

MS Walk planned April 10 in Heppner



(left to right) Merilee McDowell, Pam Minster and Marie VanEtta walk in the 1998 MS Walk & Roll in downtown Heppner.

The 1999 MS Walk & Roll, Rain or Shine, an annual walk event held in hundreds of communities across the United States, will take place on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11 all across Oregon and Clark County, Washington. In addition, a community walk will be held in Medford on Saturday, April 17.

The Heppner MS Walk & Roll will be held on April 10 beginning at 9 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church.

This nation-wide fund raising event for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society involves hundreds of communities and raises millions of dollars. The Oregon Chapter is expecting at least 3,500 walkers this year state-wide, and hopes to raise more than \$300,000 dollars.

Walkers who bring in \$50

dollars or more will receive prizes based on the money that they turn in.

Proceeds from the Oregon chapter's walk will support programs and services for 5,200 people with MS in Oregon and Clark County and research to find a cure for multiple sclerosis.

The honorary chair of Oregon's 1999 MS Walk is First Lady Sharon Kitzhaber. Kitzhaber encourages Oregonians to take an active role in the fight against MS. "Participating in the MS Walk and Roll Rain or Shine, is to give hope and support to all of those who live daily with the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis," says Kitzhaber.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Oregon Chapter, offers a number of

services for local residents. These services include self-help groups, grants for area programs, a monthly chapter newsletter, a quarterly children's newsletter, video teleconferences, a chapter website, newly-diagnosed services and a 24-hour toll-free information and referral hotline.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease that randomly attacks the nervous system. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be predicted; symptoms may range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40.

For more information about MS or the Oregon Chapter, call 223-9511 (Portland area) or 1-800-FIGHT MS (344-4867).

Rebekahs hold card party

By Delpha Jones

The March card party was held Saturday evening at the Rebekah Lodge. Prizes were awarded to Bob Taylor, men's high; Ed Hunt, second high; Dorothy Wilson, women's high; Barbara Gilbert, second high; Lyle Peck, traveling; and Dorothy Wilson, traveling. Refreshments were served by Virginia Peck.

The April card party will be the last in the series of winter parties.

Holly Lodge held a regular meeting recently. Plans were further discussed for the DDP visit the next meeting which will include the installation of 1999 officers and the officers qualifying for the year.

The display case has been set up in the hall and people are bringing articles.

The next meeting will be a dinner prepared by Virginia Martinez and Marlene Grey.

Cards were sent to ill members and friends. Attention was called to the microwave oven recently donated by the Taylors.

Refreshments were served at the closing.

owners.

The court performed the second reading of the ordinance amendment and approved adding ODOT/Jones fill pit to aggregate inventory.

The Court agreed to allow Domestic Violence Services use of the courthouse for meetings and also approved the plat for the Silver Sands Subdivision.

They discussed the Morrow County Judge's letter of request to Frontier Resources for the \$12,000 promised for the expansion of the economic diversification study to include the mill site.

They read the assessor's letter in opposition to HB2689, which allows assessors in counties under 30,000 population to live out-of-county. The court agreed to draft a letter in opposition, as well. They also viewed the draft letter from the finance director to the state in justification of obtaining six-month advances of CSEPP funding.

The court discussed Impact Aid, the question of a new judge to the sixth judicial district, the question of the library's moving from the museum building and the question of a structural analysis of the Docken Building.

The court also heard the fund balances of the tipage fees and video lottery.

Planning Commission to meet

A meeting of the Morrow County Planning Commission will be held Monday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the North Morrow Annex Building, Irrigon.

The commission will hold public hearings on a land partition application, a conditional use permit application, a subdivision application and a conditional use permit/modification request.

County Court meets

Following are court notes from the March 17 regular meeting of the Morrow County Court.

The court heard a report from the Morrow County Road Department. The court approved a permit for CenturyTel to replace a failed line along Eastregard Road. Also approved was an agreement for a rock pit up Balm Fork. The court heard an update on the question of access across a West Extension Irrigation District canal. Also reported was that road crews are finishing up shoulders on Balm Fork and putting reinforcement on shoulders and preparing Patterson Ferry for asphalt. A complaint about a new bridge access on Valby Road was to be discussed by a staff member and the individuals bringing the complaint. The court heard that wildlife commissioners will tour the Ione-Boardman Road proposed site of the Thompson ground squirrel species. The Redding Road was bladed, and washed out spots were filled with rock, but the question of returning the road to gravel remains a sensitive one among landowners.

The court heard a report of Morrow County Behavioral Health's alcohol and drug implementation plan, which addresses the chemical dependency segment of the behavioral health program. The court heard that the treatment portion is under-funded, that treatment numbers for chemical dependency are up 20 to 30 percent and that demands on the part-time alcohol and drug counselor are up. The tobacco coordinator position was discussed. The court approved the plan.

The court discussed the Tone Alert Radio contract.

County counsel advised the court that he will research the Finley Buttes Landfill sale details before the court considers an agreement with the new

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Instrumental students perform at district contest

Six Heppner instrumental music students were among some 150 students who competed at the Oregon Music Educators Association District VI Solo and Ensemble Contest. The competition was held on Saturday, March 6, at Hermiston High School.

The Heppner students included five who competed in the junior division. Sixth graders Stephanie Shank and Brandy Loid performed a woodwind duet entitled "Robin Hood and Little John." Stephanie played the flute and Brandy, the alto saxophone. Three eighth grade students performed solos. Darren Van Cleave played a trumpet solo of an arrangement of the hymn, "I Know Whom I Have Believed", which was arranged by Heppner band director Ralph Werner. Daniel Jepsen performed a clarinet solo entitled "La Musette" by Offenbach and Isaiah Stillman of Lexington performed "Theme and Variations" by Arban on the trombone. All three soloists were accompanied by Myrna Van Cleave on the piano.

In the high school division, Matt Jepsen took first place in the trumpet solo competition. He played the first movement of the "Haydn Concerto for Trumpet." Matt also entered the solo competition on bass violin and received the top rating for that instrument. He performed the first and second movements of "Sonata in E Minor" by

Marchello. Matt was accompanied for both solos by Deborah Wryn of Ione. He will advance to the Oregon State Solo Competition finals in both trumpet and bass violin. That competition will be held at the University of Oregon in Eugene on April 24.

The music students were all under the direction of Werner. Heppner band students' next event will be the Tri-County High School Band Festival. The festival will be hosted by Heppner this year with a concert on Wednesday night, March 31. The public is invited to attend.

The Family of Arnie Hedman

would like to express our deep-felt gratitude and appreciation for the outpouring of support shown by friends, family, and the community during Arnie's recent illness and death. The overwhelming response has been both a blessing to the family and a testimony to the impact that Arnie had on such a multitude of lives. That Arnie made a lasting impression is quite clear.

As Arnie went through medical treatments the past few months, many people contributed to his care by offering to or driving him to and from the Tri-Cities, sending cards, visiting, and supporting the family through those difficult times. During the past month, the quality of home health and hospital care at Pioneer Memorial Hospital that Arnie received was second to none. Without these services available, our family would have faced an unimaginable ordeal. The community should feel proud that through the efforts of hospital supporters, this type of care is available when it is sorely needed. A special "thanks" to the doctors and Susie Walton for the excellent care given to Arnie prior to his transport to Bend.

The memorial service at the church was everything that "Big A" would have wanted. The presentation of the American flag by Glen and Delmer, the beautiful music by Carly, Jean, and the Methodist choir, the touching tributes by Bob, Dale, and Chaz, and the personal memories shared by friends were wonderfully coordinated by Craig. Thanks to Rick, who helped us through an awkward moment with his beautiful voice.



We would like to thank BPOE 358, Judy Buschke and her crew, the Methodist Church, the American Legion, and the many others who contributed their hard work and food for the wonderful dinner Saturday. It was truly a celebration of Arnie's life.

Thanks for the many scholarship contributions, food, cards, flowers, prayers, phone calls, and visits. A special "thanks" to the American Legion for displaying the American flag on Saturday, Pat Sweeney for his services and attention to detail, and Joyce and Jerry Hollomon and Doris Brosnan for their patience and work on the t-shirts. If we have forgotten any individual effort, we apologize and send our thanks.

Lastly, "A" doesn't stand for Arlington only. "Thanks" to the Class of 99 for the use of the rocks.

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HES site

council meets

Heppner Elementary Site Council members, at their March 1 meeting, received a schedule with the timeline for the Heppner Elementary School principal search. Members of the committee include: Linda Shaw, representing the certified staff; Ron Anthony, representing the administration; Greg Smith from the advisory committee; and Bobby Angell, representing the classified staff.

Questions arose regarding as to why the elementary school does not have a student council. This year's schedule does not allow any time for council meetings; however, there is a possibility that it could change, said a site council representative.

A video was shown discussing the changes in education. Discussion followed reiterating the site council's concerns that expectations have been set at an unrealistic level for some of the students. It does, however, make the students more aware of their expectations and the various ways that they can reach their benchmarks, said the representative.

Members present at the meeting were Kay Chinen, Robanai Disque, Sharon Morris, Jean Strange, Kelly Merrill, Karen Clough and Kathy Cutsforth. Absent members were: Kathy Britt, Kelly Boyer, Lorrie Fox and Cindi Doherty.

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