

A VIEW FROM THE HILL

By Doris Brosnan

The Residents at Willow Creek Terrace always view a moving-in day of a new neighbor with pleasant anticipation, so the Welcome Mat was out for Ray Papineau on October 13. A long-time resident of Lexington, Ray is familiar to many of his new neighbors.

Ray's move was too late for pampering on the October 6 Spa Day, when most residents' fingers and toes benefitted from the attention. And he missed the fine entertainment on October 8, when Jill Rugg and her husband, Jerry, played their music and led a brief religious service for the interested residents. But he didn't miss out on the two fine piano recitals on the 15th and 22nd, presented by the students of Kathy Turner. The Rebekahs organization from Lexington joined the Community on the Hill for dinner on the 19th, bringing a variety of salads to complement the menu, as also they did last year. Everyone enjoyed the Halloween Party on the 26th when residents and staff were encouraged to wear costumes for the sharing of treats and punch that had "worms" in it... And on Halloween, residents and staff welcomed a pretty constant stream of visitors from 4 to 7 PM, when the ghosts, goblins, princesses, and heroes came to "trick or treat." A real treat for everyone at the Terrace earlier in the month was Bev Sherman's famous cutout cookies, the making of which she supervised, and then the Community's frosting of them before they could bite into one!

"Heather" is the new kitchen coordinator, and she is receiving great reviews from the residents, who say she creates "great food"

that is "amazing." Helping her in the kitchen, for now, is "Sharon," recently hired as an RCA (Resident Care Associate) but willing to help out until the recent opening for a cook is filled. (Individuals interested in the position are encouraged to arrange for an interview by calling 541-676-0004.)

Lunch on Veterans Day included a dedication to the two veterans at the Terrace, including Alex Camarillo, and moments to reflect on the military members who have passed on. Five residents have been taking the Loop to the St. Patrick Senior Center on Tuesdays for the lunch served by the Seniors Matter group: Ray Papineau, Floss Watkins, Alex Camarillo, Rita Bowman, and David Azevedo have been enjoying the great food and conversations. But none of the residents will want to miss the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at the Terrace, always an outstanding menu.

Carl Lauretsen retired last month from his maintenance work at the Terrace, so the hospital maintenance crew has taken over that responsibility. Mike Mahoney joined them recently when they blew out the irrigation system in preparation for the winter weather. That change and the new faces at the Terrace have been easy changes to adapt to. The other recent change has proved a bit more challenging: resetting the clocks to Pacific Time! But everyone seems to be adjusting now, so by the time Floss Watkins celebrates her 92nd birthday on November 30 with her friends and neighbors, everyone will surely be on time for her birthday lunch. Everyone at the Terrace views that celebration as something to look forward to.

Good News Only by Doris Brosnan

Jannie Allen reports that the first get-together of the BTTB-NATL (Better Than Therapy Book Night at the Library) was held on Thursday, November 9, at the Ione Library. There were fourteen enthusiasts present for an evening of book-related fun. A book-title quiz was held to earn funds for the library, and then Agatha Christie Bingo was played before the talk turned to books. The evening ended with hot apple cider and pumpkin bars. The next meeting will be in December, at which Christmas crafts – relating to books, of course – will be created. The date is to be announced.

Last Friday, Diana Ball joined this "Grammy" for a three-day trip to Salem to watch granddaughter Amy in the West Salem musical production of Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. Amy's role as mother of Percy Jackson was her first solo performance, one that this unbiased opinion reports was "Great!" The travelers had time for a bit of shopping while in Salem, and they joined other HHS fans in Stayton on Saturday for the football game with Regis. Grandson Conor enjoyed joining them from Corvallis and visiting with some familiar faces on the sidelines.

As the football seasons come to an end, athletes and spectators can now turn efforts and attention to the basketball and wrestling seasons. Practices have begun, of course, and the middle school BB games have already begun; HHS and IHS BB seasons begin as November steps aside for December; and wrestling begins on December 1. Ione will hold a BB tournament the first weekend in December as a fundraiser for the booster club. (Watch the GT for all sports' schedules.) Good luck, All!

Last Sunday in Ione, a "great turnout" attended the American Legion Auxiliary-sponsored Bingo (giving away many hams and turkeys as prizes) and Auction Event as a fundraiser for their legion hall maintenance fund.

On November 30, the Heritage Park holiday display will be lit up during an evening of activities. Thanks to the diligent, meticulous work of the Heppner maintenance crew, the lights will again create an impressive display that will add an extra cheerful touch to our community's holiday season, along with the Main Street lamppost decorations. The streets of Ione will also take on a bright, cheerful look for the holidays, thanks to city maintenance.

Such an impressive "State Championships" sign now greets everyone driving into Heppner from one direction, with two more entry signs in the works!

Please, take a few minutes to add your positive tidbits to next week's column: dbrosnan123@gmail.com or 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this!

Ione has successful Groundbreaking event

Ione introduces a new Middle School and High School



Mrs. Orem's kindergarten students did the first shovel-dirt turn for our groundbreaking ceremony. (L-R) Rune Armstrong, Waylynn Gentry, Elidee Revoir, AJ McCabe, Molly Quesada, Iris Armstrong

The Ione school district broke ground on Thursday, Nov. 9. For their new Middle School and High School. Members of the community and Ione school district students took in the momentous ceremony. "A huge thank you to our school board, bond committee members, project managers, Kirby Nagelhout Construction, and our Ione Community. This is all

possible with the support and votes from the Ione community!" said Tracey Johnson Superintendent/Principal k-6 Ione School District.

Browning wins Grand National Champion Dressage



(L-R) Dallas McLarney Bolen, Sibbea Browning on horse Sutton Terra Cotta, and Liz Goldman pose with their prize ribbons. - Contributed Photo

Sibbea Browning, a graduate of Heppner, achieved remarkable success at the prestigious Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show. She secured the title of Grand National Champion in Dressage Training level with horse Sutton Terra Cotta. Additionally,

she triumphed in Western Dressage with horse Brodie during the event held in Oklahoma in October. The show is renowned for bringing together the finest Morgan horses from around the globe, making it a highly esteemed competition in the equestrian world.

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