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Modern-day pioneers relive Oregon Trail



Pat Bruffy and his wife Jennie, both retired and members of the Oregon Trail wagon train talk to local people in Lone Tuesday.

Nearing the end of their 2000-mile journey, members of a modern-day wagon train retracing the Oregon Trail paused in Lone Tuesday for lunch and conversation.

The group of three wagons and 12 people left on their quest of history May 5 from St. Joseph, Missouri, with their final destination Oregon City.

Averaging 20 to 25 miles per day, the train traveled paved roads in their rubber-tired wagons, staying as close as possible to the original Oregon Trail.

"It's something I've dreamed of doing since I was in school and studied the Oregon Trail," said wagon train leader Ray Redman, recently retired.

"When I'm a grandma I can say

I did the Oregon Trail," said Paula Schuetz of Goreville, Illinois, whose husband will be joining her soon for the final leg of the journey. "He had to leave and go back to work," Schuetz said.

Redman said most of the trip went pretty smooth, except for a tornado they encountered near Sutherlin, Nebraska, that flipped one wagon and rolled another one. "But the people we've met along the way have just been real nice," he said. "We've had lots of feeds like this one," waving his arm around the local people serving up lunch in the cool of Lone's city park for the hot and tired wagon train members.

Also a member of the wagon train is an Englishman working for the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Dylan Winter of Buckingham, England, said he is doing interviews along the way that would be aired later on the BBC.

"The trail goes through parts of the country most English never visit, and really don't know much about," said Winter. He said the only impression many English have of the United States is big cities and crime, and he hoped his series of interviews would give his people a broader understanding of Americans.

Camping at the North Lex elevator Monday night, the group planned on setting up camp at McNab on Tuesday, and then taking a trip out to the Oregon Trail site. The wagon train traveled with support vehicles carrying camping supplies, feed and other essentials necessary for the trip.

Go directly to jail--for a good cause



Paul Sumner, personnel manager for Kinzua Corporation prepares to go to jail for the American Cancer Society Aug. 29. Paul is charged with cruel and inhumane treatment to his employees forcing them to retire when they'd rather work than fish. Kathy Ashley is the arresting officer.

Court will be in session Thursday, August 29 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for the American Cancer Society Jail and Bail held at Kate's Pizza.

Join in the fun by putting your favorite co-worker, friend or even yourself behind bars.

The "felons" will be picked up and taken to jail where they are arraigned before the "judge" and found guilty. They then are required to make phone calls anywhere in the U.S. free of charge, to raise their "bail" in the form of pledges to the American Cancer Society. After raising bail, the felon is released on parole and taken back to work. The felon will only be held for one hour. "The felons do not have to collect the pledges, just get the people to pledge the money," says Joyce Hughes, chairperson. "Felons are encouraged to call anyone they know out of town. Remember, all the money raised and brought to Morrow County remains in Morrow County," says Hughes. There is still room for people to volunteer their time in jail or arrange a 'surprise' arrest. For a surprise arrest fill out a form which may be obtained around town or at the Gazette and return it to Hughes by mail or at the Gazette-Times by August 28. Hughes will arrange a time with the employer for the 'surprise victim' to be taken. "Distance is not a problem, we will travel anywhere in Lexington, Lone and Boardman to pick up whomever you would like." Cancer is an awful disease, it can strike anyone, anywhere. Be prepared, you may be the next one arrested.

Mediator called in city-county negotiations deadlock

State mediators were called to Heppner Monday to help break a deadlock in negotiations between the city of Heppner and Morrow County concerning the city's proposed waste treatment facility.

According to city officials, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has told the city that the present sewage treatment facility, which was built in 1953, may no longer be used to treat sewage to be dumped as effluent into Willow Creek.

The city has been searching for a place for a new treatment facility for the past two years, and has selected a site on the Happy and Claude Graham property north of town. But, problems concerning flood plain regulations with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the city and county are holding up the project. A flood plain map revision is required in order to build the project on the Graham property, because the property is now in the flood way. Only the county map apply for a flood plain map revision, because the site is located out of the city limits. County or-

dinances require that application for a revision come from the owner of the property. The owners, however, according to city and county officials, are opposed to the project and will not sell their land to the city. The city is reluctant to initiate condemnation proceedings and pay the Grahams for the land unless the city has assurance that the site will be approved for placement of the sewage treatment facility. The city wants a decision from the county whether initiation of condemnation is sufficient claim for ownership.

Morrow County assistant district attorney and county counsel Val Doherty says that such a decision is not covered by county ordinances.

As a result of the two-hour mediation session, the county has agreed to make a decision at County Court session of Wednesday, Aug. 21, as to whether the county will request a map change of the flood plain. The county will also ask FEMA, which acts as a watchdog agency for other federal agencies, whether the change will jeopardize federal funding.

County Judge Louis Carlson, at a Heppner City Council meeting Aug.

12, excused himself from the decision making process because of a possible conflict of interest.

The judge holds a lease on the Graham site. Mac Hoskins subleases the property from Carlson. City administrator Gary Marks says he had hoped to resolve problems concerning the facility in time for the next construction season because adequate funding will be in doubt if the project is delayed further. County planner Deane Seeger says that public hearings must be scheduled in order to satisfy county, state and federal regulations. Doherty says that legal proceedings may prevent the project from starting for five or six months.

The city had earlier considered other sites for the facility, but the engineering firm of Anderson, Perry & Assoc., Inc., of LaGrande, deemed the sites not feasible for the plant. One such site, involving property owned by Mac Hoskins, would require pumping water up hill.

The proposal at the Graham site would entail building a lagoon for treated sewage and spraying the treated effluent over an alfalfa crop.

Jerry Gentry wins M.C. all-around

Jerry Gentry of Heppner was the all-around champion at the Morrow County Rodeo held Friday, Aug. 16, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Gentry won a buckle sponsored by Les Schwab.

Gentry won the open calf roping and was presented a sheep skin art made by Barbara Diggins, donated by Van Marter and Kahl Insurance. Gentry and Kyle Robinson tied with the team of Mike and Bob Mahoney for third place in the team roping first go-round and averaged first. They were presented a sheep skin art donated by Murray Drug and Ployhar Insurance.

Gentry's wife Terri, took first in the women's break-a-way roping.

Don Kindsfather won the Morrow County Amateur Calf Roping event and was presented the Kinzua saddle, made by Sherman Murray, Rhea Creek Saddlery.

Other winners are as follows: Cow Riding: first-Jason Britt; second-Mike Mahoney; third-Russell Britt.

Calf riding, 9-14 years, six second ride: first-Blake Knowles; second-Shane Matheny; third-Jared Vandecar.

Pee Wee Barrels, 10 and under: first-Angela Munkers; second-Blake Knowles; third-Jared Eckman.

Jr. Barrels, 11-15 years: first-Tiffanie Munkers; second-Holly Eckman; third-Brian Knowles.

Sr. Barrels, 16 and over: first-Maureen Crossley; second-Angie Hughes; third-Heidi Lane; fourth-Mary Knowles.

Steer Wrestling: first-Mike



Jerry Gentry is presented the Morrow County all-around buckle donated by Les Schwab tires by Princesses Kristine Bedortha, Jenni Ashbeck, Queen Jodee Ashbeck, Princesses Elizabeth Doherty and Jodi Vandeventer.

Mahoney. Break-a-way roping Women's: first-Terri Gentry; second-Maureen Crossley.

Mutton Busting 60 lbs. and under: first-Bradley Adams; second-Donald Adams; third-Kelsie Greenup.

Team roping first go-round: first-Cliff Dougherty and Steve Miller; second-Dave Riekkola and DeWayne Rogers; third a tie between

Mike and Bob Mahoney and Jerry Gentry and Kyle Robinson.

Second go-round: first-Jack McGuire and Liz Smith; second-Sherman Murray and Roice Fulleton; third-Jim Ward and Don Kindsfather. Average first-Jerry Gentry and Kyle Robinson; second-Cliff Dougherty and Steve Miller; third-Dave Riekkola and DeWayne Rogers.



L-R: Princesses Kristine Bedortha, Jodi Vandeventer, Elizabeth Doherty, Jenni Ashbeck and Queen Jodee Ashbeck present Don Kindsfather with the Amateur calf roping saddle donated by Kinzua Corporation.

Health care-council to meet Aug. 22

The Morrow County Health Care council will hold its next meeting on August 22, 1991 at 7 p.m. at the Lone City Hall. The council will be addressing the first of a series of

topics raised at the goal setting meetings. Jackie Bergstrom, chairperson of the medical board, and Earnest Wick, county health administrator, will be available to

answer questions. This is an open meeting, and the public is invited to attend. For further information call Pam Sagely at 676-9122 between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

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