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"Brent's Team" to participate in annual Walk to Cure Diabetes



Pictured is the quilt made by Gwen Healy for Brent's Team walk for Juvenile Diabetes. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Brent's Team is getting ready for the annual "Walk to Cure Diabetes." The walk this year will be held Sunday, September 30 at Oaks Park, located in Portland's historic Sellwood District. After the walk, every walker gets a complimentary ride bracelet for the Oaks Amusement Park.

This is the sixth year that "Brent's Team" will be participating in the walk. His team has raised a total of \$33,377.00.

Brent Eckman, a sophomore at Heppner High School was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at age 9, which means he will be insulin-dependent for the rest of his life and carries the constant threat of devastating complications. Insulin is not a cure, it is merely life support. Brent is active in football, basketball and baseball. Brent has learned he can do all the same activities as his friends, however he must always be prepared to treat his fluctuating blood sugars.

There are three ways you can help make a difference for Brent and everyone living with diabetes: You can join "Brent's Team" for the walk. You can register on-line at www.JDRF.org. Be sure to use "Brent's Team" under the team name.; You can send a tax-deductible contribution, made payable to JDRF. Please mail to Brent Eckman, P.O. Box 463, Lexington, OR 97839.; You can purchase raffle tickets for a beautiful quilt made by his Grandma Healy. Tickets are on sale at Heppner TV. The drawing will be the day of the walk.

JDRF, the world's leading nonprofit, nongovernmental funder of diabetes research was founded in 1970 by parents of children with Type 1 diabetes. Out of every dollar JDRF raises, more than an impressive 85 cents is channeled directly into diabetes research and education projects. Thanks in part to JDRF, researchers feel that a cure is in sight.

With your support, The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will continue its mission to find a cure for diabetes and its complication through the support of research. With your help, our dream of a world without diabetes is within reach.

For more information call, Brent Eckman at 989-8518.

Golly-gee, look at me!

Happy 50th, Bruce!
From your family

Obituaries

John L. Britt

A graveside service for John L. Britt was held at 11 a.m. Friday, September 14, at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Morrow County Fairgrounds and a bus shuttle was provided from the fairgrounds to the cemetery and back.

Mr. Britt, 69, of Heppner died Tuesday, September 11, at his home. He was born January 15, 1938, at Fossil, the son of Clyde and RJ Younce Britt. He was raised and attended school in Fossil.

On February 9, 1970 he married Nella Fackrell at Winnemucca, Nevada. The couple lived at Fossil before moving to Heppner.

Most of Mr. Britt's life was spent in logging. He was recognized with several awards for his logging practices. In 1985 the Oregon Forestry's Industries Council named him the Eastern Oregon Operator of the Year. The award was based on excellence in environmental protection where extra effort was

extended to protect residual trees, streams and environmentally sensitive areas. He also received awards for his safety practices.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman. During the summers when not logging he and his wife spent time at the Oregon Coast fishing and relaxing.

He was a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge and the Willow Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nella Britt of Heppner; sons, Rick Britt of Heppner and Rusty Britt of Lexington; daughters, Mindy Britt and Sarah Harris both of Heppner; brother, Robert Britt of Fossil; sister, Betty Knight of Portland; and 13 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 or to the Stable of Youth, P.O. Box 884, Heppner, OR 97836

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Hardman to hold annual oyster feed

The annual Hardman Oyster Feed will be held Saturday, September 29, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The menu consists of oysters, ham, salmon and dessert. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$14 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. Ticket prices at the door will be \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for children 12 and under, and free for preschool age children. The dinner will be prepared and served by Valby Lutheran Church.

The Hardman Silent Auction will begin at 4 p.m. and will feature something old and something new.

Hardman is a ghost town with many of its old buildings still intact. The town originated in 1870 and had its first school in 1879, in an area then called Dairyville. Locals in the

community also gave the town the handle of "Red Dog." Another town sprang up a mile away and it was called "Yaller Dog." The two communities were united when David Hardman applied to have a post office in 1882. The application was approved, but it came back as Hardman, Oregon. Some residents also referred to the new town as "Dog Town."

The two prospered with over 300 residents and was the main stop over for the freight line and was the "Stage" route from The Dalles to Canyon City. The town boasted three hotels, a post office, livery stables, grocery store and an assortment of saloons.

For more information contact Gene and Kathy Bolin at 422-0764 or Shirley Palmer at 676-9730.

Book-Bear & Chair Auction to be held

Friends of the Heppner Library, along with the Voc/Ag Department of the Heppner High School, will be holding a Book-Bear & Chair auction on September 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

Starting this week, items can be previewed and pre-bid on. Local merchants in Heppner will be showcasing the items along with a pre-bid sheet. The chairs have all been donated and range from bear benches to adult porch rockers. The bears range from Boyd Bears to some very expensive Cartier limited edition bears.

Also for auction are several autographed books by some very famous authors that are to be displayed in the Artisan Village window at the corner of Main and Willow. Just a few of the books are Janet Evanovich (Plum Lovin), Mary Higgins Clark (I Heard That Song), and Diana Gabaldon (Lord John and the Private Matter).

For more information or to pre-bid on any of the books call Diann Nagel at 676-5522.

Spaghetti feed to benefit JDRF

A spaghetti and meatball dinner will be held at Lone School this Friday night from 4:30-6:30 p.m. (or while supplies last.) Condon Grade School plays Lone Middle School in the afternoon and then the Condon-Wheeler teams play the high school teams in the evening. Proceeds from this dinner will benefit JDRF, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

JDRF is a leader in Type 1 Diabetes research. Beth's Buddies, the Lone team supporting Beth Morter, will take the proceeds with them to the Walk To Cure Diabetes on September 30. The cost is \$5 per person with a child's portion available for \$3.50. Dinner includes the main course, salad, bread and a drink.

From Australia to Heppner



Pictured are John and Jackie Crocker from Esperance, Western Australia with Claudia Hughes.

"Just a phone call away." That might have been the thought process behind a call to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce in 1990 from Jackie Crocker of Balladonia Station in West Australia. John and Jackie Crocker had been to Wyoming where they had purchased a Horner saddle, made in Heppner in the late 1800's, and were researching its history. Claudia Hughes, then at the Chamber, responded with information found in past Morrow County Chronicles. Thus began a seventeen year off-and-on correspondence resulting in the September 2007 visit to Heppner and the Hughes Ranch.

The Crockers left Esperance, West Australia, on September 3, stopped in Hawaii, San Francisco, and Weed, enroute to Heppner; and then on to Nelson B.C, Montana, Texas, Washington D.C., Nevada, and back to San Francisco October 13 to return to down under.

While in the area, Crockers stayed in Butter Creek and Ukiah with Merlin and Claudia Hughes, toured cattle and timber operations on 4-wheelers, and spent a morning in the corrals helping work cattle. A visit to Heppner included a tour, the Flood Memorial on Cemetery Hill, shops, and Bucknum's Bar where the Horner saddle maker may have imbibed prior to the flood when his saddlery shop was destroyed. Following lunch, the Crockers were escorted to the Morrow County Museum by Cliff Green, museum board member, who gave them a tour and assisted with saddle research. In addition to his saddle collection, John Crocker has an amazing collection of guns, bugle and knives, some dating back to the Civil War. Visits to the U.S. have been to authenticate the collection with photos, data, signatures, gravesite visits, etc. (Should any readers have history to contribute to the museum files on the Horner saddle or have one in their possession, that information would be appreciated.)

In Pendleton, the Crockers experienced the Professional Bull Riding, returned to Hamley's where John had ordered a saddle in 1970 and visited the Woolen Mills. Interestingly enough, their search for made-in-the USA products was a bit difficult.

Divorces

-Robin Ann Bredfield and Harold Adam Bredfield filed for divorce on September 10.

Differences and likenesses are always one of the joys of meeting visitors from another country. Commonalities were comparing raising cattle and ranching, having sons and daughters of the same ages, sense of humor and sharing interests. Water is not in surplus in Western Australia and while Oregonians feel it's very dry here, the visitors were continually amazed at the sources of water. In Western Australia, water is collected in barrels and recycled. American ranchers have pastures where cattle are rotated for grazing and Australians have paddocks. Problems running into deer with vehicles is common in eastern Oregon while in Australia kangaroos require roo guards on vehicles. John Crocker could attest to the fact that one doesn't want to hit a kangaroo on a motorcycle. While horses and oxen were once used in Oregon for farming; camels were used at the 400,000 acre Balladonia Station. Southern Oregon has wild horses, while one sees wild camels in southern Australia. Proof of this was in the amazing photos of oil paintings by John's very talented mother. Some 300 oils tell the story of the station from camels hauling wool wagons, to insects, to a treasured cattle dog that appears so real one could reach out and touch it.

The Crockers have moved to Esperance, where wheat, sheep, cattle, fishing and forestry provide the economy. Tourism is moving slowly but the snow-white beaches and aqua water draw visitors. The Heppner visitors continue to raise polled Herefords on 400 acres. Jackie works in a department, finalizing real estate sales. As Americans move into fall, it's spring in Australia. The Hughes' are grateful that responding to a quest for Heppner saddle history turned into a friendship. The Heppner hosts wish the Crockers well as they pursue their hobbies and adventures and hope their paths will cross again one day.

"Four days were not long enough to learn all we hoped from our visitors, but 'no worries,' we had a good shot at it," commented the Hughes. In the meantime, Claudia says she may be looking at all specials on air fare to Australia.

Lexington's class of '57 to hold reunion

The Lexington Jack-rabbit's class of 1957 will hold their 50th class reunion on Saturday, September 22, at 12:30 p.m. at the Lexington School yard. A potluck picnic will be held and all former Jackrabbits or anyone else interested in attending is invited.

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