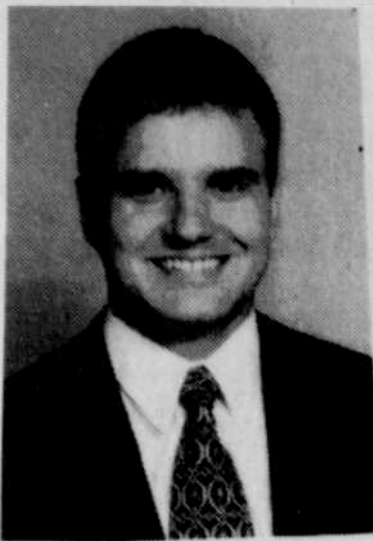


Local man appointed tech director



Todd Sherer

Oregon Health Sciences University is growing by leaps and bounds. A recent study by the University of Rochester concluded that OHSU was the fastest-growing academic center in terms of National Institutes of Health funding between 1992 and 1998. Currently, the university receives \$140 million in research funding from various sources. OHSU's recent success also has attracted dozens of nationally known researchers. In the new millennium, the university hopes to firmly establish itself as a premier center for technology transfer.

To oversee that effort, Todd T. Sherer, Ph.D., the son of Dick and Margo Sherer of Ione, has been appointed OHSU's new director of Technology and Research Collaborations. Sherer will be responsible for planning, managing and coordinating technology transfer as well as providing leadership strategies for corporate collaborations and establishing start-up companies.

The Technology and Research Collaborations office at OHSU manages the university's intellectual property rights, markets properties and forms agreements with potential partners. In the wake of a new discovery, the Technology and Research Collaborations office works with the inventors to further develop the idea and find an appropriate licensee to develop new products. Revenues produced from the technology go to fund other research and support education.

"I'll enjoy working to ensure the exciting and beneficial discoveries here at OHSU reach Oregonians and the rest of the country as soon as possible," Sherer said of his new position. "The technology that comes through our office varies from antibodies, reagents and enzymes that can cure disease to drug discovery tools and new diagnostic therapies."

In addition to his funding goals, Sherer wants to increase corporate support for research at OHSU. He also would like to further develop and improve policies that impact research and technology transfer on campus. His long-range goals include facilitating local and regional economic development efforts by focusing on new licensing and company activities in the state. He also hopes to work with other members of the business community to develop an environment that is more supportive of new and emerging growth companies, particularly

in the areas of biotechnology, bioengineering and bioinformatics.

OHSU Provost Lesley Hallick is encouraged by Sherer's enthusiasm for the program. "The environment for technology transfer in this state in terms of both investment dollars and interest is at an all-time high, so it was critical that the new director hit the ground running. Clearly that has been the case with Todd. Although we will miss Sandy Shotwell's remarkable insight and good judgment in this role, it is exciting that we have been able to recruit Todd," said Hallick. Shotwell recently vacated the post.

Sherer was formerly the director for the University of Oregon's Office of Technology Transfer. His doctoral degree is in molecular biology/toxicology. In addition, he is a registered patent agent and brings a decade of experience working with intellectual property to OHSU.

Ione Lions Italian dinner

The Ione Lions Club annual Italian dinner will be held Monday, May 22, at Beecher's Cafe in Ione.

The dinner will have two seatings, at 5:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

The dinner will include lasagna and spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, dessert, coffee or soft drink and a complimentary glass of wine for adults.

SWCD tree give-away

The Morrow SWCD will hold its annual free tree give-away on Thursday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pettyjohn Office Building parking lot at 430 Heppner/Lexington Highway in Heppner.

An assortment of ponderosa pine and Douglas fir will be dispersed on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Morrow SWCD organizes the dispersal of these excess trees each year in cooperation with the USFS.

"Trees provide shade, windbreaks, and wildlife habitat as well as minimizing soil erosion," said a SWCD spokesperson. "Take advantage of this opportunity and plan on planting a few trees this spring to enhance your property."

Those planning to take trees should bring containers such as burlap sacks or garbage bags to protect the trees in transport.

For more information, call the SWCD office at 676-5452.

Campus Life golf scramble held

The Campus Life 2-Person Golf Scramble on April 29 was a great success, said a spokesperson. Seventeen pairs of golfers competed at the Willow Creek Country Club. The winners of the closest pin for the men's division was Brian Burnside; women's,

Lorrene Montgomery; students', Justin Holthus. The winners of the longest drive for the men's was Keith Scott; women's, Marguerite Darcy; students', Doug Orwick. The best score was won by Justin Hopis and Tyler Jewitt.

Local woman receives degree



Kimberly Stookey Navarro

Kimberly A. Stookey Navarro received a bachelor's degree in business administration and an associate's degree in theology from Warner Pacific College on May 6.

She is the daughter of Lynda Crane of Heppner.

Ione Legion seeks donations for poppies

Poppy days in Ione will be the week of May 25. Wearing the poppy pays tribute to all who died and were disabled in the service. The poppy was adopted as a memorial flower at the 1921 Kansas City convention.

The veterans returning home remembered the wild poppies which lined the devastated battlefields of France and Flanders Field and soldiers of all nations came to look upon the flower as a living symbol of their dead comrades' sacrifice, said a release from the Ione Legion Auxiliary. A Canadian Colonel John McCrae, who was killed during the war, immortalized the flower in his famous poem, "Flanders Field".

Student sets up web page as community service

You wouldn't think a Heppner website would be created in Florida. But just that has happened. Donica Maring, the daughter of local teacher Darlene Marquardt, has created a web site for the Morrow County Arts Council.

Maring attends Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, FL. Palm Beach Atlantic requires each of its students to spend a certain number of hours doing community service each semester. For Donica's community service project she

opted to donate time to create a web page for the Morrow County Arts Council. Her creation can be viewed at <http://www.geocities.com/morrowcounty>.

Donica, 25, is an Oregon native and a 1992 Newport High School graduate. She attended Linfield College in McMinnville before living and working in Boston, MA. for several years as well as Beaverton and Milwaukie and now West Palm Beach. She is the daughter of Darlene and Jim Marquardt of Heppner-Athena, and Donald Maring of Newport.

Heppner Garden Club hosts

district meeting

Mayor Bob Jepsen welcomed and gave a brief history of Heppner to the members and guests of the annual meeting of the Blue Mountain District of Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, hosted by the Heppner Garden Club at the St. Patrick's parish hall April 29.

Amid decorations featuring flowers of spring and conservation of bees, buds, bats and butterflies, threatened pollinators, guests heard speakers, State President Ruth Berger, and First Vice President Beverly Seibel, Hillsboro, and reports of club activities from presidents from Milton-Freewater, Umatilla, Echo, Boardman, Condon and Heppner.

At the flower show Laura Richardson, Hermiston, taught a mini-workshop on judging flowers. Winners in horticulture included Dorothy Domschot, Caroline Keck, Inez Wilson, Dorothy Jackson, Cece Delph, Jane Rawlins, Caroline Keck, Bertha Keith and Lalani Matson.

Design class winners were Inez Wilson, Myrtle Potter, Dorothy Domschot, Laura

Richardson, Cece Delph, Bebe Munkers and Jane Rawlins.

Ryan Munkers, LaGrande, former recipient of the Heppner Club's annual scholarship, was the main speaker. He told and showed slides of his experiences on a farm in Australia, part of his course for a degree in Ag Business from Eastern Oregon University.

Awards for the youth poster contest "In My Garden" were given to Kelsey Wolff, Whitney Matthews and Kayla Grace.

Winners in the essay contest, "Pollinators, the Good Guys in My Garden" were Meaghan and Emily Unruh. Numerous exhibits in the hall showed ideas for recycling and garden arts and crafts.

Local musicians performing were Kathy Keown, "The Star-Spangled Banner" - The Sentimentalists, and Rick and Cecelia Drake who also led group in singing "When You Wore a Tulip." Heppner club members and local businesses contributed handcrafted and other items to provide gifts for "Friendship Bags" presented to all guests.

Understanding telecommunications

"Telecom 101 Workshop Offered"

Does the Information Superhighway go through the Willow Creek Valley? Are there any on-ramps? Have you ever wondered what telecommunications is all about, and whether or not you should care? Did you know that advanced telecommunications services could be a critical tool for revitalizing rural economies?

The public is invited to attend a presentation on understanding basic telecommunications issues

on Thursday, May 25 at 2 p.m. at the Gilliam-Bisbee Conference Room in Heppner. Link Shadley of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department will be presenting his workshop on "Telecom 101." Lisa Breckenridge from GEODC will discuss what telecommunications infrastructure exists in the Willow Creek Valley, and how it can be used as a tool to stabilize and expand the economy.

Call Breckenridge at 276-6745 for more information.

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Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business:

Claudia Jo Smythe, 37, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$87 fine;

Mardean Rae Patton, 61, Irrigon-Violation of the Basic Rule, \$77 fine;

Kevin Ray Dieter, 18, Boardman-No Motorcycle Endorsement, \$177 fine;

Robert Dean Woodend, 44, Pendleton-Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$77 fine;

Michael Alvin Gorze, 31, Milton-Freewater-Violation of the Basic Rule, 82 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$147 fine;

Dustin D. Rollis, 19, Heppner-Endangering Child Passenger, \$59 fine, Failure to Use Seat Belt, \$59 fine.