

Preparation begins for 2004 MS Walk



Participants in last year's MS Walk.

Heppner Museums rate high

"One of the finest collections of farm equipment in the Northwest," according to the State of Oregon, is open to the public on Saturday, March 13 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Volunteers continue to improve the display of the equipment collection and welcome visitors to explore the many machines and tools historically important to the farming and ranching industries of Eastern Oregon.

Recently completed on the west side of the exhibit building is its second mural, one of early Heppner's Main Street, painted by Robert Walton. When work is completed on the next part of that mural, which will feature the sheep industry, it will become the largest mural in the Northwest completed by one artist. The exhibit building is located at the north end of Heppner by Green Feed and Seed by Highway 74.

Volunteers also maintain the Morrow County Museum, which continues to earn accolades from visitors. New exhibits have been created during the winter closure, and Curator Robin Krebs is eager to welcome visitors on Friday and Saturday.

The Katherine Bisbee Gallery, a new feature at the museum, premieres with a showing of works by Sandra Haynes, whose paintings have earned her national acclaim. From 1:30-4 p.m. on Friday, March 12, visitors will be treated to an opportunity "meet the artist" over refreshments.

The museum also features a "shepherd's exhibit" and an informative coverage of the 1903 Heppner Flood. On Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., the Heritage Fibers Artists will demonstrate

Recruit your family, friends and co-workers to have fun and help fight MS by walking or sponsoring a walker in this year's MS Walk to be held on April 17. Register today and join other members of the community in the fight against MS.

Sign-up brochures will be located in businesses throughout the area in the near future.

If you have any questions you can contact Merilee McDowell at 676-5238 or the Oregon Chapter of The National MS Society at (800) FIGHT MS.

Food Handler's Class to be offered before St. Pat's weekend

A Food Handler's Class will be offered by Blue Mountain Community College and the State Health Division on Thursday, March 11 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria. This is an opportunity to locally obtain or renew a food handler's card, especially if planning to handle food during the St. Patrick's Day celebration or during the upcoming Little League Season.

A Food Handler's card is required by the State of Oregon for all employees

who handle or prepare food in food service facilities in Oregon. This includes dishwashers, waiters, staff and business persons. Additionally, the card is also now required of all day care workers.

The cost of the class is a \$10 licensing fee, payable to the State Health Department after successful completion of the written test. Registration will be done at class.

For further information, contact Anne Morter, BMCC South Morrow County Coordinator, at 422-7040.

Eastern Oregon gets \$116,390 in January OLCC revenue

Eight eastern Oregon counties and their 53 cities received \$116,390 from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission's January liquor revenue allocation.

Statewide, the agency distributed \$9.17 million for the month, including \$4.8 million to the general fund. Oregon's 239 incorporated cities received \$1.7 million, the 36 counties netted \$859,626 and the city revenue sharing account, \$1.2 million. December's statewide allocation was \$16.5 million.

OLCC revenue is derived from the sale of distilled spirits in 239 liquor stores, taxes on malt beverages and wine, license fees, and fines for liquor law violations. The money is distributed by population, with counties receiving 10 percent; cities, 20 percent; state general

fund, 56 percent; and the city revenue sharing account, 14 percent.

Half the taxes on wine and malt beverages, \$552,947, went to the state Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services for drug and alcohol programs. The remaining half was poured into the general revenue hopper.

The Oregon Wine Advisory Board received \$18,072 from a special 2-cent per gallon tax on wine for research and promotion. The OLCC collects privilege taxes of \$2.60 for a 31-gallon barrel of malt beverage, 67 cents a gallon for table wine, and 77 cents a gallon for dessert wine.

In January, Morrow County received the following: population 11,750, \$2,852 — Boardman, \$2,195; Heppner, \$1,005; Ione, \$242; Irrigon, \$269; Lexington, \$185.

Highway litter pick-up time

It is time to do the annual St. Patrick's Celebration "End of Winter/Start of Spring" litter pick-up along the state highways through Heppner.

The Chamber of Commerce coordinates the program and Chamber volunteers will do the route on Tuesday, March 9, from 5-6 p.m. Alert/Reminder Notices with SOLV litter bags will not be distributed this time.

All businesses and residents along the route have been doing a super job of keeping their highway frontages in good shape and Heppner looking good for citizens and visitors to enjoy.

The efforts of the organizations that do the litter pick-up on the entries to town are appreciated. They help give the community the look of a town that has pride and cares about its appearance. These organizations include the Heppner Elementary and Middle School staff, the Morrow County Employees Association and a new participant, the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

John Edmundson coordinates the Chamber's litter pick-up program and welcomes any comments for improving the program. Also, anyone who would like to be part of the "action" is encouraged to contact him at 676-5177.

Wedding

Bankston-Bloodsworth



Michaele and Kent Bloodsworth

Michaele Bankston, 17, and Kent Bloodsworth, 21, were married Dec. 27, 2003 at Sandstone Middle School, with Rev. Bernie Bielicki officiating.

Bankston is the daughter of Larry and Florence Bankston of Boardman. Larry is the pastor of the Victory Lighthouse Church and Florence is a third grade teacher for Sam Boardman Elementary. Grandparents of the bride are Marvin Cox of Springfield, Delma Brackeu of Union, and Barbara Bankston and the late Johnny Bankston of Kingniau, AZ.

Bloodsworth is the son of James and Carlita Bloodsworth of Boardman. James is a driver for UPS and Carlita is a security guard for the Coal Fire Plant in Boardman. Both attend Victory Lighthouse Church. Grandparents of the groom are Betty Marquardt and the late Carl M. Marquardt of Lexington, Barbara Bloodsworth and the late James E. Bloodsworth of Heppner and Elmer and LaVonne Morford of Mist.

The bride is a recent high school graduate of Victory Lighthouse Academy. The groom is a high school graduate of Colorado State Academy. He is employed by Apollo at the Hermiston Pool construction site. He is also an apprentice in the Carpenters Union and Journey out in about two years.

The matron of honor was Brenda Bloodsworth, the bride's best friend who shared the dream of one day becoming sisters. The best man was Kevin Bloodsworth, the groom's brother and best friend. The flower girl was Carissa Bankston, the bride's sister. The miniature bride and groom were Austin and Megan LeMay.

The bride wore a white dress with a sheer overlay and a fitted bodice. The veil was fingertip length and the bouquet was an arrangement of lilies and lilacs. The groom wore a white tuxedo with tails.

The wedding colors were periwinkle blue, lavender and silver. Pearls were on all the accessories.

The couple spent the first night of their honeymoon at the Columbia Gorge Hotel in Hood River and traveled to Lincoln City the next day for a four-night stay.

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