

# MCSO welcomes new dispatcher



On April 25, Morrow County Sheriff's Office welcomed a new dispatcher. Pictured are Morrow County Sheriff John Bowles (left) and new Communications Deputy Jody Sullivan. -Contributed photo

# Ione students perform Alice @Wonderland



The drama students at Ione Community School performed "Alice@Wonderland" by Jonathan Yukich March 22. The play was a retelling of Lewis Carroll's classic tale in which a modern-day Alice finds herself in the Wonderland of old. Pictured are cast and crew (L-R) Adrian Mendoza, Julian Rodriguez, Gage Heide-man, Phegley Padberg, Kyle McGill, Zamira Dotson, Caydance Kreitzer, Noelia Ramirez, Miley Strzelewicz, Ari'el Gray, Hunter Scoggin, Gift Cross, Marcus Radcliffe, Mika Limberg, Cici Stefani, Blake Vandever, Leo Cabrera and William McElligott. The play was directed by Chelsea Geer. -Photo by Khira Kreitzer

# Wolf advisory committee to meet

The Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Bartholomew Building upper conference room in Heppner. Items on the agenda include a grant agreement and agency updates. Contact committee chair Dean Robinson with

questions at 541-980-2350. This meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Roberta Lutchter at 541-676-5613.

# A View from the Hill FFA banquet May 11

By Doris Brosnan

Yesterday brought back the sunshine and brought a sunny reason to celebrate to Willow Creek Terrace. Randall Peterson turned 94 years old. For his birthday lunch Randall chose spaghetti and meatballs to share with neighbors and friends. Birthdays are always viewed with enthusiasm, so residents and staff will be looking forward to May 17, when Virginia Peck celebrates her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The change in the weather has also allowed Alex Camarillo to work his magic in the flower beds around the Terrace, contributing to the inviting look that Derek Swanson is working on as the new landscape employee. He was very appreciative last weekend when "Jimmer" and Steve Lankford came to help him with the initial spring clean-up of the yard. And Jerry Green impressed everyone with the plant starts he had nurtured in the windows of his apartment all winter and this spring. He contributed 17 geraniums to the outdoor projects!

Last Friday featured a new event in the Terrace kitchen: "Cooking with Flossie" was a great hit, as she instructed and led her assistant in the successful and tasty production of "peanut butter popcorn." This Friday, the event will return when residents and staff gather round to witness "Cooking with Dorothy" and then sample Dorothy Green's no-bake cookies.

Daily and weekly routine activities will continue through the month, even though the Terrace is presently short-staffed while five new trainees are working toward bolstering those numbers and contributing to the care of residents on the Hill.

Residents always enjoy visiting with volunteers, so interested readers are encouraged to call 541-676-0004 or drop by to discuss their volunteering ideas. When Mustang Mop-Up brings HHS students to the Hill on the 18<sup>th</sup>, the residents will be eager to watch them accomplish some tasks and to share some refreshments with them.

Mother's Day will be a special day at Willow Creek Terrace, of course, as will Memorial Day, both including some meaningful morning discussions and some visitors. In the meantime, life in the community will move along routinely, with welcome interludes that make some days especially special, which most residents view as absolutely just fine.

# Heppner teen arrested on sex-related charges

Saul Lopez, 18, of Heppner was arrested last week on charges that include felony sexual abuse and rape.

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Lopez on April 24. He is currently lodged at Umatilla County Jail on two counts of use child in sex conduct, six counts of online sexual cor-

ruption of a child II and six counts of encourage child sex abuse II, all felonies.

Misdemeanor charges include five counts of sexual abuse III and one count of rape III. Total bail is set at \$550,000.

No further information was available at the time of publication.

# Plant sale starts Thursday

The Heppner FFA Chapter is planning its annual banquet for Thursday, May 11, at 6 p.m.

"It's a time to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of the members of our chapter," said FFA Advisor Beth Dickinson.

There is no cost to attend the banquet, which includes a pasta bar dinner. However, the FFA students have made several items that will be up for bid in a silent auction.

Awards and officer in-

stallation will follow the dinner.

Just in time for Mother's Day, the annual plant sale also begins this Thursday. Hours will be Thursday 4-6 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 7-9 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. There will be some additional hours next week after school while supplies last.

The greenhouse and plant sale is a project of the FFA chapter/plant science class.

# Local students make EOU dean's list

Linsey Mitchell of Heppner is among six Morrow County residents to be named to the Eastern Oregon University dean's list for the 2023 winter term. Also making the dean's list are Ashley Aguilera of Ir-rigon and Gustavo Amaya, Alyssa Luna, Jose Puer-

ta and Johana Sepulveda Vieyra, all of Boardman.

Qualifying students achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

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