A View from the Hill by Doris Brosnan

Residents of Willow Creek Terrace view birthday celebrations with great pleasure, and this month they will be enjoying two of them in a row: Bobbi Angell will be "the Big 8-0" on June 13, and JoAnne Burleson will turn 94 the following day, which is also Flag Day. Both the women will enjoy a birthday lunch of their choosing with neighbors and family. Another youngster at the Terrace will have enjoyed her birthday a few days earlier: Michelle Carson is a care associate who was a year older on June 10.

Residents and staff are pleased to have Jasmine back after her wedding in Summerville, OR, to Colby Murray on May 3. And everyone eagerly welcomed new Chef Robin Halsworth, who joined Chef Shawn Liffert last week. Now the Terrace kitchen is in the experienced hands of the two men who coincidentally both trained under the same chef in New York City.

"Busy" continues to be a fitting description of activities at the Terrace since May. The entertaining music and songs of Joe, Leann and Andrew Lindsay, with their friend Nick, recently filled a delightful hour.

The traditional burgers and hot dogs lunch was enjoyed on Memorial Day. Jerry Green and Shawn Liffert planted and are now tending the garden of herbs, vegetables and strawberries, and Bev Sherman planted the large entry-area planters with colorful blooms and now tends them daily.

Some HHS students accomplished yardwork for the Terrace on Mustang Mop-Up Day and were rewarded with three kinds of cookies and some water. And LaRae Kindle, representing the Rebekahs, continues to come on Wednesday once a month to call Bingo.

The HHS FFA group planned to come to the Terrace today to introduce residents to painting with watercolors, and they intend to return with board games next Wednesday.

Now weather invites residents to enjoy the front porch morning and afternoon, and several do daily. Some residents have been on the go often lately for school sports, the school music concert, and now graduations.

When inside, the residents and staff also have had a captivating experience since March: A remote camera aimed at a Bald Eagle next in Big Bear, CA, has been televising "Jackie" and "Shadow" for these months as they produced and sat on two eggs and then fed their two hungry, demanding babies. Finally, just two days ago, "Sonny" and "Gizmo" flew from the nest! Gone for good or soon to return? A big world they apparently view as awaiting them….

WCCC to host free kids golf clinic June 11–13

Young aspiring golfers will have a chance to tee off for free this summer as Willow Creek Country Club hosts a three-day youth golf clinic from June 11 to 13, open to kids ages 7 through 13.

The event kicks off Tuesday, June 11, with sign-ups beginning at 3 p.m., followed by an instructional clinic running until 5:30 p.m. The fun continues Wednesday, June 12, with another session from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The clinic wraps up Thursday, June 13, with a youth golf tournament starting at 9 a.m. and a barbecue to follow, giving participants a chance to showcase their new skills in a friendly, low-pressure competition.

This community event is fully funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and aims to introduce young players to the fundamentals of golf in a welcoming and supportive environment.

For more information or to sign up, contact event organizer Don Matthews at donaldgmatthews@gmail.com.

VBS planned at St. Pat's

Monday through Thursday, June 23-26, St. Patrick's Catholic Church will be hosting its annual vacation Bible school. Time is 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Activities will include faith, snacks, games, crafts and music. All students entering kindergarten through those completing sixth grade are welcome. Registration forms are located at Murray's front counter. Please register by June 16.

The location is St. Patrick's Parish Hall. An adult is asked to check in with children on Monday at 9 a.m. and bring the registration form. All children are welcome.

Contact Debbie Wryn at wryndeborah@gmail.com with any questions.

Republican fundraiser planned

Trivia contest, live auction June 20

The Morrow County Republican Party summer "FUNdraiser" will be held Friday, June 20, at the Ione Legion Hall, Ione, OR.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The event will feature an American History trivia contest with a live auction to follow. The Corey Miller family will provide snacks.

Dessert will be served between the trivia contest and the live auction. Trivia question categories will include American government, arts, culture, sports and science. Gather your family and/or friends to make a team of five. Fun for all ages. There will be recognition for school teams and prize money for the winning team.

Legislative updates and upcoming ballot initiative information will be provided throughout the evening. The live auction will start at 8:30 pm.

Tickets will be available at the door for $15 for individuals or $50 for a team of five people. For more information, contact the Morrow County Republican Party at mocoreps@gmail.com.

The Gazette Puzzle Pop

Sharpen your mind with our Gazette Puzzle Pop! Weekly math, word, and local trivia from our five towns—no internet or phones allowed. Answers in next week's edition—grab a pencil and show off!

Cryptogram Challenge

A cryptogram is a word puzzle where a phrase or sentence is encoded using a substitution cipher, meaning each letter in the original text is replaced with a different letter (e.g., A becomes X, B becomes Y).

"Decoder's Exam"

Level - Moderate/Hard

Encoded Text: XLMW MW E WXEHI

Hint: This four-word phrase is a simple test of your decoding skills.

Riddle

Level - Moderate

Q: What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

Morrow County Trivia Challenge

Level - Moderate

Q: What historical post office was open from April 15, 1884 to June 30,1885 and is situated in the vicinity of present day Hardman Oregon.

Answers from May 28th edition

Puzzle: Enchanted Square

Q: A square clearing has a perimeter of 28 m. What's its area?

A: 49

Riddle

Q: The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

A: Footprints.

Morrow County Trivia

Q: What was the original name of the Columbia River landing near Irrigon, Oregon, before it was renamed Stokes, and what was the significance of its competition with Umatilla Landing?

A:The original name of the Columbia River landing near Irrigon, Oregon, was Grande Ronde Landing. It competed with Umatilla Landing, located 8 miles upriver, for water-transportation business in the late 19th century. Umatilla Landing prospered, while Grande Ronde Landing declined and was eventually renamed Stokes before becoming Irrigon in 1903.

Three students awarded Bob and Bette McLaughlin scholarship

Jackson Coiner

John Lindsay

Hallee Hisler

The Bob and Bette McLaughlin Education Foundation has announced it is awarding three $1,000 scholarships to Heppner High School graduating seniors Hallee Hisler, Jackson Coiner and John Lindsay.

Hallee Hisler plans to attend Eastern Oregon University to major in pre-dentistry and business, while Jackson Coiner plans to attend the University of Oregon to major in business administration, and John Lindsay plans to attend Eastern Oregon University to major in nursing.

"We honor their hard work and dedication and wish them success in furthering their education," the foundation said in a statement.

Each year, The Bob and Bette McLaughlin Education Foundation awards college scholarships to Heppner High School students who wish to attend a public Oregon college.

For anyone interested in donating to help support future graduates, email the foundation at mclaughlinedfoundation@gmail.com.

June happenings at the Heppner library

Crafty Nights @ the Library in June is on Wednesday the 11th at 6 p.m. The craft is going to be Knitted i-Cord Wire Art. Call Melissa or Annette at 541-676-9964 or visit our website to reserve your spot now—space is limited.

All Branches will be closed Thursday, June 19, for Juneteenth.

OTLD now provides *Wowbrary!*, a weekly email showcasing our new titles for the week. The new items include ebooks on Libby, so no matter how you like your books, Wowbrary updates all of OTLD's new items weekly, right to your email, ready to hold or borrow with one click.

iRead Summer Reading 2025: Level Up at Your Library begins June 13. Register for the summer reading program by logging into your Beanstack account or visiting our website at otld.org.

Summer storytime will be on Fridays at 11 a.m. beginning June 20. Be on the lookout for our special summer reading newsletter with information on special events and programs.

Other upcoming events include:

June 18: Go STEM: Tinkering and Simple Machines @10 a.m.

June 20: Summer Story Time and Craft @ 11 a.m.; Chalk Art @ 12 p.m.; Fun-Day Friday 3:30-4:30 p.m.; and Teen Takeover 5-7 p.m.

June 24: Summer Story Time and Craft @ 11 a.m.; Power Play for the Planet @ 2:30 p.m.

June 25: Card Games, Bubbles and Snacks @ 11:00 a.m.

June 27: Summer Story Time and Craft @ 11 a.m.; Fun-Day Friday 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Teen Takeover 5-7 p.m.

June 28: Twirl the Rainbow: Hula Hoop Artist @ 11 a.m.

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