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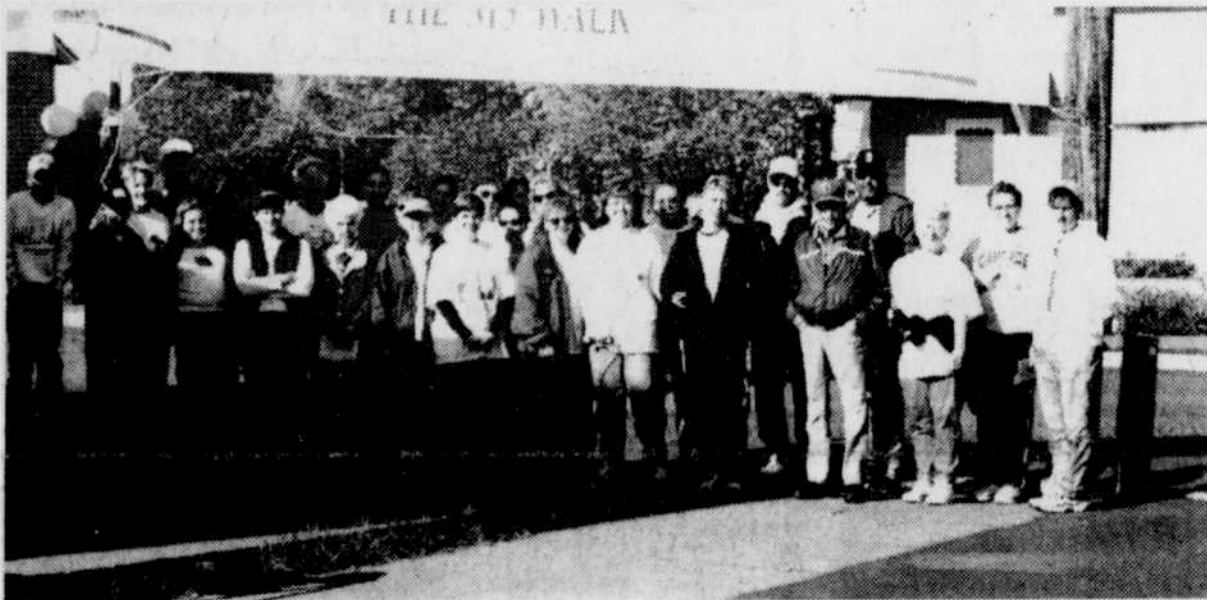
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## "Teams" a theme of MS Walk



By Merilee McDowell

Teams were the theme this year for the Heppner 2001 Multiple Sclerosis Walk on April 23. Teams from Hermiston, Spray and Heppner walked to raise money to stop the devastating effects of MS.

Teams consisted of members on the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Hope Lutheran and All Saint's Episcopal churches, a bunco group, a 4-H club, a women's group

from Spray and a new Hermiston women's group. The largest team was "Team of Hope" from the Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner with 13 walkers.

There were a total of 55 walkers who brought in pledges totaling \$6,464. "This was a great year. I appreciate everyone who volunteered, walked and donated money," said chairman Merilee McDowell. "We would like to

challenge everyone to form a team and walk in Heppner next April," she said.

Contributions must be postmarked by Friday, May 25, in order to be eligible for prizes. Walkers are asked to mail in any remaining pledges to NMSS-Oregon Society, 1650 NW Naito Pkwy., Suite 190, Portland, Ore. 97209, Attention: MS WALK.

## Scouts seek members

Heppner Boy Scout Troop 661 is reforming and they're looking for boys and adults interested in adventure, challenges and responsibility.

The initial meeting is being held Sunday, May 20, at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club, upstairs.

Boy Scouting is available to any boy who has completed the fifth grade or who is between 11 and 17 years old. In addition to boys, the troop is looking for adult volunteers. Volunteers are needed for a variety of jobs from assistant troop leaders and committee members to merit badge counselors.

Boy Scouting is outdoors-oriented. Boys hike, camp, learn outdoor cooking, first aid, wilderness survival and navigation. The programs aims are threefold. The first is character building. The aim is to improve how the boy sees and values himself, which, according to the Scouts, is done by giving boys achievable challenges, usually in an outdoor setting. The second aim is citizenship. Scouting

helps boys define their relationships to others and encourages them to be participating members of their community. Fitness is the third aim. It includes a healthy body, a mind able to think for itself and solve problems and emotional fitness gained through self-control, courage and self-respect.

Boy Scout Troops are organized into patrols. The patrols are run primarily by the boys themselves. They plan and implement the activities with the help of the Scoutmaster and assistant Scout Master.

Boys progress at their own pace through the ranks of scouting, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. In addition to working on the ranks of scouting, boys also work individually on merit badges in their own areas of interest. Currently there are 104 merit badges, such as archery, athletics, climbing, electronics, journalism, rifle shooting or weather.

## Garden plots available

Are you ready to plant a plot of sunflowers to feed the birds next winter? Would you like to toss some zinnia and marigold seeds into the ground for a summer-long cutting garden? Remember how good garden-raised tomatoes and cucumbers taste?

The Blue Mountain Master Gardeners offer a garden plot in their community garden in Heppner to make green thumb hopes a reality.

For a \$12 donation, you receive a 12'x12' plot with irrigation and watering done by the master gardeners. All you need to do is keep the plot weeded and bug-free.

A workday will be held Saturday, May 12, at 8 a.m. at the garden site on Riverside Drive. If you are interested in a garden plot, please attend.

For more information, call the OSU/Morrow County Extension office at 676-9642.

## Urban and rural exchange ideas during visit



Participants in the Community Oregon visitation discuss issues facing rural Oregon following two days in Heppner and Ione.

The first ever Community Oregon visit was well attended last week, as 14 people from around the state came to Ione and Heppner for a two-day visit.

Purpose of the visit was to exchange ideas about economic development between urban and rural areas of the state.

Guests to the area included the mayor of Bend, tourism experts and a member of the Nature Conservancy. They met with community leaders in Lexington and Ione, and also attended a

dinner a Gds in Heppner Thursday night.

The group started with a tour of Ione on Thursday, where they visited the city park, Emert Addition, schools and the new Ione church. A major topic of discussion was the Ione-Boardman road.

On Friday the group started the day with coffee and discussion in the morning at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, then went on a tour of the South Morrow Industrial Park, the

hospital, the new subdivision and then out to Willow Creek Lake. The ended the day and the visit with an open discussion and brain storming session back at the bank before heading home to their respective cities.

Heppner City Manger Jerry Brazeal, who organized the visit was pleased with the tour and the amount of discussion. "It was set up to exchange information between rural and urban people, and it certainly accomplished that," he said.

## New interim postmaster at Heppner PO

Dennis Lien, Pilot Rock, is the new officer in charge at the Heppner Post Office.

Lien, 43, started with the Post Office in November 1994 as a general mail handling clerk. After taking a postal exam he moved to the day shift and then was able to learn about the administrative side of the job. He was a general administrative clerk in Pendleton before accepting the temporary administrative position in Heppner. Lien could serve in his present position for up to four months until a new postmaster is named.

"This is the best place to train," laughed Lien. "I haven't even had a customer get irate with me yet."

"It's the girls here who drive the whole thing," he added. "They deserve the credit."

Prior to working with the Post Office, Lien spent 17 years in the lumber industry. He worked "from one end of the industry to the next," from sawmills, to cut shop plants to molding plants.

Lien, originally from Sheridan, graduated from Sweet Home High School. He lived in Idaho for a short time before ending up in the Pendleton area around 1981.

He and his wife, Tammi, who is a classified teacher's aide in Pilot Rock, have four children. Wendy, 22, is taking classes through Eastern Oregon University at Blue Mountain

Community College and is only a year away from graduating with a degree in education; Kevin, 19, is a senior at Pilot Rock High School; Misty, 17, is a junior at PRHS; and Chris, nine, is in the third grade.

Lien enjoys hunting and golfing and has been a high school athletic official for around 14 years. He had previously officiated at baseball and football games, but now limits his officiating to football only.

His wife enjoys sewing and genealogy research.

## Planning begins for Ione Fourth celebration

The annual Ione Fourth of July celebration and Blues festival is rapidly approaching.

This year's celebration will begin on Tuesday, July 3, with the annual golf tournament, followed by food and music in the park that evening.

On Wednesday, July 4, the agenda will include the annual fun run, the parade which gets underway at 11 a.m., food, bingo, children's games, swimming and other events.

The Blues festival will begin in the afternoon and continue until dusk.

Contributions are being sought to help fund the event. To contribute or for more information, contact Loyal Burns, 422-7512 or Nancy Snider, 422-7410.

## Kindergarten visitation scheduled

Heppner Elementary School will hold a kindergarten visitation and registration on Wednesday, May 23, from 11:10-11:40 a.m.

Children who will be five years old by Sept. 1, 2001, and their parents are invited to visit the school and meet the kindergarten teachers. Birth certificate and immunization records are required for registration.

Children may also stay for lunch if accompanied by a parent. Cost for lunch is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students.

Parents and children who are unable to attend the visitation/registration may stop by

the school office any school day and register between 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

## Flea Market set

The Pioneer Flea Market will be held May 19 and 20 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. There is space available "outside, inside and in the barn." The market is open to all interested parties. Local people may set up tables with yard sale items in the fairgrounds park area for free on Saturday (must furnish own tables).

For more information and applications, call 676-5852 or fax 676-5590.

## Ione crowns prom court



Royalty at the recent Ione High School Prom included (left to right) Jennifer Thompson, Charissa Gates, Shelby Krebs - Queen, Richard Campbell - King, Corey Morgan and Cody Erikson. Crown Bearers were Beth Morter and R.J. Ramos.

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