

Museum Musings

by Kay Proctor

Both the Morrow County Agricultural Museum on Heppner's Riverside Street and the Heritage Museum on Main Street are closed for the season for work on exhibits. The museums will reopen in time for Heppner's St. Patrick's Celebration in March. For tours or information until then, contact Farm Foundation Board President Cliff Green, Secretary/Treasurer Larry Mills, Museum Director Kay Proctor or the following Board members: Betty Carlson, Bob Jepsen, Merle Cowett, Butch Laughlin, Jim Hayes or Bob Harrison.

The Heritage Museum had over 700 visitors this past season. Visitors came from 21 states and from six countries - Ireland, Germany, New Zealand, South Africa, Russia and Egypt. Some comments made in the museum's guest book were "a gold mine of info," "amazing family history," "very well kept and complete," "awesome," "very enjoyable," "I'm coming back," "marvelous," "cool stuff," "great displays," and "wonderful volunteers."

Our "wonderful volunteers" include the following who served at the front desk this past season: Dave and Neva DeMayo, Melissa Jo Monaco, Dorris Graves, Dorothy Lucille Kostechka, Doris Brosnan, Barbara Bloodsworth, Forrie Burkenbine, Kelly Fritz, Betty Mills, Richard Jones, Keith Brudevold, Peggy Fishburn and museum board members. Joe Burleson was a steady volunteer at the Ag

Museum.

Long-term goals at the Ag Museum include dioramas displayed in outdoor shelters.

Cindy Breidenbech served many hours as our Family and Local History volunteer, with support of her husband, John, and her grandson, Michael, our youngest volunteer.

Behind the scenes workers include Les and Janice Paustain, Earl Fishburn, Carl and Amy Drake, Debbie and Bruce Young, Judy Laughlin, Sharon Harrison and Cherrie Clark.

The museum's schoolhouse located in the city park received a fresh coat of paint and repair work thanks to a generous donor who wishes to be anonymous.

Sadly, the ornate out-house behind the school was damaged by a fallen tree limb during a recent storm and was deemed to be unreparable.

The Oregon Trail Library staff are great neighbors to the Heritage Museum, and the museum sends its appreciation to Barbara Orwick, Margaret Flaherty and Marcia Richmond.

Watch for enhanced exhibits of local geology and "Days of Sorrow," our permanent exhibit of the June 14, 1903 flood, the largest natural disaster in the history of Oregon.

Please contact us if you would like to join our great group of volunteers in any capacity.



Christmas in the early 1920s shows Louise Allison Vaughn (named after her grandmother, Carrie Allison Vaughn), only child of Charles and Hazel Gilliam Vaughn, enjoying her gifts. Shown are a child's wicker rocker and a doll bed. The doll sits in a chair next to a small table set for tea. On the floor is a miniature replica of a kitchen cook stove. Charlie Vaughn's family arrived in Morrow County in 1883, farming and ranching in the Eight Mile area. Charlie attended the Liberty School and later became the manager of the Heppner Garage for many years. The family lived on Gale Street and were active members of the United Methodist Church in Heppner. From the files of the Morrow County Heritage Museum.



Main Street, Heppner, looking north. From the files of the Morrow County Heritage Museum.



Parker's Mill. From the files of the Morrow County Heritage Museum.



Main Street, Heppner, 1916. The far right building is the current St. Patrick's Senior Center. From the files of the Morrow County Heritage Museum.



Heppner citizens enjoying the wintery conditions. From the files of the Morrow County Heritage Museum.

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

-Kenneth Jackson Turner, 71, Heppner, failure to drive within lane, \$185 fine.

-Glen L. Awbrey, 40, Heppner, driving while suspended violation, failure to carry proof of insurance, \$586 fine.

-Nancy Lee Miller, 60, Ione, passing in a no-passing zone (work zone), \$267 fine.

-Yessica V. Valencia, 27, Grandview, WA, failure to drive within lane, failure to use seatbelt (child), \$261 fine.

-Budd Edward Richards, 44, Heppner, driving while suspended violation, \$429 fine.

-Keri Anne Martin, 28, Heppner, unnecessary noise, \$109 fine.

-Robert W. Stuck, 38, Umatilla, violation of basic rule, 68 mph in a 55 mph, \$150 fine.

Justice Court Monthly Report

Heppner and Irrigon Justice Court Judge Charlotte Gray has released the following report:

October 2006: 186 traffic citations, 2 game citations, 5 other violations, 7 misdemeanors, 5 civil claims and feds, no small claims, 4 DUII, 3 pre-trials, 5 orders to show cause, 36 warrants issued, 47 suspensions ordered, 2 DUII diversions filed, 69 warrants returned from sheriff's office, no accounts to collections agency, 7 minor hearings (traffic) scheduled with 6 held, 3 jury trials scheduled with none held, no other trials or hearings; \$49,633.45 total amount receipted with \$15,339.67 for state, \$33,627.18 for county, and \$666.60 in restitution.



(L-R): Stephanie Howard, Jake Van Doorn and Daisy Collins.

FFA visits the Heppner Garden Club



(L-R): Eve Ironhawk, Wacy Coil, Jake Van Doorn and Andre Rauch.



(L-R): Jake Gregory, Eric Skaggs, Jake Van Doorn, Trent Miles and Joanne Burleson.



(L-R): Joe Pranger and Diann Nagel.

Students from the Heppner High School FFA helped make green bows and hot-glued ornaments on the greens during the recent Greens Workshop. This was a learning experience for everyone involved. The Garden Club hopes to make this an annual event.

The next meeting of the Heppner Garden Club will

be Tuesday, January 2, at the Senior Center at 7 p.m. Molly Rhea will be speaking about Hospice.

There are many things that are done to help the grieving as well as the dying.

Rhea has many things to share about how the community has benefited from this program.

This will be a potluck/dessert meeting. The public is invited to attend.

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