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Career comes full circle for designer



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Molly Day (left) and Kimberly Trotter display sweatshirt Kim designed for Columbia Sportswear. The sweatshirts are sold at Gardner's Men's Wear.

A talent that began to bud in Heppner has come full flower and full circle back to Heppner.

Kim Wright Trotter, Vancouver, WA, began her career, in a way with 4-H sewing and sheep projects and entries in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contests. In 1992 she was Washington State senior division "Make It Yourself With Wool" winner. Her mother Judy Wright is the Oregon state "Make It Yourself With Wool" director and a long-time 4-H leader.

After Kim left high school, she tried out business courses at a community college. But Kim knew exactly what she wanted to do—become a designer. So, she dropped out of community college, enrolled in Bassist College, a design school in Portland, and obtained an associate degree in apparel design. Bassist College is the only school specifically for design in the Northwest, and in-

cludes intensive study programs in apparel design, interior design and retail management.

After graduation from Bassist she worked at a Seattle company, Gennera, for about a year. From there she went to Columbia Sportswear Co., in Portland as an assistant merchandiser designer where she has worked the past year and a half.

One of Kim's designs was selected for the company's fall line and is now being carried by Gardner's Men's Wear in Heppner. Her design is a sweatshirt with a stand-up zipper collar and an open hem. It has an embroidered design of an oak leaf with an acorn and wheat. Gardner's carries the sweatshirt in mallard (green), but it comes in four different solid colors.

Kim has also helped develop a line of jeans, "Tough Mother Jeans", relaxed-fit, bio-wash

(somewhat like stone-wash, except using enzymes instead of stones), which is just coming out in G.I. Joes.

The pattern makers in Taiwan, where Columbia has a factory, couldn't figure out how they wanted the jeans to fit. So, after a whirlwind search for a passport, Kim was off to Taiwan. She worked with the pattern makers and with the people at the washing facility to make sure they got just the right fit and colors. While Kim had been to Japan as a 4-H exchange student, this was her first visit to Taiwan.

Kim has also designed women's and men's shirts for the 1994 spring line. She created the fabric design for the men's shirt. The 100 percent cotton basic shirt has a fish print with fishing flies and triangles—hence the name "Triangler".

The women's shirt is a sleeveless denim shirt in light and dark blue, called "Blue Mountain Denim".

"It's kind of exciting to see something you worked on a year ago in the stores," said Kim. "That's probably the most exciting part." Kim said that they work on clothing lines which come out a year down the road. The company is now starting work on the spring '95 line.

"It's lots of hard work," she added. "It's exciting, but it's not glamorous at all. We have a lot of deadlines to make and we have to keep up a lot of communication."

Kim said that her sewing background was "really nice to have" and that college and on-the-job experience have been really important. An interest in art was also a factor in her career choice.

luck decided to wear the 1988 all-around buckle which was won by Mike in 1988. The buckle hadn't been worn since Mike had it on when he was killed in 1990. Mike, three other cowboys and a pilot died when their small plane crashed into Mount Ranier as they were on their way to the Ponoka Stampede, one of the largest rodeos in Canada.

This year Ron Jr. competed with Steve and Tony in the timed events and ended the rodeo with total earnings of \$4,568. He won \$1,435 in calf roping in the first go-round Tuesday and the rest of the money in steer wrestling.

In addition to trophies, a

buckle, hat, boots and jewelry he won for the all-around championship, Ron Jr. also won the Mike Currin Memorial Award Trophy Saddle, presented to the Columbia River Circuit Timed-events cowboy who wins the most money at the Round-Up.

Ron said that winning the championship was especially important to him because he had been coming to the Round-Up since he was a babe in his mother, Judy's arms. He bulldogged his first steer at the Round-Up as a 16-year old.

Ron previously placed second in steer wrestling a couple of times and has earned money calf roping.

School menu draws complaints, praise

The Morrow County School Board, parents, teachers, administrators and students are still in the process of working out the "bugs" in the new district-wide lunch program.

The district recently implemented a new "offer vs serve" program in which students are offered five choices of foods—the entree or meat dish, fruit, vegetable, bread and milk. The student may choose all five foods, but must choose at least three. The student also has four choices for the entree-hamburger, hot dog, pizza or the "daily bite" which is an alternated special entree. No seconds are allowed, but the student may opt for two entrees. Prices are \$1 for students in grades 1-5 and \$1.25 for students in grades 6-12. Second entrees are 75 cents each.

Parents at the school board meeting Monday night voiced concerns that some students were not getting enough to eat. Other complaints were heard about the quality and taste of the food. "I haven't heard one thing positive (about the food program)," said board member Bill Doherty. "I've got a second grader who comes home hungry."

"I just was not educated to the type of program," added board chairman Marcia Kemp. "It's hard to explain, when we raise prices and the quality of the food goes down."

Most administrators reported, however, that they had no serious problems with the new system, with the exception of Heppner High School principal Steve Dickenson. Dickenson reported that 113 meals served on the first day of school had dwindled to 58 on the 10th day. An option to offer burritos instead of hot dogs may increase meals served.

Susan Tolar, Sam Boardman Elementary School principal, said that with the new system she has seen a "tremendous decrease in the amount of garbage," because students are not required to take foods that they will not eat.

Shirley Landauer, business manager and deputy clerk, said that the new system is saving money for the district. Because of Ballot Measure 5 funding shortfalls, the district was forced to cut \$225,000 from the food program, from \$350,000 to \$125,000. She said that the district goal is to cut another \$125,000 so that the food program receives no subsidies from the district and is self supporting through lunch payments and government subsidies for low income students.

"We had a Rolls Royce food program in Morrow County," she said.

Reduction of kitchen staff, buying in bulk, a district wide menu and buying prepackaged foods were implemented to cut costs.

In other business the board: -was introduced to the Heppner High School Student Council and Canadian exchange student Eric Fournier.

-accepted resignations of Anne Orcutt, RHS food service; Cherrie Clark, HES food service; Gregg Rietmann, Ione High School assistant boys basketball coach.

-accepted transfers and recalls for Marchell Downey, RHS; and Dean Robinson, from Ione Middle School head boys basketball coach to Ione High School assistant basketball coach;

-approved employment of Cheryl Costello, RHS attendance/educational assistant; Marchell Downey, RHS special educational assistant; Lois Conner, RHS food service; Krysta Schoen, CJH special education assistant; Jody Marston, CJH assistant cook; Marilyn Stewart, A.C. Houghton food service education assistant; Tammy Ellis, SBE food service educational assistant; Bob Morris, north end bus driver; Sharon Sample, CJH volleyball coach; Kitty Bredemeier, HHS choir; Dale Holland, Ione Middle School head boys coach;

-approved an unpaid leave of absence for Beverly Steagall;

-heard a report from Mike Brightman, SCM Architectural on the current plans and cost projects of proposed bond issue projects.

-heard a report from John Moyer on the maintenance and grounds projects completed and scheduled.

-heard an enrollment report. 1993 figures are as follows as of Sept. 20: ACH 383; CJH 194; HES 343; HHS 154; Ione 176; RHS 397; SBE 381; for a total of 2028. 1991 and 92 figures are as follows as of Sept. 16, 1991 and Sept. 18, 1992: ACH 354-392;

CJH 187-209; HES 349-339; HHS 153-154; Ione 172-186; RHS 346-368; SBE 334-376; for a total of 1895-2024.

-heard an update on the current school funding situation;

-heard a report that an appeal to OSHA resulted in a reduced fine, concerning a type of gas can not approved by regulations;

-heard a report and comments concerning transportation of Heppner High School band students to Heppner Middle School;

-heard that HHS principal Steve Dickenson was appointed a regional representative to the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators;

-heard of approval of a request from the RHS boosters to use the "Pirate Ship" bus to travel from Boardman to a football game in Heppner Oct. 7;

-received copies of administrative regulations and control plan for dealing with blood and bodily fluids;

-heard a report on a plan for improving traffic at ACH;

-approved appointments of Jerry Healy and John Edwards to the budget committee;

-approved a revision of policy so that Julie Ashbeck will serve as board secretary;

-did not approve a recommendation to support the upcoming sales tax;

-approved a contract for tuition for Olex students;

-approved a list of "surplus equipment";

-accepted a donation from SBE teacher Fred Jacquot of \$100 to the SBE library;

-heard of approval of the Head Start grant to provide another classroom in Irrigon and one in south Morrow County;

-heard reports from school principals.

School board takes no action on cheerleader/dance team issue

Cheerleaders and dance team may be a thing of the past for Morrow County Schools, following a decision of the Morrow County School Board at their regular meeting Monday night, Sept. 21.

The board denied a request for a volunteer fund raising effort to provide cheerleaders and dance team at Heppner High School. School superintendent Chuck Starr urged the board to take action denying the request, but a motion failed and no action was taken. Starr said that although he commended supporters of a volunteer program, approval of such a plan in the Heppner schools only, would create "further antagonism between the communities of the district and a

feeling of inequity."

Starr said that the program was cut district-wide for the '93-94 school year and community/volunteer funding or operation of the programs should be planned well in advance of the operation of the program. "We will be doing more of these kinds of cuts in the future," added Starr.

Program cuts were attributed to shortfalls caused by the passage of Ballot Measure 5. Starr said that the district now anticipates around \$510,000 less in school funding for the 1994-95 school year and "even less" for '95-96.

Volunteer advisors are prevented from donating their time without pay because of certified employees' extra duty contracts.

Heppner man cited in accident

James Judd, 36, Heppner, was cited for driving uninsured following an automobile accident on Sept. 4, around 4:30 p.m.

According to Heppner Police officer Merle Cowett, the driver of another vehicle, Barbara Pike, was heading south out of town on Highway 207. As she passed a driveway, Judd accidentally bumped the gear shift of his vehicle, causing it to go into neutral. The Judd vehicle rolled forward and was hit by Pike's pickup.

According to Cowett, Pike then corrected her pickup to avoid going over an embankment. The pickup then went up on a bank and tipped over on its side.

Pike and a passenger in the Judd vehicle, Travis Wilson, 18, were transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

BMCC continuing ed classes slated

Blue Mountain Community College continuing education will begin fall classes for all ABE and GED students on Wednesday, Sept. 22. Classes will be held on Wednesday and Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center. For more information call Sue or Gary Warren at 422-7040.

New street signs installed



Photo by Joyce Hughes

City crews have installed new street signs in Heppner. City administrator Gary Marks said that signs will first be installed on Main Streets, Riverside, Gale, May, Court, Main and CHase and then on side streets.

(Above) City foreman Dave Winters puts Riverside and Morgan street sign in its place.

Ron Currin Jr. wins all-around honors at Pendleton Round-Up

There's one more Currin name on the wall at the Pendleton Round-Up grounds. Ron Currin Jr., joins his three brothers as winners of Pendleton Round-Up titles.

When Ron Jr., 33, Heppner won the 1993 Round-Up all-around title, he joined Mike, who won the 1988 all-around, Tony, who won bulldogging championships in 1987 and 1989 and Steve, who won the bulldogging event in 1991.

Besides talent, a little bit of luck may have followed Ron Jr., into the rodeo grounds this year for the 83rd Pendleton Round-Up.

Ron's dad, Ron, Sr., for good