

## Walkers and volunteers needs for MS Walk in Heppner

On Saturday, April 23, the Oregon Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society holds its largest fundraising event, the 17<sup>th</sup> annual MS Walk, presented by MS Lifelines, in Heppner, starting at All Saints Episcopal Church at 9 a.m. Registration starts at 8 a.m.

Knowing that one footstep can bring the cure closer, 3700 participants all over the state and in Vancouver, WA will each walk 3.1 miles with the goal of raising \$500,000 to fund research, treatment and programs for the more than 5800 people in Oregon and Clark County, WA that have MS.

This year, the MS Walk in Heppner is chaired by Merilee McDowell, who was diagnosed with MS in 1977. She's been active in the Walk since 1997. McDowell is an administrative assistant at Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, where she has worked for 25 years. Since her family is very active in the All Saints Episcopal Church, she named her walk team "All The Saints."

"The people from Heppner had the highest number of walkers last year because Pendleton didn't have a chairman anymore," says McDowell. "So I told the Oregon Chapter that I would chair the next year if we could have the walk in Heppner. They were excited-so the walk began in Heppner."

Every week 200 Americans are diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The National MS Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS, which has its highest incident rate here in the Pacific Northwest— five times the national average. In Oregon and Southwest Washington, more than 5800 people live with MS. In many cases, it robs people of significant physical and cognitive abilities. In others, it is a disease lying in wait.

Though walkers in the MS Walk are only asked to raise a minimum of \$25 per person, the average walker raises more than \$160. Top fundraisers earn prizes as individuals and as teams. Walk teams are composed of four or more individuals and raise 70 percent of the funds for the entire event.

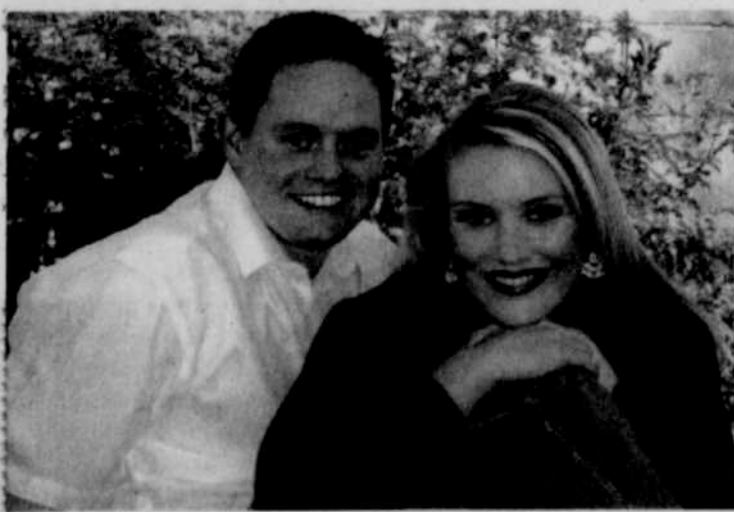
Local sponsors for the MS Walk in Heppner include Bucknum's Tavern, Central Red Apple, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Murray's Drugstore. Local committee members include Aloha and Bob DeSpain, John Edmundson, George Nairns, Moe Devin, Joan Basil and Debbie Basil. The All Saints' Episcopal youth group also volunteers by handing out brochures and have formed a Walk team.

With 11 walk sites in Oregon, including Bend, Corvallis, Eugene, Forest Grove, Heppner, LaGrande, Merrill, Portland, Roseburg and Salem and one in Vancouver, WA there are plenty of opportunities for volunteers to help register walkers, host rest stops, cheer on participants and more. Walkers and volunteers can register online at [www.mswalkoregon.com](http://www.mswalkoregon.com) or by phone at 1.800.FIGHT.MS. Walkers may register at any time, including the day of the event and the route is accessible.

The MS Walk is made possible through the generosity of its sponsors, which include presenting sponsor MS Lifelines and supporting sponsors Berlex, Biogen, Courtesy Ford, Teva Neuroscience and US Bank.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease that randomly attacks the central nervous system. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of the disease can't be predicted; symptoms range from numbness to paralysis and blindness. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society aims to end the devastating effects of MS. The National MS Society is the largest private funder of MS research in the world and is the only voluntary health organization in the United States supporting international MS research and providing services, education and public policy for Americans with MS and their families. The Oregon Chapter serves over 5800 people in Oregon and Clark County, WA and is committed to empowering people with MS to live as independently as possible. More information about MS or the services of the National MS Society can be obtained online at [www.defeatms.com](http://www.defeatms.com) or by phone at (800) FIGHT MS (344-4867).

## Engagement Sanderson-Swanson



Luke Swanson and Tyan Sanderson

Terry and Teri Sanderson of Wasco wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Tyan Sanderson of Scottsdale, AZ to Luke Swanson of Scottsdale, AZ.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Sherman County High School in Moro, OR. She attended Willamette University and graduated in 2001.

The groom-elect is the son of Jim and Monica Swanson of Ione. He is a 1997 graduate of Ione High School. He graduated with a degree in business marketing from Eastern Oregon University in 2001. He is currently employed by Federated Insurance.

The couple plans a May 21, 2005 wedding in Bend, OR.

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

**April 12:** Boardman PD cited Gustavo Dominguez Lopez, 19, for Driving while Suspended-violation.

**April 13:** Boardman PD arrested Mario Gabriel Pacheco Mendoza, 23, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/False Info to a Police Officer.

-MCSO received a report from Portland Multnomah County Sheriff's Office that Shannon Mae Michael, 31, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. Michael was lodged at Multnomah County Jail.

**April 14:** MCSO cited Robert Ray Tobola, 55, for Driving through a Safety Zone.

-MCSO received a report from OSP Hermiston that Jason John Trickel, 25, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Assault IV.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Lexington that items, including tools, were stolen from his shop.

-MCSO cited Jerry Lamar Boyd, 29, for three counts of Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance.

-MCSO cited Lloyd Lynn Brundage, 46, for Failure to Renew Registration.

**April 15:** Boardman PD cited Jeremy Daniel Steward, 24, for DUII.

-Boardman PD stopped a subject on a bike. James Jeffery Nelson, 39, was cited for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

-MCSO received a report of unwanted subjects at a location in Irrigon. William Harold Easton, 31, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance II and on a Gilliam County warrant for Failure to Appear/Drug Offenses and Trespass II. Easton was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO cited Daisy Franco, 21, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO cited Jamie Lynn Starkovich, 28, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 77 mph in a 55 mph zone.

**April 16:** Boardman PD arrested Shilo Ziemer, 25, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Theft III.

-MCSO received a report of a vehicle attempting to elude the deputies. Jimmy Dale Drennan III, 18, was cited

## MCSO to send 21 students to Oregon Writing Festival

The Morrow County School District will be sending 21 students, from the fifth through 11<sup>th</sup> grades, to the annual Oregon Writing Festival. This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 30 at Portland State University in Portland.

The Oregon Writing Festival is sponsored by the Oregon Council of Teachers of English and will be a very rewarding experience for the students. They anticipate that more than 1000 students from all over the state will be attending and sharing in

for Careless Driving and Driving Uninsured.

-MCSO cited Joshua James Gagnon, 27, for Driving while Suspended-violation.

-MCSO arrested Albert James Gandy, 40, on a UCSO warrant for Failure to Appear/Delivery of a Controlled Substance II and Possession of a Controlled Substance II. Crystal Irene Glass, 38, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended, on an IJC warrant for Telephonic Harassment and on an Parole and Probation warrant for Parole Violation. Both subjects were lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

**April 17:** Boardman PD cited Emanuel Covarrubias Gonzalez, 20, for No Operator's License.

-Boardman PD arrested Denise Peterson, 34, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Parole Violation/Child Neglect-2.

-MCSO arrested Eric T. Johnson, 38, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended and on an UCSO warrant for Failure to Appear. Johnson was lodged at Umatilla County Jail. Eva Ann Madrigal, 28, was cited for Driving while Suspended-violation.

-MCSO received a report from Umatilla County Jail that Andrew B. Kauffman, 40, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. Kauffman was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO receive a report from Hermiston PD that Bobbie Leslie Wade, 21, was arrested on an Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle.

-MCSO received a report from Pendleton PD that Maria Margarita Gonzalez, 40, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

**April 18:** MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Jacklyn Kay Smith, 21, was arrested on a Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Menacing, Pointing a Firearm. Smith was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO arrested Daniel Lee Taylor, 36, on a state probation violation warrant. Taylor was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with no local charges. Carissa Louise Barnes, 24, was cited to appear on two UCSO warrant for Failure to Appear. Barnes was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in

Hermiston with possible pregnancy issues.

-MCSO cited Marco Antonio Martinez, 34, for Failure to Carry Proof of Insurance. Martinez was also warned for a head light.

## Woodside inducted into Amateur Trapshooting Hall of Fame

Sherron Woodside of Heppner was inducted into the Oregon State Amateur Trapshooting Association Hall of Fame on April 16. The presentation took place Saturday between events during the 77<sup>th</sup> annual Oregon State Championship shoot held at Walla Walla, WA.

Woodside began her shooting career with a left hand Remington 1100 and later settled with a Ljutic C73 that was engraved by Jack West of Arlington. Her first registered targets were recorded in 1978. She shot her first perfect score (25 straight) at Walla Walla in 1981 and required hugs from the others on her squad. It was an exciting day for a beginner. The most targets she shot in a year were 17,900, back in 1982, while also receiving the most punches (handicap score distinction).

Woodside's most successful year was 1994, in which she received 25 trophies in Amateur Trapshooting Association competition. Over her career, she has accumulated over 100 trophies.



Sherron Woodside

-MCSO received a report from Junction City PD that Bobby Gene Erwin, Jr., 48, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended.

Two other accomplishments include being named the 1986 and 1992 Oregon State Women Singles Champion.

In addition, her career totals in discipline are 49,650 singles, 42,350 handicap and 15,100 doubles targets.

Woodside served as an outstanding secretary/treasurer for the Oregon State Association from 1993 through 2002. During her time in this position she recalls two major milestones the organization realized—the state shoot held out-of-state and the inception of the Rookie Youth Challenge. You could hear the excitement in her voice as she related the details from the 2003 state shoot when there were 20 rookies competing in the Challenge. Plus, Wade Muller, Helix 4-H leader, took his group of five to the national competition in Vandalia, OH. She said that trip certainly was a real eye opener for those farm kids and a time to remember.

The Hall of Fame room is located at the Portland Gun Club shooting facility. The display is composed of nicely framed photos of the instated individuals.

Woodside encourages anyone interested in competing in the sport of trapshooting to contact Barry Munkers, president of the Morrow County Gun Club for more information.

## Friends of the Library to host informational dessert

Heppner Friends of the Library is hosting a "Love Your Library" dessert on Thursday, April 21 from 7-8:30 p.m., in the Morrow County Museum conference room. The public is cordially invited to attend this event.

The evening activities will include dessert, an introduction of the Friends of the Library by Chairman Keith Brudevold, a presentation by German exchange student Noah Fleischer, recognition of volunteers and a brief annual meeting.

The Friends hope to sign up those who would be willing to help with activities such as the book and bake sale that raises money to purchase items for our library. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and needed.

The people of Heppner and the surrounding areas are invited to come and show their support for the local library and its many services, as well as enjoy an evening of activities on Thursday, April 21.

## Employee Management Seminar in Heppner

An Employee Management Seminar, lead by the Blue Mountain Community College Small Business Development Center, will be held in Heppner on May 21 at the Heppner Extension conference room. The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a break from 12-1 p.m. for lunch. There is a \$79 fee for the seminar.

The seminar is designed as an interactive program in which employers will gain knowledge and practice skills to: Increase communication and people skills; Help employees to become self-motivated; Learn creative ways to give positive feedback; Increase job satisfaction; Hold effective staff meetings that get things done; Increase teamwork and build an "all

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