

Heppner at 30 thousand



A silver arrow appears to be pointing to a river of rubble, dwarfed by rolling hills, in this aerial photo taken by Lowell Turner. Turner is a former Heppner resident and member of the HHS class of 1956.

The photo of Willow Creek Lake and the city of Heppner was taken at 30,000 feet while Turner, a professional pilot, was en route to Tokyo, Japan on Jan. 22.

"I'll bet this picture is one of the more unique of our home

town," wrote Turner. Turner enclosed a flight plan which details his journey from Dallas/Fort Worth to Boise, Seattle, Vancouver Island, Kodiak, Alaska, Pribilof Island and Tokyo.

Curiosity draws Heppner to town



Lee Heppner

Curiosity finally got the best of Lee Heppner. He had passed the Heppner sign on the freeway

many times, but never had time to check out the town that was his namesake. On March 2, traveling to see his children, Taylor and Victoria, in North Bend, Heppner passed the turnoff and drove 30 miles before turning back and finally taking that turn.

Heppner, 30, of Moses Lake, WA, was born in Abilene, Texas. His father, Robert, who was in the Air Force, was originally from New York. He now lives in Moses Lake. Lee's grandfather, William, was born in New York around 1898. William's father, who came from Prussia, is believed to be the brother of Henry Heppner.

Lee said that his father brought his grandfather to Heppner in the 60s, but since it was a weekend, everything was closed and they were unable to learn more about the town. Lee says that he plans to return to Heppner and this time bring his father.

Gun Club list shoot winners

Nineteen people attended the trapshooting at the Morrow County Gun Club annual 100 target shoot last Sunday. Each person shot 50 targets from a handicap distance equal to the shooter's skill.

Curtis and Jeff Cutsforth tied at 48 targets to win the 16 yard A class title. Brian Thompson won the B class with 46 and Tyson Palmateer won the C class with 37.

Thompson won the handicap event with a perfect 50 straight and Jack Hentges placed second with 46 targets broken.

After the 100 bird shoot, four Annie Oakleys were played. Steve Ball, Mike Adams, Jeff Cutsforth and Mick Sharp each took a win.

The shoot concludes the regular shooting season at the gun club. A ladies shoot is scheduled for March 27 beginning at noon.

UCC women's meeting held

The regional spring meeting for women in the United Church of Christ was held Thursday, March 17 in Ione. Twenty-eight women attended, from churches in The Dalles, White Salmon, Condon and Ione.

"Women of Wisdom" was the theme. The Rev. Lea Mathieu of Ione gave a presentation on women in New Testament times and Jean Thomas of The Dalles summarized the history of the Deaconess Movement in the UCC. Each church then spoke of a woman from their congregation who had "made a difference". Marilyn Rietmann, the church's late pianist, choir director and treasurer, was honored from Ione.

Ione's deaconesses, under the organization of president Helen Crawford, gave the luncheon. Coffee hour was prepared by Lisa Rietmann. Musicians were Helen Martin, Frances Smouse and Cheryl Smouse.

Bull riders went for \$9,000

Forty PRCA bull riders competed for \$9,000 in purse money at the first St. Paddy's Bull Busting event held Saturday, March 19, during Heppner's St. Patrick's celebration. This event was sponsored by the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee of Heppner.

Announcer Bob Tallman, Baker City and clown Ike Pryor, Yakima, WA, kept a large crowd of spectators laughing while cowboys made wild rides on bulls from the Beard Rodeo Contractors string. Assisting in the arena were bull fighters Bruce Kimsey, Chelan, WA., and Mike Gotham, Colville, WA.

Brian Barker, Nampa, ID., came up the big winner with a purse of \$4,400 after winning the first section and placing first in the average. Clint Waffle, Lewiston, ID., took home \$1,250 placing third in the short go and winning the second section of bull riding. Waffle was also awarded a \$50 raffle ticket on a 1994 pickup for being the most Irish looking cowboy by sporting green chaps and green shirt.

Todd McKay, Fossil, was third in the average and second in the

short go to win \$580. Tying for fourth was Dusty Arzino, Molalla and Cody Balwin, Granger, WA.

While stick horse racers, ages six and under took their turn in the arena, spectators were awarded prizes donated by RJ's Steakhouse in Lexington, Pendleton Underground Tours and the Golden Dragon restaurant, Hermiston.

Sponsors who contributed to the added purse money included Morrow County Grain Growers, Lexington; Wheat Growers of the Lexington area; Les Schwab, Paul Hisler Jr., Heppner Elks Lodge, First Interstate Bank, all Heppner, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company and Graybeal Distributing, Pendleton, C & C Truck Parts, Hermiston; Jamieson & Marshall Plumbing and Heating, Condon and Damerow Ford and Fleet Sales, Beaverton.

Heppner area winners of the cowboy auction held on Friday evening at the Heppner Elks Lodge were Mike Huddleston, first; Kathy Cutsforth, second; and Diana Hoelt and Mary Ann Munkers tied for third.

Ione Legion Post celebrates 75th

By Anne Morter

Forty-one members and guests of Ione American Legion Post #95 celebrated the Legion's 75th birthday with a special dinner and program on March 7. The Ione Post is 73 years old, organized in January, 1921, with 16 members signing the charter on February 8, 1921.

The program followed dinner which was held at Beecher's Cafe in Ione. District Six Commander Ed Baker of Heppner, gave a brief talk followed by Charles Doherty, post historian, who presented continuous membership pins. Bill Rietmann, John Jepsen and Lloyd McNary received pins for 40 years of

membership and Pete Hams received a pin for 35 years. The group was also informed that both the post and the unit have reached membership goals set by state headquarters.

Ione Post Commander, Wayne Rietmann, presented special 75th anniversary cups to past commander, Conrad Tworek, past adjutant, Lloyd McNary and historian Charles Doherty.

The Ione American Legion Auxiliary provided birthday cake, served by Helen Crawford, Lucy Tworek and Vera Rietmann. Irene Holtz and Vera Rietmann of the Auxiliary were in charge of decorations.

Local church ready for Japanese visitors

The congregations of Hope and Valby Lutheran Churches are gearing up for the arrival of 10 teenage girls and their teacher from the Kyushu Jogakuin Lutheran Women's School in Kumamoto, Japan. These students, along with 10 other of their classmates will arrive in Portland March 25 for the Oregon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. They will spend five days in the Portland area and then half of the group will travel to the Eugene-Springfield area and the other half will come to south Morrow County.

During their stay in Morrow County, the students will visit the Lindsay Farm, Oregon Trail Site at Well Springs, speak to the Japanese Language class at Heppner High School and visit with Vicki Broden's middle school students. They will also take in the Heppner community Easter egg hunt as well as see other sites in and around the county.

Although the girls attend a Lutheran school that has been founded by Lutheran missionaries and is now run by the Japanese Evangelical Lutheran church, many are not Christian. They will, however, take in the worship service of the Hope-Valby

Lutheran Parish. The girls will attend Maundy Thursday, March 31 with a potluck dinner and Holy Communion at Valby. During the dinner they will share some Japanese culture with the congregation. Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

On Good Friday, April 1, the girls will attend the soup supper at Hope in Heppner. They will also participate in the Service of Darkness. Easter Sunday they will provide special music during the festive communion services at both churches.

Palm Sunday, March 27, the congregations of Hope and Valby will reenact the triumphal entry of Jesus in Jerusalem with special blessing of palm crosses which were made by a village in Tanzania, East Africa.

There will be a reading of Palm Sunday text from Mark 11:1-10. In place of the sermon, a dramatic reading of the Passion of our Lord, according to St. Mark (Mark 14: 1-14; 47) will be read. Dave Barnett will be the reader at Valby and Vicki Broden will read at Hope.

Services at Valby begin at 9 a.m. Easter Sunday service will begin at 8 a.m. Services at Hope will begin at 11 a.m.

Visitors and friends are welcome to attend.

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