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Photos by Joyce Hughes
(Left) Beulah Ogletree works on her latest basket. (Inset) Beulah's baskets have lots of intricate weaving; (right) a variety of baskets she has ready to sell Nov. 6 & 7 at the art show.

A local woman is keeping a Native American art alive. Beulah Ogletree of Heppner hand crafts pine needle baskets.

Ogletree has been making baskets and other pine needle articles since she took a class in Grant's Pass 10 years ago. When she lived in Grant's Pass, she was able to get the long pine needles from a tree that grew in her yard, but now sends away for the needles from dealers in Georgia and other places in the Deep South. Ogletree sews the needles together with raffia, a fiber made from a palm leaf. The raffia is used like thread and is sewn with a darning needle. Rene Devin, who has learned quite a bit about the art of pine needle basket weaving, says the craft began in the Eastern part of the U.S. where Native Americans used sugar pine needles and grasses instead of the raffia. Devin, who, along with Marsha Sweek, attended a program on pine needle basketry last year, says that pine needle basketry classes have been available through the High Desert Museum in Bend.

Wire is used to make different shaped baskets, most of which are 10 to 12 inches across. Some of the baskets have handles and some have lids. Ogletree, who also makes placemats and holders, says she does "whatever sends me." The prices of the baskets vary, depend-

ing on difficulty and size. Some of the baskets take as long as two weeks to make. Ogletree belongs to an arts and crafts club and sells the baskets at various arts and crafts shows.

A longtime Morrow County resident, Beulah came to the area as a child when her parents, Joe and Jessie, bought a ranch at 8-Mile. She and her brothers, Bud Batty of Heppner, Gilbert of

Pool calcutta brings \$1,000 toward swimming pool

A swimming pool for Heppner is \$1,013 closer to happening. That is the amount raised by People for the Pool from their pool calcutta, auction and spaghetti dinner held Oct. 11.

A Montana Silversmith jewelry set, donated by Green Feed, is on display at the Bank of Eastern Oregon and raffle tickets for it are being sold for \$1 each.

Lapel buttons showing support for the pool are available for \$2 each at Heppner TV, Murray's Drug and the Heppner Gazette-Times. Donation jars are still out at local stores.

Cash register receipts from Central Market Red Apple brought in \$92 in September

Brookings, and Kenneth and Lewis, who have passed away, grew up there.

Beulah's husband Douglas, who passed away in 1984, was an engineer at the town of Kinzua and then at Kinzua in Heppner. She taught school in Heppner for around 10 years. In 1956 they moved to Brookings where she

through Red Apple's cash-bank program. Receipts are still being collected and may be dropped off at city hall, said organizer Kay Proctor.

Material for the purchase of laser-printed bricks is expected soon and will be put out at local merchants. Bricks will sell for \$30 for one line or \$45 for two lines and will be built into the new pool facilities. Park benches and bike racks will be available for larger donations.

To date, \$4,020 has been taken in towards a goal of \$40,000 cash.

The next meeting for People for the Pool is Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Kate's Pizza.

Carley Drake wins Make It With Wool contest



Adult winner Carley Drake (left), junior division runner-up Mandi Gutierrez and junior winner Heather Ennis model outfits they entered in the Make It With Wool contest.

By Anne Morter

Fourteen contestants modeled their wool outfits at the District 11 Make It Yourself With Wool Contest, held October 10 in Ione. Jimmi Kaye Alexander repeated as the senior division winner, while a second year seamstress from Boardman, Heather Ennis, took the junior division title. Both will advance to state level com-

petition to be held Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Lloyd Center Red Lion in conjunction with the Oregon Sheepgrower's Convention.

Alexander, of Milton-Freewater, continued her reign in the senior division, modeling a striking taupe evening suite. The above-the-knee skirt and short dinner jacket featured extensive hand beading of glass beads and pearls.

In the junior division, Heather Ennis won with her two-piece suit made of teal blue wool. The skirt was above the knee and the jacket's yoke was subtly gathered to bring her look together. Heather is a junior at Riverside High School.

Mandi Gutierrez, an eighth grader at Heppner Middle School, was the runner-up in the junior division. She modeled a straight red crepe skirt that hit her just above the knee. She topped it with a black and white tweed jacket. She accessorized her outfit with a red felt hat with black trim.

Tapia Hanson of Parkdale won the pre-teen division with her show-stopping navy blue jumpsuit. The jumpsuit buttoned up the front with handmade square

clay buttons in primary colors. She had earrings to match and coordinated the outfit with a turtleneck featuring squares of primary colors. She topped the outfit with red shoes and a perky red wool baseball cap.

Joni Hedman of Pilot Rock was the runner up in a hunter green jumper, belted at the waist, with a coordinating blouse.

Carley Drake of Heppner won the adult division in a royal blue dropped shoulder dress with gold buttons at the cuff. A coordinating scarf accessorized her outfit. Carley's dress and a picture of her in it will be sent on to state competition where one adult competitor is selected to advance to nationals.

District director, Maureen Krebs, noted that the number of contestants was down this year, but she was pleased with the quality of work and also with the attendance at the fashion show. She also noted that the judges, Elva Madden of Fossil, Marlene Pointer of Lexington and Becky Wolfe of Wallowa, were impressed with the contestants and their ability to model and present themselves well.

Native Basket Weaving

Women's salad supper planned

The annual Christian Women's Autumn salad supper, hosted by many area churches, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Guest speaker will be Lea Mathieu, pastor at Ione United Church of Christ.

All women are invited to attend at no charge.

Those planning on attending should contact Marcia Anderson, 676-5182, Beth Bryant, 676-9411, or their local church so the committee may get a head count.

American Legion flea market Sat.

The American Legion Auxiliary flea market will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Legion hall in Ione. Doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "There

will be lots of goodies for everyone," said a spokesperson. Crafts, food and lots of other items will be for sale. Lunch, pie and coffee will also be available.

Wallace wins state bar poll

District Court Judge candidate Jeff Wallace was the winner in a recent Oregon State Bar poll concerning attorneys' preference for the department 2 position.

Wallace received 30 votes and incumbent Judge Peter Fels received 27.

Members of the bar are routinely polled on upcoming appointments and elections for judicial positions. This poll was conducted for informational purposes only and does not constitute an official position of the Oregon State Bar.

Voter list available for ASCS election

A list of the names of all known eligible people to receive ballots in the upcoming annual Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service committee election is available at the county ASCS office, reports R.H. Matthews, CED.

Farmers will begin nominating candidates for the ASC election on October 8.

ASCS, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is responsible for farm program ad-

ministration. On the local level, ASCS operates under a farm-elected committee system. This year's election will be by mail ballot between November 27 and December 7. Voters may also get ballots at the county ASCS office.

Anyone who meets the following requirements is eligible to vote in these farmer committee elections: any individual of legal voting age with an interest in a farm as owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper who is eligible to participate in any ASCS program.

Several general provisions relate to ASCS voter eligibility. A wife who operates a farm with her husband can vote if her name is on the deed of conveyance. Any person under legal voting age can vote if he or she runs a farm, and a legal guardian who runs a farm for a child can vote for the child. No person can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or handicap.

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