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Morrow County sends wheat Christmas ornaments to D.C.

It may be only September, but for Andrea Denton of Heppner it's already Christmas—100 times over. Denton volunteered to head up a committee to make 100 Christmas ornaments to be displayed on Christmas trees at the White House and other locations around Washington, D.C. Because Oregon was selected to supply the Capitol's Christmas trees this year, each Oregon county was asked to donate at least 100 handmade ornaments which are representative of the way of life in that county. And, what better way to represent Morrow County than with wheat?

Each ornament is a sheaf of wheat, donated from area wheat ranchers, either bundled or splayed, secured with wire, rubber bands and raffia, tied with a ribbon, glittered, lacquered and decorated with a Morrow County Courthouse button. Volunteers pulled the chaff from the wheat, made sure that each was very securely tied and made sure that the ornaments were big enough to see, but not exceeding the 12-inch size limit.

The ornaments are accompanied by a Morrow County brochure and an informational letter of greeting composed by Denton which tells about the county and its resources, including information on wheat and its uses. All labor for the project was volunteer and all materials were purchased and donated by those in the group making the ornaments. Denton said that the volunteers had spent around 14 hours of labor and she expected that they would spend around four more hours to finish



Andrea Denton with ornaments to festoon Washington, D.C., Christmas trees

up attaching bows and buttons, glittering and lacquering. The ornaments (3,600—100 from each of Oregon's counties plus additional ornaments to equal 4,000) were due in Roseburg in Douglas County by Sept. 30 to be shipped to the nation's Capitol. The Umpqua National Forest in Douglas County was to supply all of the 80 Christmas trees.

Denton started out the project on her own, but a dedicated group of women from wheat ranching families, Tawny Miles, Shannon Rust, Carley Drake and Judy Rea, past president of the Wheat League, joined in. Denton donated the ribbon, made up the greeting letter and made the logos and buttons, with the use of a button maker donated by the Morrow County Sheriff's Department. Denton said that Rea "got excited" about the project and spoke to friends in Morrow County who donated some of the wheat. The Columbia

Basin Experiment Station harvested and bundled wheat from their field near Pendleton and donated it to the cause and Rust donated boxes of wheat from their farm. Drake, Miles and Rust spent many hours on the project and Amanda Miles also helped out. Drake, who does wheat weaving, added some of her handmade woven ornaments to be included. "This is a bad year for wheat ranchers and still they provided wheat for us to send," said Denton. "They represent Morrow County well."

Denton said that after the ornaments are removed from the trees, they will be given to Washington, D.C., school children, which is why she included greetings from Oregon and information about the county in Morrow County's donation. "This is the first time Oregon is sending trees," added Denton. "This is Oregon's gift to the nation. It was kind of fun to be a part of something that would end up at the Capitol."

Flu shot clinics begin next week

Morrow County Health Department will hold flu shot vaccination clinics next week. Following are dates of the clinics:

Monday, Sept. 30 - Stokes Landing Senior Center, Irrigon, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.;

Tuesday, Oct. 1 - Morrow County Health Department, Boardman, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.;

Wednesday, Oct. 2 - St. Patrick's Senior Center, Heppner, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.;

Wednesday, Oct. 2 - Ione City Hall, Ione, 4-7 p.m.;

Thursday, Oct. 3 - Morrow County Health Department,

Heppner, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

The health department recommends everyone get a flu shot, especially those over the age of 65, those who have a chronic illness or those working with chronically ill people.

For more information, call 676-5421 or 481-2112.

Morrow SWCD/Weed Board to meet

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office building in Heppner. Agenda and discussion items include BPA contract update, LAC update, annual meeting discussion and agency reports.

The meeting is open to the public.

Morrow County Health District to meet

The Morrow County Health District will hold their regular board meeting, Monday, Sept. 30, in Boardman at the Boardman Ambulance Hall at 7 p.m.

Measures 19 and 20 receive favorable results in Morrow County

Measures 19 and 20 each received yes votes from over 50 percent of the 1997 people who voted in Morrow County in the Sept. 17 special election.

Measure 19, pertaining to state lottery funds being deposited into a education stability fund, received 1180 yes votes and 748 no votes, with 67 under votes and two over votes.

Measure 20, pertaining to an increase in cigarette taxes, received 1045 yes votes and 901 no votes, with 50 under votes and one over vote.

Ione Willows Grange 672 to hold fund raiser

The Ione Willows Grange 672 will host the Blue Mountain Oldtime Fiddlers Association, Saturday, Oct. 12, as a fund raiser to update the electrical service to the hall.

Last year's fund raiser, along with local donations and a grant from the Myer's Trust, saw the installation of a new heating system.

Local fiddlers and pickers are invited to join in.

A spaghetti dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Music will be at 7 p.m.

Tickets prices are: meal and music- adults, \$8, seniors and students, \$7, children six-12, \$2.50, children under six admitted free; music only- adults, \$4, seniors and students, \$3, children under 12 admitted free; and meal only- adults, \$4, children six-12 \$2.50, with children under six admitted free.

Dinner theatre fund raiser held at cemetery



Robin Krebs (left) and Pat Sweeney prepare for rehearsal for the "Evening at the Cemetery" fund raiser for the 1903 Heppner Flood Commemoration to be held in 2003.

Around 150 people attended an "Evening on Cemetery Hill", a dinner theatre fundraiser for the 1903 Heppner Flood Victims Memorial at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Sept. 19.

The evening, sponsored by the Morrow County museums, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and Klamath First, included a welcome and information on the flood by Robin Krebs of the Morrow County Museum, information on a tombstone project by Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen and presentation of plaques by Larry Mills of the Farm Museum. Doris Brosnan and Sharon Harrison acted as a guides and Rick Drake and Keith Brudevold provided music. Kathryn Hoskins and Travis Harrison narrated a letter from Gertrude Parker, Kathryn's mother, which provided a 1903

account about Gertrude's friend, Anna McBride, who was a flood victim. Dan Brosnan and Patrick Sweeney narrated a Sheriff CJD Bauman story and Claudia Hughes and Cliff Green read obituaries of Timothy Bisbee and his son Lou Bisbee. Tim VanCleave read the Hon. Jackson Morrow obituary.

"It was very respectful," said Krebs, who stressed that it was a commemoration to help raise funds for the flood memorial planned for 2003.

Dinner of Caesar salad, grilled lamb, baby red potatoes, garlic bread, beverages and dessert was provided courtesy of Zeller's Ione Market, Norm and Barb Zeller, Krebs Ranches, Clint and Maureen Krebs, the Farm Foundation and Morrow County museums, the Harrison ranch, Bob and Sharon and Travis and Kirsten Harrison, the 2003 Flood Committee and Barbara Orwick.

HHS crowns homecoming court



Heppner High School homecoming court (left to right): front-Junior Prince Chuy Elguezabal, Senior King Donald Adams, Senior Prince Josh Winters, Senior Prince Brad Adams, Junior Prince Brian Hagewood, Junior Court Prince Tate Gentry and Princess Makayla Kindle; back-Junior Princess

Tiffany Piper escorted by her father David Piper, Senior Queen Rachel Howard, escorted by her father Hank Howard, Senior Princess Lacy Matteson, escorted by her father Chuck Matteson, Senior Princess Genia Grant, escorted by her brothers Tyson and Treve Palmateer, Junior Princess Brooke Rust, escorted by her father Tim Rust.



Heppner High School cheerleaders and the Mustang mascot lead cheers during the HHS homecoming parade held downtown Thursday, Sept. 19.

Rachel Howard, Heppner High School senior, was crowned queen and Donald Adams, also a senior at HHS, was crowned king at homecoming activities during halftime at the HHS game vs. Umatilla Friday, Sept. 20.

Other members of the senior class court include princesses Genia Grant and Lacey Matteson and princes Brad Adams and Josh Winters.

Members of the junior class court include princesses Brooke Rust and Tiffany Piper and princes Chuy Elguezabal and Brian Hagewood.

Junior court members were Tate Gentry, son of Terri and Jerry Gentry, and Makayla Kindle, daughter of Jim and Becky Kindle.

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