release them because of intermarriage. To free only half would tear families apart. There was

no institution at that time to incorporate slaves into society, therefore Washington laid out a plan to free his slaves at great personal expense. Washington set up a program to care for the slave families at his expense as they were being incorporated into society. Washington died before the program was carried out, however his estate paid wages, benefits and pensions to former slave families and their progeny until as late as 1833, over thirty years after he died. The truth is George Washington was not just rightly honored as the Father of America he was a man of impeccable moral character and courage. He was not just a great American, he was one of the greatest men that ever lived in any epoch of history. The fact that his heritage has been rewritten to fit the anti-God global socialist/communist agenda of an illegitimate corrupt politician that has fraudulently stolen an American presidential election will cause severe ramifications that will spell tyranny and oppression for all the citizens of the world.

What standards, virtues, morals and character values of George Washington have been stolen from American and world students and citizens that are desperately needed to restore liberty, justice and freedom in America and the world today?

1) George Washington drew his purpose, his courage, his commitment, his honor from God, the same God of the Bible that our forefathers dedicated their lives to. In his private prayer book called Daily Sacrifices he wrote, "Let me live according to those holy rules which Thou hast this day prescribed in thy holy word...Direct me in the true object, Jesus Christ the way, the truth, and the life. Bless

oh Lord all the people of this land." (Benjamin Hart, Faith and Freedom, p. 278).

2) George Washington's courage in armed conflict was legendary long before the War of Independence. During the French and Indian War at the Battle of Fort Duquesne the chief and ruler over all the Indian tribes trained all their rifles and sought to kill Washington as he alone led the charge. "Quick let your aim be certain, and he dies. Our rifles were leveled, rifles but for him knew not how to miss...Twas all in vain, a power far mightier than him shielded him from harm. He cannot die in battle... The Great Spirit protects this man and guides his destinies. He will become the chief of nations, and a people yet unborn will hail him the founder of a mighty nation." (Hart, op. cit. p. 235). George Washington was chosen by God to deliver America from the greatest military power on earth. The sun never set on the mighty British empire. Their armies ruled the world, and their navies ruled the seas, but they were no match for one fearless Christian man that loved America, that loved liberty, that loved God.

All the pages of this newspaper could not do justice to the impeccable integrity and moral courage of George Washington. It is a disgrace upon our nation and the silence of the church of the present hour that Americans have been lied to and deceived regarding George Washington and our Christian heritage and our moral purpose and responsibility to serve God as a nation. Stand my fellow American patriots. Put your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as did our nation's father, George Washington. The battle belongs to God.

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Morrow County summer internships now open for applications

The Port of Morrow, in partnership with regional industries, is announcing over 50 summer internships available for the summer 2021 season. Prospective interns can choose from a diverse set of opportunities that include farming, food processing, education, business, information technology, workforce development, and more.

Columbia Works was established to link regional employers with high school and college students who are looking to gain experience in their prospective career field.

Columbia Works is part of the Oregon Works network that has seen success in different regions across the state. Initially designed by the McMinnville Economic Development Partnership, the model has been adapted to fit Morrow

County business needs.

"We are excited to see continued growth of our summer internship program," says Kalie Davis, workforce training manager at the Port of Morrow. "We are fortunate to have so many businesses that see the value in providing internship opportunities."

Columbia Works is promoting internship opportunities from thirteen employers this year. The positions are listed online at www.columbiaworks.org. The application period is open through April 1, 2021.

"Columbia Works provides a great avenue to introduce young professionals to Morrow County," Davis shares. "We have many diverse careers available and this program helps highlight those opportunities."

Obituaries

Frances Ann Slocum Dion

Frances Dion, 81, of Heppner died peacefully in her sleep Thursday, December 3, 2020. She was born May 13, 1939 in Heppner, OR the third child of Lawrence and Frieda Slocum.

Frances graduated from Heppner High School in 1957 where she was involved in marching band, volleyball, student body and cheerleading. She was also a member of the Rainbow for Girls club.

She moved to the Portland area in 1963 and was a loving mother, raising her three children there. She worked for Dow Chemical, retiring in 2005.

Frances returned to Heppner in 2007 where she enjoyed gardening, Wednesday lunches at the senior center, daily walks with friends and visits with

her sister, Carolyn Cutsforth of Rhea Creek.

Frances is survived by her son, Will Applegate; daughter, Tena Applegate-Chavez; son in law, Mo Chavez; granddaughters, Steffani Chavez and Emily Chavez; brother, Peter Slocum; sisters, Carolyn Cutsforth, Mary Neher and Nancy Nelsen and best friends and loving companions, Chloe, Bubba and Gracie.

Her family noted, "We would like to express our gratitude to Karen of Temple Veterinary for her help in rehoming our mother's loving pets."

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in care of arrangements. You May sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

- Corey R. Smith, 37, Stanfield, was convicted of failure to yield to emergency vehicle, fine \$133.
- Mark R. Peterson, 29, Eugene, OR, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$265.
- Eric T. Ramirez, 32, Austin, TX, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine \$165.

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A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone or broadband service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

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