

Robert Walton at work on the Ag Museum mural



Ag Museum mural beginning to grow and take shape

Robert Walton, a painter from Levinworth, WA, has been in Heppner sketching a mural of Heppner before the 1903 flood onto the Riverside Dr. side of the Ag Museum building.

Walton, with the help of his wife Robin, has been working in the evenings with an overhead projector, to get the first sketches of the mural onto the building. The area he is currently working on is 100 feet by 17 feet, and required the sketch to go up in five sections.

Due to weather conditions, mainly the moisture Heppner has been experiencing from the fog, Walton left Heppner Monday afternoon, and will not

be painting again until April. He is hoping April will have the warmer, drier weather needed to allow the oil paint he uses to adhere to the building. The painting has been sketched in a red tone, but will be filled in with the many colors that can be seen around Heppner.

Walton started painting in 1972, getting into the business full-time in 1977. Although he did not have any formal training, he did take a few classes in color painting from a man who lived in Tacoma, WA. Walton has lived in Levinworth, WA since 1979. Walton and his wife have three daughters, who are married and live throughout the U.S.

Wedding

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Erin Marie Melton of Wrangell, Alaska and Colin Anderson of Heppner, were married Sept. 7, 2002 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner.

Laura Snyder presided at the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Clyde and Joan Melton of Celestine, IN, and Ann Kramer and George Benson of Wrangell, AK. She graduated from Wrangell High School in 1997 and OHSU School of Nursing in 2002 with a BS in Nursing. She is a Public Health Nurse for Umatilla County.

Anderson is the son of Charlie and Marcia Anderson of Heppner. He is a 1996 graduate of Heppner High School and attended OSU. He currently farms with his father on the family farm.

The bride's sister, Megan Melton of Wrangell, AK, was the maid of honor. Other bridesmaids were Claire Anderson of Heppner, Laura Demerjian of Wrangell, AK, Rachel Dancer of Danbury, CT, and Allison and Bethany McClain both of Ramer, TN.

The best man was Justin Miller of Ione. Other groomsmen were Evan Weygandt of Portland, Kris Dubuque of San Francisco, CA, Chris Jones of Bozeman, MT, Donnie Pointer of Lexington, and Ben Ewing of Battle Ground, WA.

Readers for the wedding were Josh Coiner of Heppner and Jessica Bennett of La Grande.

A reception at the Heppner Elks Lodge followed the wedding ceremony.

Following a honeymoon to Sandals Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple resides in Heppner.

Sample scores high game; receives award



Terry Lupinacci, owner of Shamrock Lanes, presents ring to Randy Sample

Randy Sample, of Heppner, scored a 299 on Aug. 28 in the Superbowl 2002 Finals Tournament (T15) at Kellogg Bowl. The score was approved by the American Bowling Congress.

Sample received an ABC ring with the ABC symbol, his name, the date, and his score engraved on it.

The team took first in the tournament and earned \$3400.

Sample bowled a 750 series scratch. "This is an honor score that very few people shoot," said Terry Lupinacci, owner of the Shamrock Lanes in Heppner.

"Your achievement is certainly one of the goals set by all bowlers universally. We are proud to have you as a member of the American Bowling Congress," commented Roger A. Dalkin, executive director of the ABC, in a letter to Sample.

USFS Christmas Tree permits now available

Christmas tree permits are now available at all offices of the Umatilla National Forest and will be available at several local vendors by the Thanksgiving holiday. One Christmas tree permit is required for each tree cut. Permits can be purchased for \$5.00 each. There is a limit of one tree per household, though customers can purchase permits for their friends, relatives, and neighbors.

Douglas fir and Englemann spruce are the most popular trees, though Ponderosa pine and lodgepole pine make unique and fragrant alternatives.

Permits are valid on Federal Forest Service lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, State or other federally managed lands.

"Weather and road conditions play a major role in the success and enjoyment of your Christmas tree cutting experience," said Earle Rother, Public Affairs Officer. "It's important that you and your vehicle are prepared for winter conditions." Christmas tree cutters are reminded to take along plenty of warm clothing, food and water. "Also, always let someone know where you are going and when to expect you home."

Permits and Forest maps can be purchased during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Supervisor's Office in Pendleton, and at the four district offices in Ukiah and Heppner; and Walla Walla and Pomeroy, WA.

Permits may also be purchased at: Heppner Chevron, Heppner; Ace Hardware, Hermiston; The Shirt Shop, Condon; Lazy Wolf Resort, Spray; Columbia Grain and Feed, Pasco; and Farmers Exchange, Kennewick.

The USFS also wants to remind people when going out Christmas tree cutting to dress appropriately in warm socks, boots, coats, hats & gloves. Bring plenty of snacks and water, and have supplies available to build a fire if necessary. Make sure your vehicle is equipped for winter travel and tell someone where

you're going and when you expect to be home.

Regulations for cutting Christmas Trees on the Umatilla National Forest include: wrapping the permit around the tree trunk, between limbs, and snap or connect ends together; keeping the permit on the tree while in transit; cutting your tree at least 50 feet away from the road; cleaning up any trimmings or limbs and leaving stumps no higher than 10 inches. It is illegal to "top" a tree; and cutting off any green limbs left on the stump (can be used for greens).

Other regulations include: a maximum tree height of 14 feet tall; no cutting on private land, in wilderness areas, designated campgrounds, active timber sales or existing tree plantations; no cutting trees within 200 feet of Bluewood or Spout Springs Ski Areas, summer home sites, Tollgate Work Center, or Forest Service Guard Stations; Christmas tree cutting in the Tollgate Area on the Walla Walla Ranger District can be challenging after December 1, when most Forest roads close for the winter. After December 1, snowmobiling or snowshoeing will be your only access into areas off Hwy 204; and Christmas tree cutting on the Pomeroy Ranger District is prohibited on Park and Cook Ridges, and in the Lick Creek area, which includes Sheep Creek, Cabin, Capehorn and Mud Springs ridges. For more information, please call the Pomeroy Ranger District at (509) 843-1891.

Some helpful hints for maintaining your trees beauty include: carrying your trees carefully out of the woods, as dragging the tree will rub off needles and bark; if the tree is too big to transport in the trunk of your vehicle, wrap it in canvas to prevent wind damage; once home, cut the bottom of the trunk off and place the freshly cut trunk in a bucket of water. Replenish water frequently; and store your tree in an area protected from the wind, such as the north or east side of your house or under a shaded tree.

HES looking for study mentors

The Child Study Team at Heppner Elementary School is looking for volunteers to work with individual students in their classrooms. These volunteers can spend as little time as 20-30 minutes a week or as much time as they can spare with a student. Volunteers can be parents (mothers or fathers or guardians), grandparents, aunts, uncles, or simply members of the

community who would like to mentor a child.

If you are interested in volunteering, please plan on attending an informational meeting at Heppner Elementary on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. in the library.

For more information, you can contact Molly Rill at HES by phone at 676-9128.

4-H News

Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans 4-H Club

By Emily Bergstrom, reporter
On Oct. 25, Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans 4-H Club held a meeting. During this meeting, members filled out paperwork and looked at books to find patterns for this year.

There are two new members in the group; they are Blake Allstott and Kellee Jones.

The members in the group are Krystal Nairns, Emily Bergstrom, Kendra Rayburn, Blake Allstott and Kellee Jones. The club's leaders are Rita Bergstrom and Sue Jones.

On Nov. 1, the group elected officers and some members worked on projects. Officers are: President, Blake Allstott; Vice President, Kendra Rayburn; Secretary/Treasurer, Krystal Nairns; and Reporter, Emily Bergstrom.

First Aid/CPR class offered

Umatilla-Morrow County Head Start and Child Care Resource and Referral will offer a First Aid and CPR class on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in Heppner (above Heppner Hardware). The Child Care Division requires this class for anyone wishing to become a registered family child care

provider. This class will cover training in injury and illness prevention and emergency care, and will include infant and child CPR.

There is a \$25 fee and pre-registration is required. Contact Child Care Resource and Referral at 1-800-559-5878 to register for the class.

MCGC News By Sandi Day

It's that time of year again for the Morrow County Gun Club to begin their weekly trap shooting. The clubhouse will

open at noon on Sunday, Dec. 1, for the first shoot of the season and will continue every Sunday throughout the winter until April.

MCGC is open to every one of all ages and abilities. The club would like to encourage anybody who enjoys shooting trap to join the group.

Red Cross to hold blood drive

The American Red Cross, Umatilla County Chapter will be holding a community blood drive on Monday, Dec. 9 from 1-6 p.m. at the Pendleton Recreation Center, 500 S.W. Dorion, Pendleton.

Donors must be 17 or older, weigh at least 105 pounds and be in good health.

All blood types are needed every day. Out of every 100 people: 38 are O-positive; 32 are A-positive; 10 are B-positive; three are AB-positive; eight are O-negative; seven are A-negative; two are B-negative and one is AB-negative.

To schedule a donation appointment, call (800) 787-9691.

Heppner has 12 All-Stars

Last week's edition of the Gazette, mistakenly said that Heppner had 11 all-stars.

However, 12 all-star football players are representing Heppner.

Robert Whalen was also chosen as a Columbia Basin Conference football all-star. Whalen was chosen as a second team offensive lineman.



Robert Whalen

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676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

Saturday, November 30th
The Oyster Chefs Are Back! Oysters and Prime Rib will be served with all the trimmings. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. For Elks members and out-of-town guests.

Thursday, December 5th
LADIES NIGHT. Joyce Ward, Judy Buschke and crew will be serving Roast Pork, Dressing, Salad and more, with homemade Apple Dumplings for dessert. Dinner will start after the Light Parade.

A Memorial Service for Departed Members will start before Lodge at 8 p.m.

*"The faults of our Members we write upon the sands;
Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."*

Joe Anderson PER • David Baker LM
Verne Bell • Loyd Burkenbine LM
Charles Doherty LM • Jerry Dougherty
R.E. Ferrell LM • Bill Nichols
Jack Van Winkle PER, LM

*Love fills the Moment,
and the Moment begins Eternity.
Love fills a Lifetime,
and a Lifetime begins this Hour,
when the two of us,*

KARMIN RENAE MAHER
and
CHRISTOPHER LEE DICKENSON,
begin a new life Together

*on Saturday, the thirtieth of November, 2002,
at four o'clock in the afternoon,
LaGrande United Methodist Church
1612 Fourth Street, LaGrande*

*Reception following,
Union County Fairgrounds Multipurpose Room*