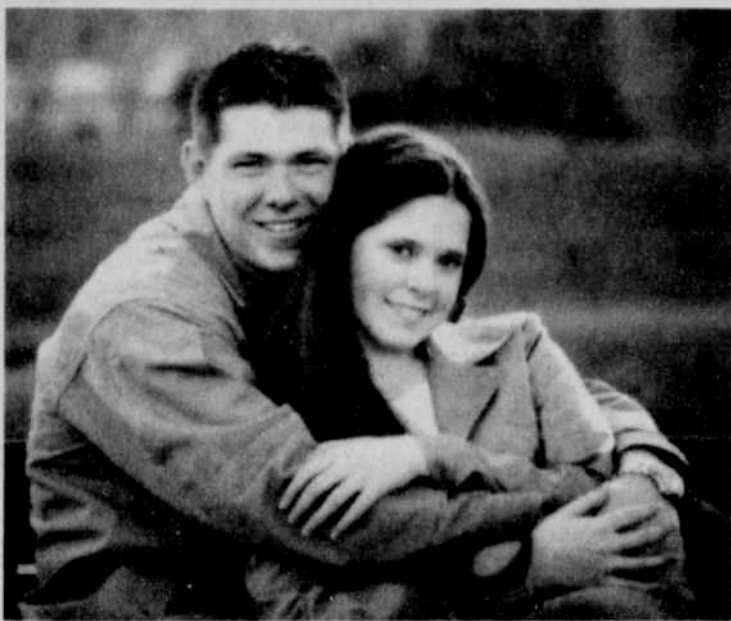


Engagement Bielicki-Bloodsworth



Kevin Bloodsworth and Brenda Bielicki

Brenda Krystyne Bielicki, Richland, WA and Kevin Carl Bloodsworth, Hermiston wish to announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Bernie and Lynda Bielicki, of Richland, WA and the granddaughter of Bill and Joyce Carlson, of Richland, WA, Gina Bielicki, of Huntington Beach, CA, and Walter and Esther Bielicki, of Michigan. She is a 2003 graduate of Richland High School. She will be attending Central Washington University this fall.

The groom-elect is the son of James and Carlita Bloodsworth, of Hermiston and the grandson of Barbara and the late Jim Bloodsworth, of Heppner, Betty and the late Carl Marquardt of Lexington and Elmer and LaVonne Morford of Oregon. He is a 2001 graduate of Colorado State Academy, Hermiston. He has attended Mt. Hood Community College, majoring in general studies, and will be attending Perry Technical Institute this fall.

All friends and family are invited to the Aug. 23, 2003, wedding. The wedding will be held in Richland, WA, at the Nazarene Church, 2500 Jericho Road, at 1 p.m.

OWGL to hold Fall Workshop

The Oregon Wheat Growers League has scheduled its annual Fall Workshop for Thursday, Sept. 4 at the Port of Morrow facility in Boardman. Producers and industry representatives from every region of the state are encouraged to mark this event on their calendars.

Presentations from Dave Paul and Dave Bearden of the Risk Management Agency (RMA) will discuss the 2004 Policy and Program Changes for fall crops. David Shelton of the Wheat Marketing Center, John Oades from US Wheat Associates and Andrew Ross of Oregon State University, will present "From the Farm Gate to the International Marketplace Starts with the Right Varieties and Understanding our Customers' Needs".

Lunch will be provided for all attendees. Duane Grant, of Idaho Grain Producers Association will speak during lunch on the Wheat Industry Position on BioTechnology.

Pre-registration is required on or before Friday, Aug. 29. Interested producers and industry representatives should contact the office of the Oregon Wheat Growers League to register. Registration fees are: OWGL member - \$15; non-member - \$45.

For more information or to register, call the office of the Oregon Wheat Growers League at (541) 276-7330.

Moyers' Lacy wins Call Your Dog Contest for third year

Celia and John Moyers' "Lacy" won the under 30 lb. Division at the "Call your Dog Contest" which is held annually during the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo. "Lacy" has won every year since the inception of the contest. Phil and Kim Bocks' dog "Kodi" won the over 40 lb. Division. A match race was held on Sunday at the Morrow County Rodeo between the two champion dogs and "Lacy" once again was declared "Top Dog".

The "Call Your Dog Contest" is open to anyone who owns a dog (You do not have to live in Morrow County). Everyone is invited to participate in this fun contest next year and besides the gigantic trophies donated by the HM Ranch, there will be a \$50 cash award donated in each weight division by the Moyers, who have had fun participating each year and as they are considering retiring their dog "Lacy" they want to encourage every dog owner attending the rodeo to participate and have as much fun as they have had competing the past three years.

HES receives donation for SMART



Pictured above are principal Wade Smith and a Wilcox Furniture employee after receiving a new couch and loveseat for Heppner Elementary School. Bruce Wilcox of Wilcox Furniture donated the items for the new Heppner Elementary SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) reading program, a reading program run by grant monies that help pay for free books for kids, materials, and a coordinator to organize the reading program. Bruce, a SMART reading volunteer in the Hermiston area, understands the importance of literacy in the lives of our students. If you are interested in becoming a SMART reading volunteer please contact Tracy Bunch at Heppner Elementary School.

US 730 between Irrigon and Umatilla receives safety corridor designation

Citizens living along a six-mile section of the Columbia River Highway (US 730) between Irrigon and Umatilla are hoping motorists will pay closer attention to traffic laws and drive more cautiously, now that the route has been designated as a safety corridor. A high number of crashes and near misses, many involving turning movements, along with concerns from local residents prompted the safety corridor labeling of the route.

"Safety Corridors are stretches of state and local highway with an incidence of traffic crashes higher than the statewide average for that type of roadway," said ODOT Traffic Safety Coordinator Patty McClure. Typical actions taken in safety corridors to increase safety include more frequent enforcement and education efforts such as media events, brochures and poster distribution. Through these efforts, drivers are asked to

pay extra attention and carefully obey all traffic laws.

"District 12 Sign Crews installed eight signs along the highway section recently. The signs designate the highway section as a safety corridor and remind motorists to turn on their headlights when driving through the area," said District 12 Manager George Ruby.

Along with installing the signs, brochures will be distributed in the future to local businesses and truck stops to help promote safe driving. Funding has also been identified to pay overtime to local law enforcement, who will patrol the safety corridors more often.

"The funding allows us to put a more dedicated effort to these safety corridors areas," said Lieutenant Helmen with OSP in Pendleton. Increased enforcement is also performed along the US 395 safety corridor in Hermiston. "I've talked to a few citizen in the

Irrigon and Umatilla area and they were ecstatic about the safety corridor designation and increased enforcement," Helmen added.

"This is the first phase in finding solutions to traffic problems along the route," Ruby said. "Long term fixes are being investigated and will be presented to local stakeholders in the near future," he added.

One of the problems to be addressed is providing room for turning movements onto and off of the many access roads and driveways along the highway. Speeding cars and trucks that use the route as an alternative to Interstate 84, to connect to Interstate 82 and the Washington border, is another concern. "The safety corridor designation of the route is a good first step. The next will be to find more permanent solutions and get them onto the schedule," said Ruby.

Parent Ed program to be held in Heppner

The Umatilla-Morrow Head Start is sponsoring a 12-week parent education course called "Incredible Years." The course will start Aug. 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the Conference Room above Heppner Hardware.

The purpose of the course is to promote social, emotional, and academic competence in children. The course also offers skill development for parents to help them with issues such as problem solving, sibling rivalry, behavior issues in public places, stealing and lying.

The course has been taught throughout Umatilla and Morrow counties with great success, says Kathy Cutsforth with Head Start. For more information on the class or to register, call 676-9150.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

The St. Patrick's Senior Center float made a brilliant appearance during the parade last Saturday morning. We send our appreciation to Faye Wilson, "Bert" Johannes and Lois Winchester, whose enthusiasm and energy gives enjoyment to everyone.

About 15 people have been enjoying the water exercise hour at the pool, Tuesday and Thursday each week, from 5-6 p.m. A routine of movements that stretch and strengthen every muscle and joint, and circles of walking in the water for warm-up purposes are performed. The class welcomes non-swimmers. The cost is \$1 per time. The pool is reserved for seniors at that time.

A bus trip is arranged to take a group of people to the annual Dress-Up Parade in Pendleton. The date and time will be announced next week.

The Seventh-day Adventist members are the volunteers for the Wednesday, Aug. 27 senior meal. The menu is hamburger and potato bake, California mix vegetables, Jello with vegetables, rolls, and banana split cake.

On Wednesday at noon, the St. Patrick's Board of Directors meets in regular session, in the senior center's office.

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