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A View from the Hill

by Doris Brosnan

Since the view from the Terrace is sunnier and the air is warmer, more residents have returned to their walks on the surrounding sidewalk. Welcome, Spring! This change has also encouraged many residents to get out their gloves, wanting to start planting in the flowerbeds and the garden spot, but experts are suggesting that they be patient a little longer.

A welcome also has gone out to new Resident Care Associate Ti Reimann, who joined the community last month. Everyone is eager to welcome another associate and another cook, so interested persons should call 541-676-0004 or drop by the Terrace for a discussion.

At least the weather now is more hospitable than what greeted celebrants on Heppner's St. Pat's weekend! The residents who chose to go down to watch the Great Green Parade want the Les Schwab crew to know how much they appreciated being able to watch from the warm lobby.

On Sunday, the sixth, everyone was excited to celebrate with Joyce Ward and her daughters and granddaughter as Joyce turned 94 years old. Of course, she had the pleasure of selecting the menu for her birthday lunch.

The Rebekahs from Lexington hosted lunch on April 2. The menu featured salads, ham, rolls and a lemon cake. During the gathering, the members presented the Community on the Hill with a donation of \$100 to help in the purchase of plant and vegetable seeds and starts.

Following that lunch, LaRae Kindle stayed to call Bingo and hand out prizes to the winners, and the organization now plans to offer Bingo every Wednesday at the Terrace. This will be in addition to the Monday play already offered interested residents every week.

Everyone looks forward to Easter on April 20, as they will hold their annual egg hunt in the Terrace and enjoy their traditional ham dinner, as well as choose to attend various services in the community.

In May, Kathie Turner plans to bring her piano students to the Terrace for some recitals, always a delight enjoyed by all.

Residents who use internet services are delighted with the recently added broadband service, thanks to donations and assistance to make it happen! Another step into the new and different has come with the installation of solar panels on the Terrace roof. Everyone is eager to learn the ins and outs of this technology.

Recently established, the Resident Council members meet monthly with the administration to share the ideas and suggestions with which residents have contacted them. Everyone at Willow Creek Terrace is invited to feel a sense of ownership in what their "home" has to offer, and the recently formed Resident Council is viewed as an important tool for attaining this.

MoCo Republican Party to meet

The Morrow County Republicans will meet at 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, at the Bellamy House in Lexington. PCPs and anyone interested in the county Republican Party are encouraged to attend. There will be discussions about the 2025 fundraiser events and voter participation activities.

Precinct Committee Person (PCP) positions are open for Heppner, Boardman, and Irrigon. Individu-

als interested in one of these positions are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about the positions. PCP appointments can be made during MCRP meetings.

The Republican Party is open to individuals interested in conservative ideals and values. The Republican Party platform can be found at <https://oregon.gov/>. For more information on the Morrow County Republican Party, contact mocoreps@gmail.com.

Wolf Advisory Committee Receives Grant

Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee to meet April 15

The Morrow County Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee was recently awarded \$56,556 by the Oregon Department of Agriculture for livestock losses and preventative measures in 2025. Applications for compensation to livestock producers will be available later this year.

The next meeting of the Wolf Depredation Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the upper conference room of the Bartholomew Building, 110 N. Court Street, Heppner.

Topics addressed at the meeting include the 2025

grant, recent depredations and election of officers. The agenda will be posted in the Agendas and Minutes page of the Morrow County website by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11 (<https://www.co.morrow.or.us/meetings>.) Contact Committee Chair Dean Robinson at 541-980-2350 or the office of the Board of Commissioners at 541-676-5613 with any questions.

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Obituaries

Donny H. John Wilson John Hugh Currin



Donny H. Wilson passed away on March 30, 2025, in Kennewick, WA, at the age of 70 years. A memorial in the mountains will be scheduled at a later date.

Donny was born on Aug. 8, 1954, in Heppner, OR to parents Laurel and Delores (Baker) Wilson. He was raised in Lexington, OR. He married April Lacey on Sept. 22, 1973, in Lexington.

Donny worked at the mill, in logging and as a mechanic. He enjoyed going to the mountains and loved doing anything with his grandkids, who meant the world to him. "Donny enjoyed nothing more than to yell at his grandkids."

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, April Wilson; Daughter, Tammy Howey; grandsons, Justin, Trent and Dylan; great-grandchildren, Jameson, Avery and Sterling; brother, Danny Wilson; uncle, Wayne Wilson; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Please share memories of Donny with his family at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, OR is in charge of arrangements.

John Hugh Currin, 72, of Townsend, MT, passed away on March 9, 2025, at Helena, MT. A service will be held at a later date, when he will be laid to rest with his family at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton, OR.

John was born November 16, 1952, in Pendleton. He grew up in Pendleton and Heppner, OR, attending school in Pendleton before graduating from Heppner High School in 1971.

John lived and worked in Eastern Oregon before moving to Montana. He worked in real estate for many years and enjoyed spending summers working with his farming friends in Helix, OR. He had many friends, liked working with cattle and horses, and was an excellent card and game player.

He is survived by long-time partner Jackie Crepeau of Townsend, MT; daughter Angela Currin; and sons Brian Currin (Jennifer, Morgan 13, Caleb 10), Casey Currin (Darcey Ridgeway, Elizabeth 14), and Joel Currin (Jess Dudar, Harlan-brand new grandson).

He is also survived by sister Celia Katz (the late Harvey Katz) of New York City, NY, and nephews Robert and Andrew Katz.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Marie Currin (Gassman), an infant brother, Joseph, and sister Ann Marie Currin (Bob Hand).

South Morrow MS Walk April 26

The South Morrow County MS Walk is planned for Saturday, April 26. Participants will meet at Hager Park in Heppner at 10 a.m.

"This is a come as you are event. You can walk, scoot, bike or run," says walk organizer Barb Orwick. "You may come early for chatting, wear crazy outfits, you may join at any time along the walk."

The event will include picture-taking opportunities, prizes and, of course, a no-host brunch at Bucknam's Tavern.

The walk itself is about a mile long on even ground, but participants are warned to watch for vehicles and dogs.

Those who cannot attend can send contributions to Orwick.

"Please make noise if

you see us," she adds. "Wave, honk, smile!"

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