

2002 MS Walk



Teams were the theme for the MS Walk this year. This was the best year yet, according to organizer Merilee McDowell, with 76 walkers and over \$8,000 raised.

"Team Hope", lead by Debbie Basile, had the largest team again this year with 17 walkers. Way to go Hope

Test showed Coliform bacteria in Heppner water

The Heppner water system recently violated a drinking water standard. According to a notice sent out by the City of Heppner, this incident was not an emergency.

The city monitors drinking water for contaminants on a regular basis, taking two samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during April. Both showed the presence of total coliform bacteria, violating the standard that no more than one sample per month may do so.

"You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions," said the notice, "However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor. People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers."

According to the press release, "Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems."

Other harmful bacteria were not found in the city's subsequent testing and the city has increased sampling for coliform bacteria to catch a recurring problem early.

For more information, contact City Hall at 676-9618.

Lutheran! "All the Saints" and "Team Hope" competed again this year for a traveling plaque. "All the Saints" will be working hard next year to get the plaque back.

There were walkers from Heppner, Ione, Hermiston, Boardman and Spray. Teams included a Forest Service team, Weight Watcher's team, Spray team and the "Banking on a Cure" team from the Bank of EO, who had special T-shirts made for the event.

A special team this year was the Marie VanEtta Team", formed in memory of Marie. She always participated in the walk and was the first walker to raise

pledges. She was greatly missed this year, said McDowell.

"The reason it was such a success this year was due to the fact that I had such a great committee, hard working volunteers, donations from local businesses, along with committed walkers and very generous donations," said McDowell. "Also, the Oregon chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society worked with my committee and helped us in many ways. And there aren't enough words to express the wonderful support of the Heppner community. Everyone worked so hard. I'll see you next year."

Day care has new choo-choo



Little train conductors at Heppner Daycare enjoy the new wooden train built by Bob DeSpain of Heppner. DeSpain said that it took four days to build the train from a picture he had seen. He brought the train to the center in pieces and assembled it on-site. The train wheels will eventually be set on blocks. "It's good and strong-all screws, no nails," said DeSpain, who is the father of day care director Merry Brannon. "When I get through there won't be any sharp edges. It's been fun."

Heppner Prom is May 3

The Heppner High School Prom will be held on Friday, May 3, from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the HHS cafeteria.

This year's theme is, "A Night to Remember." Prom court will be announced at 10:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to come at this time to take pictures, but may not stay for Prom.

Modern Studios will be the photographers for the event and Dan Burns is in charge of music.

Baker City artist shares at Ione School



LaVonne Kasper assists kindergartner Zane King on the pottery wheel.



Emily Rietmann and Tracy Griffith use tools to score clay.

Ione School students completed a two week study with LaVonne Kasper of Baker City as part of the Arts in Education program. Each year under this program, the school is able to bring an artist for a two week stay. This year students were instructed daily in pottery. Each class made several objects during their classes and learned the terminology used by potters. Kasper assisted each class in making a pot on the pottery wheel for their teacher to keep as a remembrance of their class.

Kasper said she had little exposure to art until her family moved from California to New Mexico where she fell in love with the colors, designs and the pottery there. It was not until her children were older that she was able to pursue her interest in art. She started taking classes in Baker City six years ago and read all she could about pottery. She now teaches art in the Baker City schools and at Crossroads Art Center in the city as well as many schools in Eastern Oregon through the Regional Arts Council.

"Kasper was particularly adept at teaching children of all ages. The students enjoyed her classes a great deal and came away with a new interest and knowledge of this art form. Teachers and aides also found they were excited about trying their hand at pottery. Students and teachers alike found the two week study to be very rewarding," said Ione teacher Betty Rietmann.

Cardinals win, and lose, to Arlington



John Collin in action

The Cardinal women tennis team posted two wins, while the men were handed three losses, when Ione hosted Arlington on Thursday, April 25. Meghan McCabe defeated Michelle Berry, 8-3 and

Sara Peck defeated Jenny Smith, 8-0. Brian Bunch lost to Kevin Brandt, 6-8, in an extremely tight and lengthy match. Tyler Raible was unable to claim victory against Anna Durka, losing 4-8. The doubles team of Paul Neiffer and Johnny Collin were handed a 6-8 loss.

Coach Cathy McCabe was pleased with her team's performance on Thursday. "Even though the boys lost their matches, they all played well. They were patient when making their shots, reducing the amount of unforced errors."

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Scouts visit Gazette-Times

The Heppner Gazette-Times received a visit from the local Cub Scout pack last Thursday. The scouts learned that beginning two months ago the Gazette began producing its newspaper entirely digital with three computers. Once the newspaper is produced it is sent over the internet to a printing plant in Pendleton. While on the tour the scouts also watched a big paper cutter being used, a 1918 printing press in action and looked at some old newspapers.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage license(s):

April 26: Jose Guadalupe Mendoza, 26, Umatilla; and Maria Guadalupe Rodriguez, 17, Umatilla.

Ione juniors on their way to Girls State

Diana McElligott and Caitlin Orem, both juniors at Ione High School, were chosen by the Ione American Legion Auxiliary Unit 95 as this year's delegates to Oregon Girls' State. McElligott is the daughter of Paul and Charity McElligott of Ione. She participates in all school sports and is an honor student. She is also active in Future Business Leaders of America, the ecumenical youth group and St. Williams Church.

Orem is the daughter of Joe and Anita Orem of Ione. She is an honor student and a member of OSSOM, the drama club, STARS, and a member of the annual staff. She participates in 4-H and has served as a counselor at 4-H camp. She is a member of the ecumenical youth group and of St. Williams Church.

Girls State will be held June 16-22 at Willamette University in Salem. The program is specifically for girls who have completed their junior year of high school and focuses on Americanism and government. A mock government is set up to help demonstrate the fundamentals of democracy. By electing officials, debating and passing legislation at the weeklong seminar, the students learn the rights and responsibilities of being an American.

The program costs \$250 per delegate. Sponsors this year are Ione Community Agri-Business Organization, Morrow County Grain Growers, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Columbia Basin Electric Co-op. The Ione American Legion Auxiliary Unit 95 selects the girls and gets them ready for the seminar.

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