

Historical Society enjoys speaker

By Delpha Jones

The Morrow County Historical Society met at the Lexington Grange Hall Sunday, Oct. 2 for their yearly meeting. Preceding the business meeting a bountiful dinner was enjoyed with turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, salads and desserts, brought by the members and guests.

The meeting opened with the flag salute and singing led by Don Eppenbach accompanied by Kathryn Hoskins of Heppner. Minutes of last meeting were read and committee reports given. Reports on the trip to Blake Island this year and the planned trip to Salt Lake City were heard. These trips are planned for the enjoyment of members and friends of the society.

Jerry Peck and Ray Michael of Boardman reported on the moving and restoration of the Sam Boardman rest area gazebo. Plans are to finish this project before another winter has passed. It will be placed near the boat the "Captain Earl James" at the Port of Morrow. Don Eppenbach reported that more remodeling is being done to the boat which is now in place at the Port.

A report on the activities of the Morrow County Museum was given by Marsha Sweek. Sweek reminded people of the need of pictures of the past rodeo courts for a permanent display at the museum.

Barbara Bloodworth gave a report on the Morrow County Historical Society Essay contest held each year. Fifty dollars are awarded to the winner of the best essay written of memories of their family or someone they knew. Merlyn Robinson was the winner this year.

The president announced that railroad crossing signs have been obtained for the three towns. One is to be placed in Lone, one at the county road shop in Lexington and

one at the site of Shorty Peck's museum in Heppner.

Special music was provided by LaVelle Partlow and Don Eppenbach followed by the election of four directors for three year terms. Those elected were Kathryn Hoskins, Heppner, Barton Clark, Rhea Creek, Jerry Peck, Boardman, and Barbara Bloodworth, Heppner. Numbers were drawn for door prizes throughout the day. Receiving prizes were Mr. Truman E. Messenger and Charlotte Crum who were oldest in attendance. Mrs. Betty McKennan and Carol Messenger traveled the farthest. Carol Michael had brought several pictures of 4-H clubs and members for a much needed identification which was interesting and sparked memories. Dallas McKennon, well known comedian and actor from Portland, gave a fun filled program with the children of Burl and Susie Stillman helping out. McKennon's program was on the early days of hardships and fun on the Oregon Trail with the assistance of the young people. He has been in several movies and T.V. programs, imitating animals and birds such as roosters and dogs etc.

The meeting adjourned about 4 p.m. with about 90 people present for the day. The kitchen committee consisted of Bob Reaney, Barbara Bloodworth, Sue Vinson and other helpers. The tables were loveley with dahlias and antiques on each table, done by the Heppner Garden Club. A thank you was given the kitchen crew and the Garden Club.

The 1994 Chronicles are now available and committees as well as directors were recognized. Pens, Morrow County pins and note pads are available. Membership dues are now due.

Garden club learns about flowers

Following a guided tour of Jame Rawlins' flower garden, 17 members of the Heppner Garden Club held their meeting Sept. 12 at the Rawlins home.

The program topic was "All About Tagetes" (botanical term for Marigolds). Rawlins told the group that marigolds are now the number one annual in the USA, outranking zinnias and petunias in combined bedding and seed packet sales. These easy-care flowers are adaptable to varied soils and elevations and provide brilliant color over a long blooming season.

Originating in Mexico, Central and South America, marigolds are of three main species: "African" erecta, now called "American", the tall, larger types; "French", the smaller, lower growing types in bi-colors; and "Signet", little, dainty, single blooms.

Plant breeders have developed F-1 Hybrids of "American" marigolds that produce large, deep, beautiful blooms. Seeds of these may be ordered from catalogues such as Parks or Harris. "Of course, seeds of the open-pollinated types such as "Crackerjack" or use of the "volunteer" plants is less expensive, but the only way one can be sure of the size and beauty of the F-1 Hybrids such as Climax, Jubilee and Inca varieties is to grow them from seed. They are seldom available from bedding plant stands in this area," Rawlins said. Seeds planted about an inch apart in March in a container of potting soil placed on a window sill will produce plants ready to transplant in

your garden in May. They also do well in planters.

Marigolds are seldom used as cut flowers because of the heavy odor of their foliage due to glandular hairs on the underside of the leaves. Stripping the foliage permits the use of odorless blossoms in arrangements that last two or more weeks in your home.

At the business meeting members answered roll call by completing the sentence "Now is the time to..."

Members discussed the club's participation in the county fair flower show and the treasurer reported that checks had been sent to the winners: Tonya Jones for sweepstakes (most blue ribbons), Cathy Dowrey for best arrangement and to Jane Rawlins for best horticulture exhibit. Bebe Munkers reported that the annual welcome baskets for new teachers and clergymen have been delivered. Plans were made to decorate the tables for the annual dinner of the Historical Society.

The president distributed club program year books for 1994-95 showing informative and workshop-type programs for each month. Guests were Georgia Rathbun and Cathy Jones.

The next meeting will be October 3 at the St. Patrick Senior Center. The program will be on home landscape design and will include a video and planning guide by the Minnesota Landscaping Arboretum. Members are asked to bring samples of dried materials that could be used in the workshop meeting in November. Guests are always welcome to attend.

Commission to hold meeting

The Oregon Grains Commission will hold a regular commission meeting on Monday, October 17, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the OGC Conference Room, located at 1200 NW Front Avenue, Suite 520, Portland.

Commission meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to attend is welcome to

do so. The Oregon Grains Commission complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). The ADA prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. Anyone who would like to attend the meeting, but who needs special accommodations, contact the commissioner 48 hours in advance at 503-229-6574, TDD 503-373-7776.

HHS hosts JV tournament

By Donna Moeller

On Saturday, Sept. 24, the Heppner coaches and players hosted a JV tournament at the high school. The teams played using the side courts (Blue and Red) so that two games were going at all times. Heppner's junior varsity and C team both played in the tournament.

JV players are: Traci Dickenson, Stormy Howard, Annie Hisler, Toni Kemp, Jessica Sumner, Tina Kemp, Renee Devin, Angela DeBo, Mindy Qualls, Jossie Evans, Heather Ripple, Mindy Binschus, Lori Moeller and Beth Cookston. Strong serving performances by Howard, Hisler, and the Kemp girls helped the Fillies.

C team players include: Cimmie Huth, Josie Proctor, Jaylene Papineau, Katie Nicoles, Jessica VanWinkle, Jayme Hansen, Linsey Ropp, Melissa Cutsforth, Katie Kenney, Mandi Gutierrez, Alisha Marlatt, Lexi Matteson and Sherry Sieler. Coach Terri Gentry stated that her C team's performance showed vibrant team spirit and that the team is working hard on the basic skills of bumping, setting, and spiking.

Other teams in the tournament included: Lone, Umatilla, Sherman County, Hermiston C, Imbler and Condon.

On the Blue Court, lone beat Heppner JV, 16-14, 15-12; and Heppner JV beat Umatilla, 15-2, 15-4. Lone split with Sherman Co., 12-15, 15-3; while Sher-

man Co. went on to beat Umatilla, 15-8, 15-4. Lone beat Umatilla, 15-11, 15-4; and Heppner JV split with Sherman Co. 11-15, 15-8.

On the Red Court, Hermiston C team beat Heppner C team, 15-13, 15-7; Imbler beat Condon, 15-11, 15-4 then downed Hermiston C 15-12, 15-4 and Condon beat Heppner C 17-16, 15-4. Hermiston C beat Condon 15-9, 15-8 and Imbler beat Heppner C, 15-7, 15-8.

lone and Sherman Co. Advanced into afternoon play from the Blue Court with Imbler and Hermiston C advancing from the Red Court. In the semi-final games Hermiston C beat lone; lone won game one 15-6, with Hermiston coming back to take the next two games, 15-8, 15-13. lone played sound volleyball all day. Imbler beat Sherman Co. in two games, 15-10, 15-12.

In the championship game Imbler beat Hermiston C in two games, 15-10, 15-8.

Six players from the tournament were selected for the All Stars by the coaches. Annie Hisler, Heppner, Kara Miller and Jenny Sullivan, both lone, Robin Dodge, Imbler, Miranda Shull, Sherman Co. and a player from the Hermiston team.

The next two week the Fillies travel to Lone, The Dalles, Athena and Pilot Rock. The next home game will be against Weston-McEwen. October 20.

Parenting class to be offered

A parenting class is being offered this fall for parents, teachers and other adults who are living or are working with children two to 10 years of age.

The class is entitled the "Parents and Children Series", a video-based program by Dr. Carolyn Webster-Stratton, director of the Parenting Clinic at the University of Washington. The program is designed to help parents and adults develop positive behaviors in their children and develop positive and effective ways of interacting with their children.

The course is being provided by a grant from the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families and the Heppner Oregon Together. The goal is to learn strategies to help reduce misbehaviors that can cause problems for the child and family.

The course will be held on Monday evenings at the Heppner Middle School Library at 7 p.m. beginning October 17. There is no fee for the class. Those who are interested or have questions may call Barb Peterson at 676-9128 or 422-7047.

Cheerleaders raffle quilt



HHS cheerleaders L-r: Mandi Gutierrez, Traci Dickenson, Stormy Howard, Toni Kemp and Cimmie Huth, display a hand quilted navy blue queen size quilt made and donated by Joyce Hostetler, cheerleader advisor Darcy Robinson's mother. The quilt will be raffled. Tickets are \$1 each or \$6 for \$5 and may be purchased at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Gardner's Men's Wear or from any cheerleader and advisors Darcy Robinson, Dawna Doherty or Judy Eckman.

Crop insurance date extended

Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy has announced that the sales closing date for crop insurance has been extended from Sept. 30 to Oct. 31.

This action gives producers an additional 30 days to purchase 1995 wheat insurance. Farmers should contact their crop insurance agent to determine if they are affected by the action and to discuss their options.

"Because many farmers are already planting next year's crops, I also encourage Con-

gress to move quickly and send President Clinton his request for a new crop insurance law. My decision to extend the sales closing date will give farmers the time necessary to evaluate the new program and make informed risk management decisions," Espy said.

In addition, the secretary announced his intention to make regulatory changes in the crop insurance program to help prevent any interruption in the program due to the delay in enacting the reform legislation.

Fillies beat Sherman Co.

By Donna Moeller

The Fillies beat Sherman County in three hard fought games for their second CBC Conference victory on Thursday, Sept. 22, 15-13, 7-15, 15-11.

In game one Jenny Krein had excellent sets to connect with front row player Char Coe for 13 successes out of 16 attempts and seven aces. Coe completely controlled the net. The final score was 15-13.

Coach Terri Gentry took advantage of the win to play reserve players in game two. Coe was still the main intimidation at the net, producing three stuffs. Annie Hisler had a good game, displaying her quickness in the back row with her sets and excellent serving. Jessica Sumner was 100 percent at the serving line. Lack of communication on the court and inexperience played a factor in

the game resulting in a loss, 7-15.

In the third game the Fillies had a difficult time passing and struggled in their receiving. Krein's second time at serve led a Heppner comeback. She served eight straight points to bring the score from 0-8 to a tie, creating a do or die situation with both teams back on track. Hisler served six straight points for the Fillies. Sherman County was called for an illegal hit for game point and the Fillies won, 15-11.

Krein continues to be a full court player with excellent serves and is also a threat at the net with 12 of 13 attempts. Kelsie Evans and Hisler both added stability in the back court to move the Heppner Fillies to a 2-0 league record.

The Junior Varsity won in three games, 5-15, 15-3, 15-4. The C team won in two games, 15-9 and 16-14.

Cardinals lose to Dufur

By Anne Morter

The team that clicked so well Tuesday stuttered on Friday, Sept. 23 while hosting the Dufur Rangers and lost the match 14-16, 9-15. Luckily for the lady Cards the match was a non-counter in league standings but the Cards may see the Rangers again at the District Tournament.

In the first game, the lady Cards jumped to an early lead

and stayed in front, all the way to game point. Then "for some reason, we started missing serves," said coach Charity McElligott, and the Rangers rallied to the win.

The Rangers kept the momentum going in the second game, taking the lead at point four. Communication problems kept the lady Cards out of the game as Dufur went on to capture the match.

Union Pacific rejects county rail line request

Morrow County has received word that the county's bid for acquisition of the Heppner branch line of the Union Pacific Railroad has been denied, according to Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson. Union Pacific discontinued use of the branch line July 1.

An interstate commerce commission decision dated July 29 acknowledged that Morrow County had applied for a Rails-to-Trails conversion of the abandoned branch line. However, Union Pacific objected to the "trails condition" as well as the "public use condition" requested by the Oregon Department of Transportation. Although directed by the ICC to negotiate with Morrow County within 20 days of the date of the decision, Union Pacific is not required to sell its property to the county involuntarily, said Carlson.

In a telephone conversation with Doug Rice, chief of the real estate division of the Union Pacific, Rice informed Carlson that the railroad simply did not want to dispose of the land through either the rails-to-trails conversion or the public use condition. According to Rice, Union Pacific has contracted

with a St. Louis company to dispose of the land through private sale.

"If Union Pacific expressed its willingness to negotiate within the 20 days the proceedings could have been continued," Carlson said. "I am very disappointed that we have not received any direct communication from the railroad on this matter. Many of us, including business people of the community as well as agriculturists along Willow Creek, can see many advantages in acquiring the abandoned line," he added.

Although there has been some dissent expressed concerning the county or the Port district assuming ownership of the abandoned line, Carlson believes that the people of Morrow County have lost a great opportunity.

Last spring, Morrow County applied through the ICC for acquisition of the abandoned

branch line for a Rails-to-Trails conversion, anticipating that the line could serve a dual purpose as an underground utility corridor.

"Many of our local developers, utility companies and irrigators have been very interested in the county or the Port of Morrow acquiring this corridor from the railroad. Many of these people believe that in the near future there will be a need for the underground corridor for transport of natural gas, irrigation water from the Willow Creek Reservoir or for a possible telephonic cable," Carlson explained. "All of these uses would be compatible with a trails use."

Carlson hopes that easements could be acquired directly from landowners for the purpose of establishing a utility corridor in order to meet future needs.

Concert at A.C. Houghton

Bill Staines, a New England folk singer and song writer, will be in concert Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon. Tickets may be purchased at the door and are \$7 for adults and \$2.50 for students.

Staines is in his fourth decade as a folk performer with an international reputation as an artist. In addition to his 17 recordings, he has written a number of songs which have been recorded by other artists

including Maken and Clancy, Nanci Griffith, Mason Williams, Grandpa Jones, Priscilla Herdman, Jerry Jeff Walker and others. His three song books contain over 80 of his songs.

Radio and television appearances have included "A Prairie Home companion", "Mountain Stage", "The Good Evening Show" and a host of local programs on PBS and network TV.

Proceeds from the concert will go to A.C. Houghton student body.

Club hears program on China

"My View of China" was the topic presented to the Lone Topic Club by Donna Bergstrom at their meeting. Margaret Morgan and Rikka Tews acted as hostesses.

Donna and her husband, Roland, made the trip with 39 others under the supervision of Grand Circle Tours. Impressions of China that she brought back included: history is important to the people; there is lots of pollution of air, water and land; there is not much unemployment because most work is done by hand; sanitation is a problem for Westerners; people were cheerful in spite of the crowded conditions; and there were a lot of bicycles. The Bergstroms spent four days on the Yangtze River which will be dammed in 1997, flooding out many of the scenic

gorges and also some of the historic places. Some of the places they visited included the Great Wall, a cloisonne factory, the Terra Cotta warriors, a silk factory, pagodas and many museums.

A short book review of "Andrew, You Died Too Soon" was given by Rikka Tews. This was an account of the effect on the community, family and friends of the suicide of a youth as told by his mother.

Guest for the day were Deena Starr and Helen Martin.

Kerry Rietmann, club librarian, reported on summer reading program with 35 children participating. A story hour for three and four year olds will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Kathy Morter reported on the fall money maker for the library.