

Saddlery opens on Rhea Creek Clinic fund raising committee formed



Sherman Murray and son Lynn are making chaps at their saddlery located 4 1/2 miles up Rhea Creek. They specialize at restoring antique and worn out saddles.

Rhea Creek Saddlery, located about 4 1/2 miles up Rhea Creek, on the Rod Murray Ranch, has gone into operation this last week. Sherman Murray owns the shop and his son Lynn works for him, and lives right there. Lynn attended the Glen Denman saddle school, and has four years' experience in saddle making in Arizona and California. He made a name for himself in California for rebuilding saddles, which is one of their specialties. They have just completed work on a 100 year old saddle they purchased with origins in the John Day Valley. They have tried to identify the maker of the saddle but there are no distinguishing marks on it. The only marks were on the underside, where whoever made the saddle had used an already

used piece of leather. Besides rebuilding saddles, Sherman and Lynn make chaps, belts, do strap work, pack-ins, novelty items and do pack equipment and harness repair. They especially enjoy doing work on worn out and antique items. The Murrays will also do special order one-of-a-kind silver mounted equipment. They have a "Landis stitcher", a Civil War piece, that was taken into the field during the war to do their repair work. It is very large and takes several men to move it. They will be having an open house April 16 and 17. They are giving a \$50 gift certificate as a door prize which will be drawn April 17 at 5 p.m. Folks are invited to stop by and see the Murrays and visit a while.

Ernest Wick, Pioneer Memorial Hospital Administrator, has announced the formation of a fund raising committee to acquire funds with which to purchase equipment for the county medical clinic in Heppner. Wick noted that the clinic building is completely bare and would need to be equipped in preparation for the two new doctors who are expected to arrive in June. Wick also stated that the committee was formed as a result of Morrow County Judge, Louis Carlson stressing that it would be most favorable if the citizens of south Morrow County would see fit to equip the clinic without having to use tax funds. That statement made at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, April 5 prompted the immediate formation of the committee consisting of: Larry Mills, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers

and Gerald Pierson, President of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, being named co-chairmen. Other members of the committee are: Meg Murray, owner of Murray's Drugs; Frank Pearson, manager of Kinzua Corporation; and Frank Anderson, Heppner farmer-businessman. Wick said that it was the intent of the committee to have up to \$30,000 committed in 60 days. At press time it is reported that over \$10,000 has already been committed by area businesses.

Wick has also indicated that anyone who would like to donate to the clinic fund may do so by sending their check made payable to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, Inc., Heppner, Or 97836. All funds donated to the foundation are tax deductible and you should note on your check that the donation is for the clinic fund.

A forty-nine year old love story

This Saturday, April 16, Eldon Gilbert and Barbara Cutsforth will tie the knot. Theirs is an unusual story and Mr. Gilbert wanted to share it with you. He says we are always reading about this type of thing, but until recently, he didn't realize that it was happening to him.

Eldon and Barbara met in The Dalles in 1938 on a blind date. The first thing he said to her was "I don't like blonds." This was later to prove untrue. He came to The Dalles from California, with a friend. He stayed around The Dalles for the summer to date Barbara and "see what would happen," he says with a grin. He ended up taking her to graduation in 1939 and they became engaged shortly thereafter.

Eldon wanted Barbara to go with him to California to see the sights. Her mother o.k.'d the idea with the stipulation that if she wanted Barbara to come home, she would. One day, while in California, they decided they would slip on over to Las Vegas and get married. The catch was, Eldon was not 21 years of age and the legal age in California or Nevada to get married, and none of their friends were willing to vouch for him. About this time, Barbara's mother wrote and asked her to come home, so she did. They continued to correspond, although neither of their letters got through so they drifted apart. Each was married to another person. Eldon kept in touch with Barbara's mother, thus keeping track of her. He had a picture of her that he has carried around in his wallet all of these years.

Then in 1979, Eldon was in The Dalles to help Barbara's mother. While there, he suggested they call Barbara and see if it would be a right to drive up to visit her and her husband. After that they kept in touch with Christmas cards. In 1985,



Barbara Cutsforth

Eldon got a letter from Barbara, and in passing, mentioned that she had recently lost her husband and the trouble she was experiencing learning to live alone. They wrote back and forth and then in 1986, she invited Eldon to come visit and they spent the time he was here reminiscing and getting reacquainted. One thing led to another and they decided to get married. They put a number of dates in a hat and drew out the date that was to be their wedding day, which turned out to be April 16. The wedding will take place at 2 p.m. at the Heppner Methodist Church with a reception following at the Elks Lodge.

Stillman to enter Boston Marathon

Randy Stillman, Troutdale, son of George and Virginia Stillman of Heppner, will be competing in the Boston Marathon, April 18 in Boston. Randy is a former Heppner resident.

Randy and his wife, the former

Tourism committee discusses county map

At a tourism meeting held April 5, Claudia Hughes presented a three county map that has been developed to go into the E.O. Travel Guide this year. This year's guide will be on upgraded paper and have much better copy.

Claudia also announced that the Governor's Tourism Conference will be located at Pendleton next year.

Fred Lundin and David Sykes discussed the placemat project. Fred presented the idea to the Port of Morrow and suggested the Port

Yard of the Month



Photo by Joyce Hughes

The Lexington Yard-of-the-Month for April is kept beautiful by Pauline Robins at 430 W. West Street. A solid row of pink hyacinths, here and there a blue one, beside an immaculate lawn make a pleasant sight for the passerby.

When the hyacinths have finished their show, tulips will take over and in the fall there will be chrysanthemums.

The back yard is as tidy as the front and is approached by way of a nat brick walk beside a gravel driveway kept weed free with fuel oil according to Mrs. Robins.

Of special interest in the back yard is a storage building with unique personality with bits of antique tack artistically arranged.

Palmer selected for Soviet Union track meet

Jason Palmer, son of Shirley and Roger Palmer, Heppner, has been selected for the second year to participate in a track and field meet to be held in Leningrad, Soviet Union. This is the first time a team from the Northwest has competed behind the Iron Curtain. This trip is sponsored by Amateur Sports Development. The team, consisting of 45 athletes, will depart from Portland on July 24 and return August 4. They will be working out in Finland with the Finnish athletes at the Olympic Stadium in Helsinki, site of the 1952 Olymp-

pics. There will be a three day trip behind the Iron Curtain concluding with a track and field meet in Leningrad. They will then leave Leningrad on an oceanliner for a 24 hour trip to Stockholm, Sweden.

Each of the athletes has to raise his own fare of \$1995. ASD is a registered non-profit organization. This is a tax deduction for anyone wishing to contribute.

Jason is a freshman at the University of Colorado, Boulder, majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

Silent Auction to be included in Reno night

The HHS Booster Club Reno Night has been set for June 18 at the Elks. This year, in addition to the regular auction at the end of the evening, there will also be a silent auction. During the silent auction, some of the smaller items will be auctioned off at regular intervals throughout the evening. This will give everyone a chance to use their

script to purchase some of the many donated items. The club members feel this will speed up the regular auction and make an exciting evening for everyone.

The next meeting will be May 2, 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Club. All members are encouraged to come and join in the planning.

Ione Honor Roll

Ione schools have announced the honor rolls for the third nine weeks.

The A Honor Roll consists of: 6th grade- Truitt Greenup, Jason Proudfoot; 7th grade-Jannie Cupps, Crystal Minster; 8th grade-Nancy Morter Amy Pointer; 10th grade-Jo Cupps, Linda Morter, Melissa Rowell, Amy Wagenblast; 11th grade-Sean Warren; 12th grade-Karla Davison, Dick McElligott and Dan Peterson.

The B Honor Roll includes: 6th grade-April Taylor; 7th grade-Alisha Aikman, Erika Bergstrom, Ryan Halvorsen, David Wagenblast; 8th grade-Brandi Ball, Kyle Broderick, Jimmy Harms, Kari Morgan, Heidi Nelson, Brent Sheirbon, Chisana Warren, Kristine Bedortha; 9th grade-Jon Nolan; 10th grade- Mary Cupps, Jim Davison; 11th grade-Katie Doherty, Jill Nelson, Michelle Papineau, Angie Rudisill; 12th grade-Gary Rea and Ken Snider.

Meeting Notice

Don't forget the Blue Mountain Small Business Development Center is sponsoring a seminar entitled "It

Does Make A Difference", to be held April 19 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Club. The seminar is free of charge.

The pleasure of your company is requested at the marriage of
Barbara Ann Cutsforth
to
Eldon Raymond Gilbert
Saturday, April 16, 1988
at 2:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church in Heppner

Reception Following
Heppner Elks Lodge
No Gift Please

2 Year Limited Warranty
Ask your dealer for details on warranty.

SNAPPER

19" - 3 H.P. PUSH WITH FREE CATCHER

\$259⁹⁵

21" - 3 1/2 H.P. PUSH WITH FREE CATCHER

\$299⁹⁵

21" - 3 1/2 H.P. SELF PROPELLED WITH FREE CATCHER

\$349⁹⁵

RIDING MOWER

FREE Single Bag Catcher

FREE Dump Cart

50% OFF Twin Bag Catcher

50% OFF Bag & Blower

4HP REAR TINE TILLER WITH FREE HILLER FURROWER
Model #R4000

\$659⁹⁵

HI-VAC 25" CUT 6HP WITH FREE REAR CATCHER

\$999⁹⁵

NO DOWN PAYMENT • LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT WITH SNAP CREDIT • VALUABLE FREE ACCESSORIES

Morrow County Grain Growers INC.
Phone 989-8221 1-800-452-7395 LEXINGTON OREGON 97839 P.O. Box 367

A BRILLIANT PROPOSAL.

She's wonderful, unique, special. She's a woman who deserves nothing less than a diamond cut to ideal proportions to release a matchless fire and beauty. It's the diamond that says I Love You brilliantly.

Hepner 676-9200

4-H News

Woodworking Club
By John Qualls, Reporter

The 4-H Woodworking club met April 5. We studied books on wood-working, then we sanded and varnished our benches. We are moving to a new location.

USED

4-WHEELERS

1983 Suzuki 125 **\$600⁰⁰**

1986 Polaris 250 **\$1595⁰⁰**

1987 Polaris 250 **\$1695⁰⁰**

Lexington Lumber Yard
989-8586