

Theatre director has college drama degree



Marsha Matthewson
Community Theatre
Director

If community theatre proves successful in Heppner, it will be due in part to the special talents of one of the community's own productions, Marsha Matthewson, 27, of Heppner.

Marsha was raised in Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School in 1967. She went on to build an impressive background in theatre from her beginning interest in speech and drama in high school.

Speaking last week before the Chamber of Commerce, Marsha said that the newly formed community theatre will need the support of

businessmen and all other segments of the community.

Her own contribution to the success of community theatre in Heppner begins with a BA degree in theatre from Pacific University, where she found herself teaching lower division acting in her senior year.

She credits her early interest in theatre to a former high school teacher. The interest held despite the lure of anthropology as a field of work and study.

"I started in anthropology," Marsha said. The theatre, however, took first place eventually. While attending school in Forest Grove, she

organized and directed children's theatre in the summer and worked with the Forest Grove community theatre.

Following graduation, she again worked with community theatre at Alaska Methodist University and also with the Army Special Services Theatre in Anchorage.

Other work in Alaska found her employed as a Federal recreation specialist with the City of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department and a manager for a youth recreation center under the recreation department.

While in Alaska, Marsha put in hours toward a private pilot's license and managed some hours on top of her solo flight before returning to Heppner in 1974.

Marsha is currently employed with Kinzua Corporation. Her job involves support for sales, rail and truck traffic required to expedite products produced at the mill.

Returning to theatre seems to be a challenge for Marsha. Her main expressed concern is the need for community support.

This week, she has been involved in auditions for the first production, tentatively scheduled for performance Apr. 14 and 15.

She will direct a three-act comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman entitled "You Can't Take It With You."

Club plans clean-up

The Heppner Garden Club is sponsoring a Litter Awareness Week as a new club campaign this spring.

Principal Don Cole of the Heppner Elementary School invited several Garden Club members to come to school this morning, Mar. 3, to explain the campaign to first through fourth graders.

The children will begin this project on Monday, Mar. 7. They will be picking up litter on their way to and from school, using large paper grocery sacks for their collecting.

Each room will compete by trying to gather the largest amount of litter. Recognition will be given to the winning room.

Because this is a new Garden Club project, citizen ap-

preciation will encourage the general picking up of litter and will be the basis for a stronger campaign next spring, which may be sponsored by both the Garden Club and the Lions Club.



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People

with Justine Weatherford
One of Heppner's most senior citizens, Letha Archer, celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday Feb. 26. What changes the world has seen since her arrival in 1882.
Some local Rockhound Club members are going to a regional Rock Show at the County Fairgrounds in Kennewick, Wash., this weekend.
Mel Dixon and his friendly face came from Milton-Freewater to visit friends around Heppner last week.
A daughter and other descendants of county pioneer James Steward came back to search for a family grave on Balm Fork

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Around About

Meeting

The Altar Society of St. Patrick's Church held their February meeting Feb. 2. It was decided upon to have an Irish stew dinner on St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17. This will be held at the Parish hall from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., with a card party afterwards.

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gorham of Heppner are new parents of a little girl, Angela Kay, born Feb. 26 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Her weight, 7 lbs., 4 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gorham, Wallowa, and Sara Morrison, Cupertino, Calif., Edwin Morrison, Washington, D.C. Great-grandparents are Elizabeth Puckett, Covington, Va., and Col. and Mrs. L.E. Edwards, Washington, D.C., and Hattie Pearson, Wallowa.

Angela Kay has one brother at home, Chris.



Dan Coiner & Barbara McCarl

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Morris McCarl announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Barbara Karen, to Dan R. Coiner, son of Mr. Riley Thompson of Spokane, Wash.

Miss McCarl graduated from Heppner High School in 1973 and Pendleton College of

Beauty. She is presently employed at Lois' Beauty Shop. Mr. Coiner graduated from Monument High School in 1973 and is presently employed by Kinzua Corporation.

The wedding will be Apr. 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Methodist Church in Heppner. A reception will follow at Heppner Elks' Lodge.

last week. They visited the County Museum, and said they will come again and stay longer.

Several persons have really tried to promote the greening of Morrow's landscape. Some have worked at window washing and others have washed and polished their cars—both of these endeavors have been real rain stimulators in times past. One extra big effort was made by Donna Cutsforth, who worked diligently washing her mother's auto.

So far, only one of the many artists in the county has picked up an entry blank for the Gallery Art Show coming to Walla Walla. Terri (Mrs. Mark) Cutsforth of Sand Hollow is preparing to enter one or two of her works.

Budget fever comes to many public officials and department heads about this time each year when the annual struggle to please everyone is taking place. We all know that budgeting is hard work, but do we appreciate those persons who give up many evenings to wrestle with these problems? Are we short on praise and long on criticism?

Plans are not completed yet, but we hear that the ladies of St. Patrick's Altar Society are going to make ready a real Irish treat for the evening of Mar. 17, so you should plan ahead to go with your family to St. Patrick's Hall for a genuine Irish meal that evening and for some card playing and lots of good visiting. Details later.

The Degree of Honor Food Sale next week, Friday, Mar. 11, features the possibility of ordering ahead—so phone Martha King at 676-5382 and order something special.

Don't forget that the annual used book and magazine sale at the library begins Thursday, Mar. 3, at 7:30. Early shoppers always have the largest selection.

Mar. 14 set for garden improvement program

The Heppner Garden Club invites the community to join with them on Monday evening, Mar. 14, at 7:30 in the Degree of Honor Hall to hear Harold E. Kerr, the county Extension agent, talk on vegetable garden insects. He will also show a film entitled "Vegetable Insects."

The Heppner Garden Club hostess is Irene Nolan. Members of the new 4-H Junior Garden Club will be honored guests.

Most gardeners will be looking for lots of ways to improve their vegetable yield this year, notes Kerr. Rising costs due to drought in the commercial production areas and a need as to the most efficient use of limited water supply will make gardening a special challenge this year.

Everyone is invited to hear this talk and view the film. Come meet with other gardeners on Monday, Mar. 14, in the Degree of Honor Hall between the First National Bank and the Lebusch Shoppe on Heppner's Main St. There will be seating for 100 people.



Harold Kerr

The Kenneth Palmer home was the scene of a fruit tree pruning demonstration by Mike Howell, Morrow County Extension agent, Feb. 9, for the Ione Garden Club meeting.

Mike emphasized several reasons for pruning. It promotes growth, thins branches for more effective spray applications, aids fruit to ripen more evenly, adds to attractiveness of tree, helps tree resist wind damage, increases size and quality of fruit and

makes it easier to pick. He cautioned to prune only when tree is dormant and to do it annually; also, to make all cuts at a bud and recognize the direction of new growth from that bud.

The Extension Office has print-outs free to the public prepared by Oregon State University on Pruning the Home Orchard; Pruning Ornamental Trees; and Pruning Ornamental Shrubs and Vines.

Feb. 25, Ione Garden Club members held their annual pruning and clean-up project, assisted by Mike Howell, Chuck Nelson, Fred Martin, Roy Lindstrom and Bill Ling.

They pruned and trimmed the ornamental trees and shrubs on Ione streets and surrounding the city churches. At noon, eight people rested and enjoyed a potluck lunch at the Church of Christ.

The next meeting of Ione Garden Club will be Mar. 9 at Leila Palmer's home. The program will be a critique of Leila's yard by members and a special demonstration by Judy Osmin.

Pivots personal property

Center pivot systems should be treated by assessors as personal property, according to a ruling Feb. 24 by the Oregon Tax Court. The Oregon Department of Revenue had told assessors to treat center pivot systems as land improvements.

The Tax Court consolidated appeals from several taxpayers

\$2,433.21 collected

Total receipts for Morrow County for the March of Dimes are \$2,433.21. This includes receipts by mail, Mothers' March, schools and business.

Mothers' March receipts by areas are as follows: Ione, \$132.96; Lexington, \$89.37; Boardman and Irrigon, \$775.00; and Heppner, \$713.20.

The generosity of the donors and the help of the marchers is very much appreciated by Pat Gentry, chairman and treasurer of Morrow County.

If there are any interested persons who would like to help organize a Walkathon in April, please contact Pat Gentry. This was a very big success in 1976.

ers for one trial in Salem. The appeals were filed by Far West Farms, Oregon Ltd.; Boeing Agri-Industrial Company; Eastern Oregon Farming Company; Oregon Potato and Port of Morrow; State Department of Veterans' Affairs and Frontier Machinery, Inc.

The tax court ruling will mean a reappraisal of center pivot systems and a refund on taxes collected because of changes in valuation. Everett

Harshmann, Morrow County assessor, said the court issued no orders on how the change should be handled.

According to Extension Service estimates, there are about 600 pivot systems in Morrow County. The systems range in cost from \$22,000 to \$32,000.

Treating center pivots as land improvements added significant amounts to a farm's tax value under the department of revenue ruling.

Members to be honored

On Mar. 14, Ruth-Locust Chapter 32, Oregon Eastern Star, of Heppner and Ione, will have a Friendship Night, honoring 50 year members. Eight members will be presented with their 50 year pins.

All Eastern Star members are cordially invited to attend. A program is planned. This

special evening will be held in the Heppner Masonic Temple.

Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Don Query and Mr. and Mrs. Don Pointer are giving a reception in honor of their children, Catherine and Mark, on Saturday, Mar. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks' Lodge.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

Doherty's tour coast

Dennis Doherty, wife Anne, and children Ben and Lisa returned to Lexington Sunday, after 11 days touring the coast from Astoria, Ore., to Eureka, Calif. The trip was made in weather conditions of rain, wind and hail.

A good time was had by all.

Meeting

The Cardinal Club will meet Thursday, Mar. 10, in the school cafeteria. All attending will have an opportunity to view the new shop.

Obituaries

Les Wick

Lester Wick, born in Lonerock, January 1, 1917, died at the Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston February 27, 1977 at the age of 60.

Mr. Wick was a well known rancher and farmer in the Lonerock area of Gilliam County for many years, moving to Hermiston and the Westland area in 1958.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Condon and in Hermiston and a member of the Hermiston Elks Lodge. He belonged to the Umatilla County and State Cattlemen's Association.

Survivors are his widow Marjorie Wick of Hermiston; sons Jerry Wick of Ft. Collins, Colorado; Steve and Mike Wick of Hermiston; two sisters Phoebe Hayes of Boardman, and Roxie Lovgren of Heppner, and two grandchildren.

Miriam Leavengood

The funeral was Wednesday, March 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the Burns Mortuary Chapel. Vault interment was in the Lonerock Cemetery at Lonerock.

For those who wish contributions may be made to a Memorial Fund at the Good Samaritan Center in memory of Lester Wick.

Miriam Maxline Leavengood, 57, Albany, Ore., died Thursday, Feb. 24, in an Albany hospital of an extended illness.

She was born in Ione, Ore., on Mar. 31, 1919, the daughter of Loren and Ina Hale.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 26, at the First Baptist Church, Albany, with the Rev. Warren Fleischmann officiating. Interment was at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Lebanon, Ore.

She is survived by her husband, Coe I. Leavengood.

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The Amicitia Club met at the home of Annetta Klinger. Present were Mildred Davidson, Eileen Padberg, Hilda Yocum, Marge Wright, Vonnie Lovgren, Barbara Cutsforth, and an invited guest, Sharon Harrison. Mrs. Yocum won high; Mrs. Lovgren, second high; Mrs. Wright, low; and Mrs. Davidson the traveling prize.

Melba Fish has returned to her home in Seattle, after visiting with her niece, Carolyn Howard, and her family.

Mrs. Pat Wright, her daughter Sandi, and her mother, Ferida Majeska, were visitors in Portland last week. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mounds at Gresham.

Lexington Grange met Monday evening with the overseer, Kenneth Smouse, in the chair. The meeting started with a potluck dinner, after which a couple of games were played. Barbara Cutsforth won the prize.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Williams. He spoke on coin collecting; how one gets started and its value money-wise and hobbywise. He showed different groups of commemorative coins and told how and where to get them. Pomona Grange Master, Bryce Keene, paid an official visit, accompanied by his wife, Louise.

The program at the next meeting will be a report by Matt Doherty on the school budget.

By Birdine Tullis

STYLE SHOW SUCCESS

Brights and whites are the look for spring for the younger set, if the Simplicity Wardrobe shown last week in Boardman is any indication of what's to come in fashions. Early style predictions were shown by members of the 4-H clubs of north Morrow County, in a dazzling array of colors and new fabrics. Woven fabrics, many well known in years gone by, such as waffle pique, linen like textures, gabardine weaves in cotton-synthetic blends, as well as the new look of dishcloth

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fabric, bright and white denims, toweling, ticking and seersucker, dominated to choices for the young.

Ever popular knits were styled in new and exciting colors and combinations for sport and leisure wear. Trims of lace, eyelet and ribbons added feminine touches to many garments.

The style show was sponsored by 4-H groups of Irrigon and Boardman, under the supervision of Mrs. Vern Evans. Decorations followed both the spring and Valentine theme, including displays of spring's favorite fabrics, spring flowers, and Valentine hearts. Narrator for the style show was Ms. Evans. In addition to the Simplicity styles, younger members of the clothing clubs modeled garments they had made as 4-H projects.

A tea followed the show, with refreshments provided by the club members.

Models for the big event were: Lori Witt, Kate Evans, Kathy Pettys, Lori Russell, Joan Parlow, Becky Hobbs, Erin Evans, Danette Daltoso, Vickie Daniels, Mari Evans, Julie Hug, Jyl Hobbs, Ann Evans, Dawn Cox, Monica McDonough, Angie Evans, Helen Daltoso, Jeanne Carroll, Scott Witt, and Bill Griffin.

WHEATHEARTS MEETING AT IONE

All wives of wheat growers in Morrow County are invited to a meeting, Monday, Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Jim and Monica Swanson, Ione, to hear about state-wide activities of the Wheathearts Committee of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

Special guest will be Susan Snyder, Condon, Wheathearts' state chairman, who will discuss goals of the women's activity group, promotion of wheat products and consumer information programs carried out by the committee.

Lisa Nelson, Lexington, Morrow County Wheathearts' chairman, and Birdine Tullis, Extension Service, will discuss forthcoming promotions planned for our local area, as well as other ideas which wives have for public relations efforts.

A special invitation is extended all wives of young wheat growers, and those who are new in the county to come and get acquainted with others involved in the wheat industry.

SEW FAIR.....HEPPNER, MARCH 8

The girls of Morrow and Umatilla Counties have ganged up to present one of the most informative events ever planned for those who sew!

There will be demonstrations and informative sessions going all day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fairgrounds, Heppner, Tuesday, Mar. 8. Plan to be there at 10:00, to learn how to care for your sewing machine, the beginning session, which will be presented only once. Other demonstrations will be repeated throughout the day. Bring your lunch, stay all day, beverages furnished.

Demonstrations will include basic sewing, T-shirt construction, timesaving sewing and fusables, contemporary tailoring, pressing, scissor skills, sewing collars, sleeves, and crotches, pattern know-how, couturier tricks, and new fabrics...and More! New sewing machines will also be displayed for examination.

The Sew Fair is a cooperative venture planned to assist those just beginning to sew, and those wishing to learn new techniques or brush up on the old! Instructors will be Extension staff and skilled volunteers from both counties.

Instructors will be Ruth McCabe, Jeanne Howell, Birdine Tullis, Rita Sumner, Kathy Jamieson, Debbie Lee, Rachel Reeder, Ellen Lewis, Cece Slocum, Joy George, Veda Peek, Ruth Finch, and other Extension study group members.

Fabrics and fashions for spring are soft and new, requiring different sewing techniques. Return of the wovens also present challenges to those who have become accustomed to the ease of sewing knits, according to Birdine Tullis. She invites and encourages all women to attend the big spring sew know-how event! No charge, of course, for all this valuable information.

4-H GIRLS AT FASHION FORUM

Three Morrow County 4-H members now have the "inside word" on what it takes to succeed in the fashion industry.

Kathy Palmer, Erin and Kate Evans each had a choice of attending three of four sessions offered at the Portland Art Museum, and the opportunity of directly questioning the speakers.

The girls attended a fashion career forum, presented by members of the Fashion Group in Portland last weekend, to hear speakers from all phases of the industry share how they achieved their current positions, and the hard work involved in attaining success in the industry.

Each carried home a shopping bag loaded with goodies from the seminar relating to educational requirements, how to get a job, writing resumes, and other information relative to fashion careers.

Fun for the girls was a mini-style show, which included the latest in styles for the younger generation.

Also attending the forum were 4-H leaders Francine Evans, Jeanne Howell, and Birdine Tullis. Total attendance at the event was approximately 800 persons.