

## Wagon train arrives in Cecil

By Anne Morter  
The 1993 Official Historical Trails Wagon Train, which left Independence, Missouri on May 2, arrived in Cecil for an overnight stay, Sunday, Sept. 26. The train includes five Conestoga wagons, all constructed by Trail Boss, Morris Carter, Jr. The train also included one wagon bound for Aurora, carrying a replica of a metal casket. This outfit commemorates a trail boss who promised his son he would take him on the Oregon Trail. His son died shortly before they were scheduled to depart and the father was determined to keep his promise. He filled the metal casket with alcohol and transported the body to its final resting spot in Aurora. The Guinness Book of Records still recognizes this as the longest funeral procession. A mock burial is scheduled in December in Aurora. The remainder of the train will find the end of the trail in Independence, Oregon. They expect to reach that point on Oc-

tober 24. Planning for this six-month journey started over two years ago. Their goal was to recreate the trip as it would have been done by the 350,000 people in the mid 1880's. They have tried to travel on original ruts as much as possible, traversing a good deal of private and government land. During the journey, they had many authentic pioneer experiences including river crossings and extreme weather. Since the wagon train traveled a good deal of original ruts, they also visited countless pioneer grave sites. Trail Boss, Morris Carter, Jr., comes from Casper, Wyoming. His assistant trail captain, Ben Kern, also comes from Wyoming. Carter's daughters, Oneta, 19, Ivy, 17, Airian 15 and Katrena, 14, were the principal drivers of the wagons. A low key welcome greeted the wagon train in Cecil. Dinner of roast beef, potatoes, corn, salads and Rocky Trail ice cream was prepared and served by the Historical Society.

## Flu season is here, clinics scheduled for Morrow County

Influenza season is early and experts are predicting that this year's flu season may be especially severe. According to officials of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is a strong likelihood that this year's influenza season will be predominated by the type of A Beijing virus, leading to increased severity of influenza cases. Their predictions are based on the manner in which last year's flu season ended and on a new strain which infected at least 85 people in Louisiana last month. In an effort to offset these grim predictions, Oregon's Adult Immunization Coalition is mounting a major flu prevention drive, encouraging high risk groups to get their flu shots to avoid this potentially life-threatening lung disease. "Getting the flu vaccine is sound advice for all people," states Kathleen Gaffney M.D., state health officer. "It is especially good advice for those in high risk groups such as senior citizens, individuals with chronic lung disease including asthma and emphysema, health care workers and those with heart and kidney ailments."

The following flu clinics are scheduled in Morrow County: Heppner: Oct. 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Oct. 14 and 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Public Health Office and Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the St. Patrick Senior Center; Ione: Oct. 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. and Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at Lone City Hall; Boardman: Oct. 5 from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Oct. 19 from 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Boardman City Hall; and Irrigon: Oct. 12, 1 to 7 p.m. and Oct 26 1 to 4 p.m. in the Irrigon Annex Building; Oct. 18, 10 a.m. to noon, Irrigon Senior Center. For more information contact the Health Department 676-95421.

## Auction to benefit Lexington Lodge



The Rebekah Lodge Hall was built in 1929

An auction to benefit the historic Lexington Odd Fellow Rebekah Lodge will be held on Oct. 9 at the lodge. The auction will get underway at 10:30 a.m. with Triad Auctioneers. A dinner will follow at noon. The fund raiser will help pay for a new roof for the building, which was donated to the lodge in 1929 by Minnie Leach McMillan. Mrs. Leach operated the Leach Brothers Store after the death of her husband Billy. The store was a victim of the Depression, but

Mrs. Leach donated the building to the community as a memorial to her husband. She specified that the building be used to benefit the community. The building at one time was used for a Saturday night picture show, and through the years has been used for dances, public meetings, lodge meetings and other community events. Auction items are still being sought. Furniture, antiques and odds and ends are welcome. Call Bob Taylor or Cecil Jones for more information.

## BMCC knitting class offered

A knitting class will be offered through Blue Mountain Community College on Tuesday nights starting Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Sandra Van Liew will be the instructor.

Students interested need to bring yarn and needles for a project of their choice. For more information call Van Liew, 676-5050 or BMCC coordinator Sue Warren 422-7040.

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## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

There's a song, "What A Difference A Day Makes". I was thinking about this in terms of volunteers. What a difference it would make in small rural towns if every citizen was willing to give at least one day a year as a volunteer to help in a variety of ways. That would be about 1500 warm bodies in action...almost five volunteers per day. Many volunteers go quietly about their business behind the scenes without any type of recognition, while others come to the rescue of committees by raising their hands. Both are the backbone of small communities. I was recently in attendance at a meeting in a metropolitan area where it was suggested that all volunteers need to keep records, have a time sheet, not work over x number of hours, etc. I'm sorry, this is not something I see as progress and change for the good. When we destroy the option for human beings to volunteer for as many hours as they wish while investing in their community, then we have lost something very special. Often time passes faster for volunteers who are working together to accomplish a task without regard to pay, overtime, etc. It's a choice that hasn't been taken away.

St. Pat's celebration, the hotel project, Christmas lights, rodeo grounds, baseball park, pool, cycle Oregon, etc. are a few examples. Volunteers save time, money and cause things to happen. New friends are made while sharing a common interest and taking a load off others. Best of all, they experience true giving, by contributing to the nourishment that keeps Heppner a place where "rural is for real". What a difference a volunteer makes.

Some are confirming this as they prepare for breakfasts, oyster feeds, pie sales, for the entourage of hunters. These are the visitors who often buy their supplies in Heppner, thus supporting our local economy. One thing they will need will be something to combat the yellow jackets, bees and grease bugs before frost on the pumpkins.

Welcome them, point them in the right direction, and have a good weekend.

Next week: Chamber board and business meeting.

## Engagements Piper - McDaniel

Sheila Piper and Rick McDaniel announce their engagement to be married. Sheila is the daughter of Mel Piper, Heppner. Rick is the son of Cecil McDaniel, Heppner and Blanche McDaniel, Lonerock. The couple plan to be married Oct. 2, 1993 at Lonerock. A potluck will follow.

**Bridal Tables**

*Sheila Piper & Rick McDaniel*  
Wedding - Oct. 2

*Lea Mathieu & Joel Peterson*  
Shower - Oct. 5; Wedding - Oct. 10

*Amy Betts & Jess Osmin*  
Wedding - Oct. 23

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