

Heppner family tree reaches 'round the world



Kim (l) and Michael Heppner display 12 foot long family tree.

The tree was splintered in the 1800s with the lure of adventure and fortune in the west. Its seeds were cast to the wind in the 1930s with the terror of Hitler's reign. But the tree is being pieced together again as one man traces the roots of a family name so familiar to us.

Michael Heppner journeyed all the way from London to visit the town of Heppner, the namesake of his distant relative, Henry. His research has taken him all over the world, and in the process, he has amassed information on 400



Clockwise from left: Helen, Kim, Michael, Ursula Heppner and Sally Cohn.

members of the Heppner family, creating a computerized family tree 12 feet long.

Michael left East Germany as a two year old with his parents Henry and Alice in July of 1939. They fled to England to escape the Nazis, just before war broke out in September of that year. Michael's cousin Kim, who accompanied him on his trek to Heppner, escaped with his parents, Alfred and Lotte to New Zealand the year before.

Much of the information about the Heppner family Michael discovered on a trip to Israel. Rabbi Dr. Aron Heppner, who died in 1938, left an archive of papers which survived the Holocaust. His daughter, Ruth, now 92 years old, fled with the family to Israel and carried the papers with her. They had been forgotten for nearly 50 years until Michael's visit in 1986.

Another breakthrough occurred when Michael received a clipp-

ing of the Gazette-Times, reporting that Gary Heppner had visited the town of Heppner. Gary, who lives in Nebraska, was a descendant of Kaskel, Henry's brother. The only information Michael had known about this "lost" branch of the family was that Kaskel had not migrated to the West Coast with his brothers and sisters and was still alive in 1905 when Henry the founder of Heppner, died.

Second cousins (their grandfathers were brothers) Kim and Michael have grown to be good friends since Kim traveled to England in 1962. Kim and Michael and Michael's wife, Ursula, accompanied Michael's parents to East Germany and Poland in 1988. It proved to be a very emotional journey, for there they visited the station where Henry bid farewell to his parents when he left for England in 1939. They also discovered, still standing the family bakery and the barber shop where Henry got his hair cut.

Accompanying Kim and Michael and their wives on the pilgrimage to Heppner was another relative of Henry Hepp-

ner, Sally Cohn, Portland. Sally, whose father was Henry Heppner's great-great nephew, grew up in Heppner. Her mother, Helen Cohn, who died in 1964 and her father, Harold, who died in 1974 are both buried at the Heppner Cemetery. Sally left Heppner just before her senior year, although she returned for summers and holidays. Their home was sold to Bill Kenny.

While in town the two Heppner families toured the museum and the downtown shops and planned on visits to the cemetery, the hospital and rodeo grounds.

Before arriving in Heppner they visited Michael's daughter, Carrie, who is attending school at Santa Barbara, CA, and stopped over in Portland to see Elinor Shank, whose grandmother was Elizabeth Heppner, the sister of Henry, our namesake. Elinor is a sister to Harold Cohn, Sally's father.

The Heppners, who arrived in the U.S. March 31, return home on April 16. Michael runs an engineering distributing company in London and Kim is a dental surgeon in Auckland, New Zealand. Ironically, Kim's office is on Morrow Street.

Hardman Center plans oyster feed

The Hardman Community Center's Oyster feed, salmon bake and ham dinner, cooked by Bob Allen will be held Saturday, April 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hardman Community Center. Desserts will also be served.

There will be no waiting in line outside this year, said a center spokesperson. Arrangements have been made for everyone to wait inside and coffee will be served.

Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children.

One-woman historical drama to be presented at museum

A one-woman historical drama showcasing the lives of several remarkable women from Northwest history will be presented on Wednesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Museum.

Featuring well-known touring performer Jane Van Boskirk, "Abigail and Others: The Northwest Women" highlights the humor and wisdom of women who sowed the seeds of civilization, culture and conscience in the Western wilderness. The program features Oregon's leading suffragist, Abigail Scott Duniway, as well as such notable Oregon pioneers as Narcissa Whitman, Tabitha Brown and others.

Jan Van Boskirk is familiar to adult and school audiences through the Northwest. Her Northwest Touring Theatre has traveled the region with such

historically accurate dramas as "Prodigal Daughters", "The Youngest Pioneer" and "Armed in the Spirit", among others.

"Abigail and Others: The Northwest Women" is sponsored by the Morrow County Museum and is made possible by the Oregon Council for the Humanities, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. There is no admission charge.

Hop-a-thon to benefit charity

The Heppner Daycare preschool is sponsoring a "Hop-a-thon" on Saturday April 17 at 10 a.m. at the daycare center.

The children will gather sponsors and on Saturday they will see how many hops they can hop.

The hop-a-thon is to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy. "If you know one of the children who is jumping we encourage you to support them. It is for a very good cause," said a spokesperson for the event.

Health Fair asks for input

Do you have an interesting hobby, a skill, a craft or something that helps keep you alert, active and in good health? Health fair organizers would like to know about it and share it with others at the first "Health Fair" to be held in Heppner at the St. Patrick's Senior Center on Thursday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Forms may be obtained at the senior center office. Deadline to submit the form is Friday, April 16. For more information contact Stan Hoobing 676-5069.

Fiddlers to perform

The Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers will be performing in Irigon at the Stokes Landing Senior Center on Old Main and Opeal St. This is the seventh year they have presented a variety of old time music. The show will be held Saturday, April 17 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$2 and refreshments will be available. For more information contact Jane Weston 922-4399.

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The Most Common Bacterial Infection

According to a recent report in *Pharmacy Times*, the most common bacterial infection reported in the United States is a urinary tract infection (UTI). The report indicates that UTIs result in between 8 and 10 million visits to physicians' offices each year. Most office visits are made by women. Most infections are caused by an organism called *E. coli*. Symptoms often include an urgency to urinate, frequent urination, and painful urination. It is not uncommon for some women to experience UTIs on a recurring basis. Recurring infections often are caused by different bacteria. Technically, recurrent UTIs are those that occur more often than three times a year.

One of the common causes for UTIs is the use of a diaphragm as a form of contraception. It has been shown that some women have a genetic makeup that makes them more vulnerable to UTIs than other women. The good news about UTIs is that they are easily diagnosed, and there are any number of effective antibiotics available to treat the infections. According to the *Pharmacy Times* article, women may be able to prevent UTIs with these five measures:

1. Drink lots of water.
2. Use contraceptive methods other than a diaphragm.
3. Following urination, wipe in the direction of front to back.
4. Drink cranberry juice.
5. Void following intercourse.



HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY CARLEY
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Friends and relatives are invited to drop by the St. Patrick's Senior Center in honor of Al Fetsch's 80th birthday on Sunday, April 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served.
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A Special Thank You to the physicians, hospital staff, EMT's, fire department, police department, sheriff's department and volunteers who helped out during the trauma Sunday night.

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