

Museum to sponsor programs The Nature Conservancy holds Lindsay Prairie tour

'The Fire and the Rose', a talk by Portland actor Keith Scales on the development of the mysterious Grail legends through myth and literature, will be presented Sunday evening, May 22 at 7 at the Morrow County Museum in Heppner. The public is invited to attend this free program.

Some people will remember Scales as the man who presented last year's program on Irish poet W.B. Yeats. His new program recounts legends of empire and tribe, Druid and Pope, goddesses, knights errant and maidens in distress.

From the Iron Age to the historical era of the Arthurian legends to 20th century Jungian psychology, the Grail as a cultural symbol has been associated with regeneration mystery and the human quest for meaning. As Scales explores these tales, the Grail emerges as a riddle of untold antiquity with profound significance for us today.

London born, Scales has appeared in more than 100 plays



and has directed over 30 full-length productions. In 1989 he supervised the historic Portland production of Yeats' 'Cuchulain Cycle' which the 'Christian Science Monitor' described as 'intriguing and exhilarating.' 'The Fire and the Rose' is sponsored by Oregon Trail Library and is made possible by the Oregon Council for the Humanities.

By Anne Morter

The Nature Conservancy held a spring tour of Lindsay Prairie on Friday, May 6, with about 15 residents in attendance.

The tour was designed to introduce residents unfamiliar with the Nature Conservancy and to showcase what is happening on Lindsay Prairie, located at the junction of Juniper and Strawberry Canyons. But what really got the attention of most was the \$100,000 restoration project where the PGT pipeline crossed the property last year. Representatives from the Nature Conservancy as well as Bechtel, the pipeline construction firm, and Wildlands Inc. the restoration company, were on hand to answer questions.

Lindsay Prairie was purchased by the Nature Conservancy in 1987 because it represented what they felt was a significant example of the Columbia River Basin's native grassland. In 1993, the PGT Pipeline Expansion project made a 100 foot wide swath through the property with the understanding that the land would be restored to its native condition upon completion of the pipeline project. The process for bringing that condition about was long and labor intensive as well as costly. The 6.2 acre disrupted zone will cost more than \$100,000 upon completion, according to Bill Mast, owner of Wildlands Inc. Mast remains on contract until September of 1995 to insure the area is recovering well and possibly longer if it is not.

Mast explained how seed was hand harvested from the native plants growing in the area. Machine harvest was not possible due to varying maturation rates of the different species. The seed was sprouted in a California greenhouse during their off-season and then viable "plugs" of bunchgrass were returned to Lindsay Prairie for transplanting this spring. Transplanting was done manually, with approximately 68,000 plugs being hand-planted in a random fashion. The plants were strawed with cut bunchgrass in hopes of sheltering young plants and scattering more seed. Since their planting, they have been hand-watered, because of a lack of rain, a process that takes two or three workers two or three days. Mast felt that using sprinklers would bring on weeds so each plug was watered separately. It is due for another watering soon and may still yet receive one more. The ground has also been hand weeded since The Nature Conservancy's policies dictate that chemicals can be used only after all other options have been explored.

Berta Youtie, area manager for The Nature Conservancy, found her guests reluctant to move on to examine other parts of the natural area. She fielded questions on cost, methods, chemical use and the environmental movement in general. Her gist was The Nature Conservancy is a private land owner and they had the right to hammer out a deal that fits their program. Larry Jones of Bechtel reported that pipeline project involved 5000 landowners and "that Berta was a tougher negotiator than some of the others."

Youtie was asked if members of the Nature Conservancy or the general public ever visited and enjoyed the site. She said that it does draw visitors, some who even come to pull weeds. She said that the Blue Mountain Chapter of the Native Plant Society had adopted the area and also that members of the Audubon Society had visited. As a rule, she says, all of The Nature Conservancy's areas are open to the public for scientific study, education and passive recreation. The area is open to foot traffic

only.

The Nature Conservancy is not widely known in Morrow County, despite owning Lindsay Prairie and managing a natural area for the Navy on the Boardman Bombing Range. In Oregon, the non-profit organization owns or manages approximately 42,000 acres. Youtie estimated Oregon's membership to be about 20,000. The organization has a scope much beyond Oregon, however, with preserves of over 6.3 million acres of land in the U.S. and Canada. Internationally, they work with similar organizations in Latin America and the Caribbean to preserve millions of acres. The group was founded in 1951 in New York with the goal of "preserving

plants, animals and natural communities that represent the diver-

sity of life on earth," according to literature distributed by Youtie. Being nonprofit, Youtie noted that the group is not obligated to pay property taxes but in some areas, they make payments in lieu of taxes. However, Morrow County is not one of those counties. She reported that their funding for acquisitions and management is around 50 percent from contributions and 50 percent from grants and foundations. In Oregon, the field office is located in Portland with field representatives in Medford, Eugene and La Grande.

Youtie encouraged people to contact her with questions or comments. She may be reached at (503) 962-3903.

Health fair to include presentations

The senior citizens of Heppner will once again sponsor a health fair Thursday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. The fair will include displays from Air Life, Oregon Together, Home Health, Haven House in Fossil, Well Springs Corp from Condon, Neighborhood Center of South

Morrow County, Summer Youth Project, Seventh Day Adventist church and others.

Two experts in the medical field, Sharla Erich, local physical therapist and Dr. Jeanne Berretta, will give presentations. Erich will make a presentation in the morning and Berretta will present a program on early warning signs of a heart attack at 1 p.m.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 129 people present for the Mother's Day dinner held at the senior center in Heppner May 4. Four meals were taken out. Members of the Mormon church seved. Grace Baker won the meal ticket, Norma French the door prize and the guest prize went to Peggy Martin of Redmond. Lynn Bibby and Joy Wells are the hostesses for May. The meal site committee met following the meal. Jim Bruns of Willoughby Hearing Aid service helped seniors having problems with their hearing aids. Blood pressures were taken and foot care given.

The Focus on Health group met Friday afternoon, finalizing plans for the Health Fair to be held Thursday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the senior center.

Friday afternoon volunteers folded newsletters for the Extension service.

The menu for the senior dinner May 18 will be meatloaf, parsleyed potatoes, carrots, jello salad, rolls and cherry crisp. Members of the Catholic church will serve.

Irene Schroeder and Flo Holt are back home again. Irene spent a few days in a hospital in Portland and Flo spent several days at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and in Pendleton having tests. The residents wish them a speedy recovery.

Remember to vote May 17.

Other dates to remember: Monday, Bible study, 10:30 a.m.; Tues. and Thurs., exercise 10 a.m.; Wed., senior dinner, noon; Friday, cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday, movie, 7 p.m. Quilting will be cancelled until further notice.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

May 3 - 9, 1994		
High	Low	Prec
Tues. 68	49	.08
Weds. 65	45	.12
Thurs. 73	43	0
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Morrow County Parks will open May 14, 1994. Both parks have full hook-ups for trailers and tent sites for camping. The fishing ponds are handicapped accessible and there is playground equipment for children.

Volunteer park host are on site at all times to greet and assist visitors.

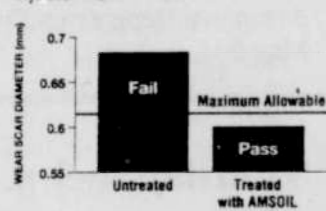
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