

High Desert Dance students perform at Crook County High School for family and friends



Something There performed by ballet class.

Farm Service Agency news

1999 Commodity Loans and LDPs  
1999 Loan Rate Per Bushel

Crook	wheat \$2.74	oats \$1.24	barley \$1.87
Deschutes	wheat \$2.72	oats \$1.24	barley \$1.87
Jefferson	wheat \$2.79	oats \$1.24	barley \$1.84

It appears that Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) may be available again this year due to low commodity prices. To be eligible for a loan or LDP the farm growing the commodity must be enrolled in a Production Flexibility contract (PFC). Commodity loans mature nine months from the month they are approved.

Field direct LDPs are for producers who have already marketed their grain through forward contracts or pass title of the grain upon delivery. If this is the case it is very important that you complete a CCC-709 prior to harvest. Failure to do so will result in the grain being ineligible for LDP.

**CRP Weed Control**  
CRP participants with established grass stands need to carry out necessary insect and weed control

measures on their CRP. All CRP participants need to comply with the Oregon noxious weed law and ensure noxious weeds are controlled. They also need to make sure that annual weeds, insects, and rodents do not inhibit the established grass stand from controlling erosion for the contracted time period. Failure to abide to these terms can result in a payment reduction to two times the cost of carrying out the needed treatment for every acre in violation or possible termination of the entire CRP contract. Copies of the noxious weed list are available at the office.

**Report 1999 crop losses**  
Producers must submit a notice of loss within 15 days of the event to be eligible for the Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP). This program is only available for crops that had a weather related loss for

which insurance is not available.

**CREP Program**

USDA and the State of Oregon have joined together in a new initiative to help restore freshwater streams which provide habitat for salmon and trout listed under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA). This new program is called the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Most of the focus will be on riparian buffers along streams, which have historically provided habitat for nine different salmon and two trout species, which are listed under the FESA. Sign-up for the CREP is continuous. Please call the office for more details.

**Direct Deposit Reminder**

Direct deposit is required for all program payments. If you have not already submitted a direct deposit form (SF-1199A) you can request one by calling or stopping by our office. If you change your account or bank you must submit a new SF-1199A along with a note authorizing

us to cancel your previous direct deposit form.

**Middle Deschutes Basin focuses on water quality**

Water quality in Oregon is on the road to improvement. The statewide Senate Bill 1010 process is being developed in Jefferson County. Under this plan, agriculture water quality issues are identified and addressed through the Local Advisory committee process. The committee is made up of local landowners who are creating a Plan designed to improve water quality throughout the area.

The Local Advisory Committee has developed a draft Plan and is in the process of refining it. The plan will identify and address agricultural situations that could potentially be improved, and will initiate education and monitoring to improve water quality.

The SB1010 process is open to the public and information is available from the Jefferson County Soil and Water Conservation District 541-923-8018.

Oregon Legislature approves innovative tribal fish program

The Oregon House of Representatives Thursday passed HB 3609, a bill that allows Columbia River to deviate from the state's fish policy, a move that may ultimately call into question the definition of the term "wild fish."

This bill allows some tribes to manage fish with innovative methods that could change the way we look at saving our most endangered species, the salmon.

The bill's author, Rep. Jason Atkinson, R-Jacksonville, said, "this bill is about restoring fish. It's about bringing people together, from all sides of this issue, with the sole purpose of bringing the fish back."

Under the bill, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and Umatilla Reservations, as well as the Nez Perce Tribe, will be allowed to plant hatchery fish, bred from wild stocks, into rivers and streams above

the Bonneville Dam. The current wild fish policy, administered by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, has reduced the number of hatchery fish introduced into streams for fear they would crowd out the native populations.

Rep. Atkinson has long said that if we are serious about returning fish, we need to be flexible in how we manage them. And artificial propagation can be a valuable tool in recovering our lost

salmon runs, he said, "the tribes have a proven track record for returning fish."

Atkinson says this is an attempt "to conserve, protect and restore salmon," his definition of conservation.

The bill passed both the Senate and the House by unanimous vote

4-H Culture Enrichment Camp

Join Warm Springs 4-H at Peter's Pasture this summer for camping, cultural experiences and lots of fun! There are two sessions: Session One 2nd -5th Grades August 8th-14th Session Two 6th-9th Grades

August 16th-22nd Cost is \$20 and you must sign-up by July 15th to get a Culture Camp T-Shirt! Absolute sign-up deadline is July 26th.

Come by the 4-H office to register in the Education Building on Wasco Street.

Spiritfest to begin July 9

HeHe Spiritfest will be held at the HeHe Longhouse on July 9, 10 & 11, 1999. Alcohol & Drug awareness, AA, Alanon & Alateen participation.

Friday-Potluck dinner, AA mtg, Modern dance.

Saturday-Breakfast (on own), 12 step recovery mtgs., Activities & games; 5 p.m. dinner, Indian Night Out Powwow

Sunday Spiritual breakfast  
For more info call 553-1127, 553-1289, 553-1729 or (541)478-2576.

And Then There was One...

10 Alcoholics, all in a line  
One got to thinkin'-  
Then there were nine.

9 Alcoholics, one said, "Wait!  
A near beer can't hurt!"  
Then there were eight.

8 Alcoholics, lookin' up to heaven.  
One cut out meetings-  
Then there were seven.

7 Alcoholics, doing service for kicks.  
One started gambling-  
Then there were six.

6 Alcoholics, glad to be alive.  
Til one smoked pot-  
Then there were five.

5 Alcoholics, greeters at the door  
One played the Big Shot-  
Then there were four.

4 Alcoholics, for fun and for free.  
One's case was "different"  
Then there were three.

3 Alcoholics, knowing what to do.  
One rewrote the Big Book-  
Then there were two.

2 Alcoholics, having some fun.  
One started lying-  
Then there was one.

1 Alcoholic, talking to HP  
"If only one is sober-  
I'm glad that it's me!"

Happy Birthday to my brother Tracy Ray Sam From your sisters, Elsie, Neda & Jeelah

Happy Birthday Tracy Sam From you 2 brothers Robert Jr. & Thomas

Happy Birthday to my #1 Son Tracy Ray Sam Love you! From your mom Marella

Mothers are the best Happy Happy Birthday to our mother Eliza Brown We love you. From us, Levi & Pearl VanPelt Robert & Marella Chet VanPelt Jr. Tiger & Tates VanPelt Itta & Albert Wolfman & Farrell

Grandmothers are great! Ulla-Grandma & Great-Grandmother Happy Birthday Eliza Brown We all love you & are glad that we have you.

From us: Tracy, Taw, Sadie, Elsie, Robert Jr., Neda, Jeelah & Thomas Chester Sam Carlos, Charmaine, Penincia, Jenny, & Patrina VanPelt, Margorie Ann VanPelt, Mycheal, Chet III & Kenny VanPelt Eliza, Tony, Marella & Leonard, Jericho & Jaden Suppah, and yes grandma we can't forget your 2 G-grandsons "Q-man" Quindo & Woody Picard, Jr.



Happy Birthday to the "Baby Girl" Naliesha Spino From Great-Grandpa



Happy 2nd Birthday to Naliesha Spino from your ECE friends in F-2



Happy 2nd Birthday to our little "Pooh-Pooh" girl Naliesha Gwendolyn Regina Spino July 5, we love you very much. Love Always, Mommy & Daddy



Congratulations and welcome to the new addition to the family. Aaron and Rose (Stamper) Squally added to their family with baby boy "Anthony Delton Squally". Born April 18, 1999 (premature); 5 lbs 13 oz. 18" long. Anthony joins 3 brothers David, Renee and Joseph-Angel.

Wildfire management meeting set

An informational meeting will be held July 7, 6-8 p.m. to inform homeowners how to protect their property from wildfire and noxious weeds. The meeting will be held in the Fire Management training room inside the Forestry complex.

Instructors will show homeowners how to determine whether their property is at risk of being lost to a wildfire and how they can take precautions to reduce that risk and instructors will discuss the identification and control of noxious weeds. All homeowners are invited to attend the evening session.

Among topics to be discussed during the meeting will be buffer zones and how to maintain them. The Fire Management staff will teach

homeowners how to defensible space around their home and how to reduce the amount of flammable vegetation within the buffer.

The crew will also cover the appropriate methods for pruning trees, maintaining a green lawn and providing access to a homesite, which makes it easier for firefighters to do their job in case of an emergency.

Other topics to be addressed include the location, or relocation of wood piles, the best choice of roofing materials, what to do in case fire strikes, the types of equipment used in fighting standards for fire protection in rural housing zones.

Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Trey Leonard at 553-1146.

Wildfire Safety Quiz

To find out if your house makes the grade, answer the following questions. Your goal is to be safe from a wildfire.

- I have a minimum 30 foot non-combustible area around my house. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.
- My landscaping includes fire-resistive varieties. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.
- Overcrowded or weakened trees have been thinned or removed from my property and low-hanging branches have been pruned. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.
- The grass and weeds are consistently cut. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.
- My wood piles and building materials are at least 30 feet from my house. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.
- I've cleared all leaves and debris from my roof and deck. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.
- Street and address signs are visible from the road. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.
- I have evaluated my shake roof for treatment or replacement. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.
- I have considered recycling my yard debris and branches instead of burning. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.
- I have an emergency checklist in the event of a wildfire and I know to monitor local media sources for up-to-date information and evacuation procedures. \_\_\_T\_\_\_F.

If you answered FALSE to any of these questions or would just like more information on how to protect your home and family, you are urged to attend the Fire Management meeting on July 7.

Child molester speaks out

This letter was requested by the Voc Rehab to be printed.

Dear Ann Landers:

I am you average everyday child molester. Please understand that I'm not talking about a guy who hides behind bushes or hangs around school yards and playgrounds. I could be anyone, your neighbor, your friend, your brother, your father even your grandfather. I am the guy who becomes your friend so I can get close to your child.

Ann, the best warning I can give your readers is this: If an adult is spending a lot of time with your child, there is a reason, and it's probably a bad one. Why else would an adult want to take your child to the movies, to the mall, to video arcades, to the swimming pool, to car races, to amusement parks or on overnight camping trips? Be alert to any adult who is giving your child a lot of special attention and is willing to take him or her anywhere. That adult may seem kind and helpful, but believe me, there could be a motive behind the kindness.

If this is happening to your child,

you need to start asking questions. And be aware that children could like to you about what's going on because they are afraid the molester will harm them or they will get into trouble with you, their parents. When I was molested as a child, I lied to my father when he asked about it because I was afraid he would punish me. Had I told him, the molestation surely would have stopped, and I would have received help. Instead it went on for years. It destroyed my life and the lives of others because I became a molester and did the same things that were done to me.

I prey mostly on the children of single mothers, who welcome someone who will take their child off their hands for a while, and they like the father figure I provide. The children welcome me because I act like a big kid myself and take them places they enjoy. If your child is lonesome, he is the perfect target for a pedophile.

Whoever is reading this, please think about what is going on in your family. If you are a grandparent, consider you son or daughter's house-

hold. If everyone would just take the time to talk to their children, thousands of kids could be spared the trauma, heartache and pain that a pedophile can create. A molested kid has a 1-in-4 chance of becoming a molester. I know this is true because it happened to me.

Carefully ask your child questions that will get truthful answers, not turnoffs. Don't put any blame on the child. Show children you care about them. And remember this red flag: If an adult is going out of his way to spend time with your child, find out why. Something may go wrong.

No name, no city

Dear No Name: Here is your letter, which is sure to generate some negative response from men who fit your description but will deny there is anything wrong unwholesome about their relationship with the children they befriend. And in most cases, these relationships are perfectly innocent. Denials notwithstanding, you have sounded an alert well worth heeding. Thank you.

Eastern Choctaw brother seeks pen pals

To the editor, If it's not too much, is it possible that you can publish a little story I wrote for a friend? Also, if it's not too much to ask I would like to ask if you can publish my pen-pal request. I am from the Choctaw Nations. South Eastern Band. I read your paper, I enjoy it very much. I do give respect to all the beautiful brothers, sisters, grandmas and grandpas I read about in your paper. I do send my love, prayers and respect to all of you. Taught to give these in a good way by our elders. Elders from all the Red Nations.

I am an incarcerated Native brother. My name is Larry Morris (34 years of age). I am tribal enrolled member with the Mississippi Band

of Choctaw Indians (South Eastern Band).

I enjoy writing letters, meeting people from all the four directions, most of all I like to meet people from other Rez. and learn about their culture and traditional ways. All my letters will be answered with Native respects. Aho! In the spirits of all our relations.

With Native Respect,  
Larry Morris #01557-043  
PO Box 8500 A.D.X.  
Florence, CO 81226

To a Warrior of the Snake Nations on Apt. 105. Read and enjoy! Much respects from your Choctaw Brother! Indian elderly man walks up to a whiteman. Looks at the whiteman and to his dog. Then he says "You

have a beautiful day. I like your dog. I can give you a lot of money for your beautiful dog."

So the whiteman looks at the Indian elderly man and says to him with frustration, "My dog isn't for sale!"

Then the Indian elderly man asked the whiteman, "What kind of dog is your dog?" So by then the whiteman was really mad and says "He is part Indian and part skunk."

So the Elderly man senses that the whiteman was mad. So he turns to walk away, but he stops and turns around and looks at the whiteman and says, "Well you better take care of him because he is related to both of us."