

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Summertime activities will soon contribute to life at Willow Creek Terrace, assuming that the weather becomes consistently warmer. Maybe that will happen on the "Summer Colors" day marking the first day of summer. Everyone seems to view that as a long time to wait!

June has begun at a pretty quick pace, though, which has included the additions of new resident-care-associate trainees Bria Brownie and Hadley Nation. Bria is a college student, so she will be a part-time employee. Hadley is a recent HHS graduate who will be working full-time.

The welcome mat is out for two more possible residents, but everyone regretted having to say "goodbye" to Flossie Watkins recently. Flossie is now at Pioneer Memorial Long-Term Care. Anyone interested in information on the available apartment should visit the Terrace or call 541-676-0004.

Several familiar faces come and go at the Terrace, and their presence always contributes to the positive atmosphere: Stephanie Derwitch is an RN at Home Health who comes monthly to care for the nails of residents. On the second Sunday of each month, Jerry Conklin, the Hospice Chaplain, comes to lead a Sunday service. FFA students from HHS and the visiting Mormon Missionaries frequently show up to pull weeds, and Steve Lankford is caring for the yard until that position is filled. (He and his son Tony recently provided the necessary parts and fixed the Terrace's broken riding lawn mower.) Stacy Osmin has been a frequent visitor with her mom, Ginger O'Brien, and her attendance has been especially helpful to the staff recently as she has provided extra help for her mom while she heals from a fall. Last Sunday, a student of Kathy Turner played piano for the residents as they had lunch, and this Friday, two of her students, the Duncan sisters, will provide some songs during the ice cream social.

Administrator Leann Lankford stresses that these extra assists and visits are especially appreciated at a time when staff numbers are down. This situation also emphasizes the "can do!" and "will do" attitude of staff members willing "to go the extra mile." Employees of the month of June are Jasmine Haak, Sharon Claughton, Michelle Carson, and Annagrace Wenberg.

Cynthia Wenberg prepared a traditional "time for summer" lunch on Memorial Day weekend, an invitation to truly summer weather, but while waiting for chances to barbecue and soak up some sunshine, the residents will be able to prepare for them at a "spa day" of massages and painted nails. And they can celebrate Father's Day with a lunch of the men's choosing... when they agree on the menu. Possibly the busiest lunchtime event this month, though, will be JoAnne Burses's 94th birthday lunch to which she has invited several friends to join her and her hilltop neighbors. Everyone views such a birthday as definitely something to celebrate!

The Mustang mop up June 6th

All kids grades 7th-12th will be volunteering in Heppner and Lexington this Thursday, June 6th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. They will be chaperoned by the teachers and staff, and its sponsored by the Heppner High School.

HHS 1996-1999 Multi-class Reunion June 8th



The HHS 1996-1999 Multi-class Reunion will take place on June 8th, 2024. The event will kick off with an afternoon of yard games at Hager Park from 1-5 pm. Following that, there will be an evening dinner at 6 pm at the Elks Lodge, accompanied by drinks and an awesome 90s playlist. If you are interested in joining the dinner at the Elks Club, please contact Class Reunion 96-99 on Facebook. The event will be open to the public for drinks and 90's music after dinner.

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Vote NO on this recall.