

Morrow County girls

4H girls enjoy Colorado exchange trip

Four Morrow County girls enjoyed a ten-day 4-H exchange program to Colorado last week.

"Colorado or Bust" was the motto of Pam Cantin, Jan Peterson, Lori and Kay Bergstrom, four Morrow County 4H'ers that took a bus ride, along with other Oregon 4H'ers to Mesa County, Colorado.

The girls' trip and tour covered plenty of ground and flash bulbs and shutters were clicking each day on the greyhound trip.

On their way to Colorado, the bus traveled through the states of Idaho, Utah and Wyoming. The girls reported that many stops were taken because "everyone had become a camera bug."

Among the sites the girls saw were a tourist stop in the middle of the Wyoming desert called Little America. Little America was a shepherders dream. He built the attraction after being stopped in a blizzard with no place to stay.

In Denver, the girls took a tour of the U.S. Mint and the

largest feedlot in the world was toured at Monfort. Monfort's production boasted of the "best quality beef" and on that day, cattle numbered more than 75,000 head.

A tour of the Garden of the Gods was found interesting by the girls as they witnessed Mother Nature's beauty. Water and wind has eroded stones into amazing shapes at the attraction.

The girls muscular efforts at trying to budge a balancing rock was to no avail.

The U.S. Air Force Academy's church was visited too. The girls called the church "beautiful" and said that Protestant, Catholic and Jewish churches were all under the same roof.

A planetarium program was shown at the academy, showing the years of space exploration.

Later, walking across the Royal Gorge near Canon City, the Arkansas River could be seen from the world's highest bridge. The river the girls said, twisted and winded thousands of feet below.

A tramway ride entertained the girls at Monarch Pass where at the top, the Continental Divide and tops of the Rocky Mountains could be viewed.

When the bus finally rolled into Mesa County, the host families presented the Morrow County group with a "key to the county."

Each 4H'er met their host family and after enjoying a group picnic, all the girls went their separate ways for five days of living on a new ranch with new friends.

Most of the ranches, the girls reported, raised livestock, alfalfa, Coors barley, corn and plenty of orchard fruit. The host homes were located near the longest mountain in the world, Grand Mesa. The mountain had more than 100 lakes on top of it for fishing and recreation.

Leaving their host families was hard for the girls but they vowed to return.

On the trip home, more visitor highlights were seen, including the Temple Square at Salt Lake City.

Plans for next summer are for the Mesa County 4H'ers to visit Morrow County on the exchange program.



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Boardman eyes land development

Boardman could quickly take the title of "Boom Town" Oregon away from Hermiston if the proposals from two large firms jell.

Two Northwest firms say they plan to begin commercial and residential development on 680 acres of land recently annexed into the city.

The project is a joint venture of Columbia Pacific Resources, Inc. of Richland and Fuhrman Development Co., of Portland.

The land was purchased from Oregon Potato, Inc. of Boardman. The purchase, OPI officials say, will not effect the potato growers.

The first phase of the development will be the building of commercial structures, houses, multi-family dwellings and mobile home parks on 270 acres.

The first phase is expected to cost around \$5 million, representatives of the two firms say. The Oregon Bank is financing the construction.

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