

Heritage Trail advisory committee discusses signage

A preview of artwork for Educational Interpretive Panels along the Columbia River Heritage Trail topped the agenda at the Feb. 19 Advisory Committee meeting in Irrigon. The first Interpretive Panels will be installed along the trail in the City of Boardman; Boardman Park & Recreation District; Port of Morrow; and Umatilla Wildlife Refuge. These trail cooperators have granted permission for trailside interpretive signage, and several have volunteered to install the panels themselves.

Committee members welcomed an announcement by

Oregon Travel Information Council regarding confirmation of a grant to cover purchase and installation of nine Lewis and Clark Historic Trail and Tour Route Markers in Morrow County. Lewis and Clark Historic Trail markers will be placed on I-84 and Hwy 730 in the next 12 months.

The Morrow County Planning Department is leading the request for installation of Point of Interest Signs with mileage, and hiking trail recreational symbols to existing signs on Oregon Department of Transportation right-of ways.

These signs are needed to alert visitors and residents about access to recreational opportunities along the Columbia River Heritage Trail.

Carla McLane, Morrow County Planner, is researching options to fund a survey of approximately three miles of the trail centerline. A legal survey is required by US Army Corps of Engineers to receive permission to install trail confidence and directional markers on their land. The unmarked portion of the trail next to the Columbia River from Paterson Ferry Road east to the boundary of the Irrigon Marina Park is on Army Corps land.

An opportunity for Advisory Committee members and interested public to experience Irrigon portions of the Columbia River Heritage Trail will be available Saturday, March 8. Committee member Sharon Timms will lead a Reconnaissance Walk leaving the Irrigon Marina Park Boat Launch Parking lot at 9 a.m., heading west on informal footpaths along the river's edge to the Irrigon Fish Hatcheries. The walk route consists of approximately three miles of sandy footpaths and opportunities to observe wildlife and native plants. A volunteer will ferry walkers back to the Irrigon Marina Park, but walkers can make independent arrangements to park a vehicle at the Fish Hatchery.

"I am very pleased with the continuing community and organizational support for the Columbia River Heritage Trail," shared Carol Michael, Visibility and Marketing Coordinator for the trail project. "A recent survey of the recreational activities of 4400 Oregonians and 800 non-residents revealed that running and walking are at the top of the recreational popularity list. Participation in these activities was two and a half times that of bird-watching and all other wildlife observation combined. Knowing the four most popular Oregon recreational activities can be enjoyed on the Columbia River Heritage Trail keeps us focused on the outcome of this project."

Banking on a cure



BEO walkers include (Back row L-R): Janet Dezelle, Darrell Raver, Lynne Uitto, Deona Hodges and Christy Correa; (Front row L-R): Becky Kindle, Bev Crum, Tricia Gundersom and Anita Orem. Not pictured include: Christy Wizner, Terri Palmateer, Mindy Qualls and Kim Arbogast.

The Bank of Eastern Oregon is ready for the Multiple Sclerosis walk and is challenging businesses, individuals and clubs to form a team and walk to raise funds for research, equipment and programs for those with MS.

Bank of EO employee, Christy Correa and her husband Mark will be joining the team this year. "This past year Mark's father was diagnosed with MS and we want to help in any way we can," stated Christy. Also, Anita Orem's mother-in-law suffered from the effects of MS before she passed away, prompting Orem participation to raise money to end this disabling disease.

The 2003 Rebig (an interferon injection company) Multiple Sclerosis Walk is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at 9 a.m. The registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church, located at 460 N. Gale St. in Heppner. The 5K and 10K walks, coordinated by Merilee McDowell, present an opportunity for anyone to help the 5,300 people in Oregon and southwest Washington with MS. Breakfast will be served again by Bob and Aloha DeSpain at All Saints Episcopal Church after the walk.

MS usually strikes adults in the prime of life, between the ages of 20 and 50. It is a chronic disease of the central nervous system affecting the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe, such as paralysis or loss of vision. One new case of MS is diagnosed every hour.

The National MS Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS. Funds received through the 2003 walk support research, education, advocacy, and local programs that enhance the quality of life for people with MS and their families.

This week registration forms will be placed in

businesses in Heppner, Lexington and Ione. To enter, pick up a form, fill it out and mail it in so you can start collecting your pledges. Directions for teams can be

found on the form. For more information on how to register or volunteer to help, contact McDowell at 676-5238 or the Oregon chapter of the MS Society at 1-800-FIGHT MS.

SWCD to hold workshop in Heppner

The Morrow and Gilliam Soil and Water Conservation Districts in cooperation with the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service have scheduled an information workshop, Thursday, March 20. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner, with refreshments to be provided.

The objective of the meeting is to discuss the implementation of riparian stream buffers and cropland filterstrip buffers using the Continuous Conservation Reserve Program and the

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. Buffers can establish or improve wildlife habitat while intercepting sediment, nutrients, pesticides and other materials in surface runoff to maintain or improve water quality.

Landowners with acreage enrolled in these programs will be compensated with annual rental payments and will be eligible for further payment incentives. Financial assistance is also available for the establishment of the buffer and related practices. Landowners with property along streams, lakes, ponds, and intermittent watercourses are invited to attend.

VanLiew elected student body president at college

Matthew VanLiew, son of Dan and Sandra VanLiew of Heppner, was recently elected Student Body President at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ.

His campaign slogan, "We don't promise, we do" and his qualifications lead to his election. Along with maintaining a high GPA (4.0 last semester), VanLiew is also involved in Alpha Phi Omega (service fraternity), Sigma Nu (social fraternity), Golf Club, Christian Fellowship, Pep Band, ASCE, and Chi Epsilon (Civil Engineering Honor Society).

Since graduating from Heppner High School in 2000, VanLiew has attended Stevens

HHS announces March schedule

Heppner High School will begin March with an Advisory Board meeting, Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m., at the Heppner Elementary School library. The Site Council will hold their

meeting the follow Wednesday, March 12, at 6 p.m., in the HHS library.

The Morrow County School Board meeting will be held, Monday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Ione.

The Mid-Columbia Honor Band will be at The Dalles March 8 and 9; and there will be a Choir Festival at HHS on March 12.

Spring Break will be held March 24-28, with classes resuming March 31.

Watch for the many sporting events as baseball, golf and track get underway.

Annual Blow Control meeting to be held

The annual Lexington Blow Control district meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, at 6 p.m., in Ione at the fire hall.

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Ione Grange Hall at 7 p.m.

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12' heavy duty panel 99 ⁵⁹	12' flex panel 84 ⁰¹	
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14' heavy duty gate 103 ⁴³	100 gallons 67 ⁹⁹	
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12'x6' dog kennel 449 ⁰⁰	250 gallons 154 ⁹⁵	NOT ALL ITEMS MAY BE IN STOCK - CALL FOR AVAILABILITY
11½' grain bunk 159 ⁹⁹	350 gallons 165 ⁰⁰	
10' feed panel 138 ⁹¹	700 gallons 225 ⁰⁰	
T-POSTS	RAILROAD TIES	
5½' #125 17 ⁹	Railroad Tie #1 11 ⁵⁰	
6' #125 19 ⁹		
BARBED WIRE	LIVESTOCK PANELS	
2 pt. 28 ⁹⁹	Cattle Panel 52"x16' 14 ⁹⁹	
4 pt. 36 ⁹⁹	Combo Panel 52"x16' 18 ⁹⁹	
Barbless 31 ⁹⁵	TREATED POSTS	
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