

# 4-H Briefs

with Burdine Tullis

## Opportunities unlimited through 4-H

The 4-H member who remains active in projects throughout high school years will find many opportunities offered for exciting experiences. The international programs available offer a wide variety of travel events, including International Four-H Youth Exchange programs (IFYE), and the Young Agricultural Specialist Exchange Program between the Soviet Union and the United States.

The U.S.-Soviet Union Exchange, now in its second year, has attracted Mark Madison, Echo, along with 13 other young Americans. The group left June 4 to spend approximately ten weeks in Russia. First stop takes them to the Byelorussia Agricultural Academy near Minsk for academic training in agricultural technology. Next they will spend about six weeks living and working individually or in small groups on state and collective farms.

Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Madison and was a 4-H member for ten years. His sister, Valerie, also has been attracted by the international spirit, and was an IFYE to Switzerland this past year. She made many reports of her exciting and educational experiences here recently. The Madison farm borders Morrow County, and the family is well known in this area.

For the past three months, Mark and the others involved in the exchange have been studying the Russian language, culture and agriculture at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C.

Anyone interested in further information regarding 4-H international programs may contact the Extension Service, Summer Fun in 4-H

Summer sunshine attracts many to the park in Irrigon, and 4-H is right there in the action with a new program offering for leisure time fun and learning. A creative arts project was launched this last week, offering macrame as the first learning opportunity, to be followed by others later as the summer progresses! Nimble young fingers quickly learn the knot tying skills which will be offered each Thursday afternoon, 1:30 p.m., as long as there is interest. Those who missed the first meeting are welcome to come join the fun.

## Food Drying Clinics Scheduled for July

There's help in sight for all the gals and guys who have an interest in drying fruits and vegetables, and making fruit leathers. Two food drying clinics will be offered in the county mid-July, with sessions scheduled for Heppner and Irrigon. Both will be offered in the evening for the convenience of those who work. You'll want to watch for more information on this and plan to attend. Molly Saul, Extension

Agent, will be the instructor, with assistance from Burdine Tullis. Molly has a food dehydrator made to Extension Bulletin specifications, and many will want to see and hear about it if they are considering making a food dryer. She is much in demand for her program on food drying.

Foods can easily be dried in our dry eastern Oregon sunshine, as well as in dehydrators. You'll learn all about it, so put this on your list of summer events.

## 4-H Camp Plans

A tent city and lots of happy faces will be showing up at Cutsforth Park the last week of June. That's the week that 4-H members from Morrow, Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam counties will converge on the camping area for almost a week of good times. Staff will move to the mountain area on Sunday, June 26, for final preparations of the facility, and by 2:30 p.m. Monday, the eager campers should be in residence.

Morrow 4-H staff regard the camp program as one of the special times of the year, as it is often the best opportunity they have to become acquainted with each individual. It is also a time to observe the kids accepting responsibilities, cooperating, sharing and growing.

In addition to the classes, there are many traditional events that are much anticipated by campers...passed on from one year to the next. Campfire programs with group singing, skits, and ceremonies are highlights. The final campfire before departure for home is the time for special recognition and award programs. To most campers, the week passes far too quickly, and there's a bit of sadness at leaving new-found friends and returning home.

Families of the campers are invited to bring along potluck and join the final events on Thursday, June 30. Right after lunch, there will be a short closing ceremony which will allow parents to see some of the week's activities and share camp experiences.

## Wheat Growers Livestock Show

The weather was hot and so was the competition at the livestock show in The Dalles June 5-8, but Morrow 4-H'ers were right in there and came home with a number of ribbons for their efforts. Our leaders, parents and members were much in evidence when I arrived on Monday, with many having moved their campers down for the full time. Monday events were livestock and meats judging contests, with market animals and showmanship events on the following days. All Morrow County livestock clubs were represented at the show...either through participation in judging contests, or showing animals.

It is always fun to look over the competition, and spend some time behind the barn watching the kids groom their animals and ready them for show. And it's also great to see the delighted and surprised expressions on the faces of those who do well in the contests. Clint Carlson, Rick Gilbert and Dawn Peterson, a judging team from Louis Carlson's club, carried the honors for the county in the livestock judging contest, with an honorable second place. Pat Clark, in the individual scoring, shared a three way tie for fourth place.

Treve Peterson, lone, was named Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman while Mark Sargent, Heppner, showed the Reserve Champion Hampshire Market Lamb.

In marker judging, all Morrow County 4-H members received blue ribbons and their animals were rated choice.

Included in the blue ribbon winners were: Dawn Peterson, lone, crossbred steer; Rick Gilbert, Heppner, steer in other crosses; Clint Carlson, lone, lightweight Hereford steer; Treve Peterson, lightweight crossbred steer; Barbara Devine, market lamb; and Pam Cantin for both her crossbred lambs.

The meats judging contest is also a valuable learning aid for the young livestock producers...they should be able to recognize a high quality finished product, as well as one on the hoof. The Hoof and Horn Livestock Club team of Pat Clark, Matt Clark, Barbara Devine, Coleman Devine and Mark Sargent brought home a second place ribbon. Morrow 4-H'er Sweeps at Union Livestock Show

Mark Sargent, Heppner, senior 4-H member, has had a full week of livestock shows, leaving The Dalles' show and traveling on to Union, where his winnings have been numerous. Mark may be the only Morrow 4-H'er showing at Union, but his champion ribbons are enough for a full club. He'll come home with a champion ribbon for his Crossbred market lamb; a champion on his Hampshire market lamb, and an additional Grand Champion ribbon on the Hampshire. In addition, he was named the Grand Champion Senior in Showmanship, and the highest scorer in the individual livestock judging contest.

Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sargent, Heppner, and has been active in 4-H livestock events since he was old enough to be a member. He recently graduated from Heppner High School. During his senior year, he has served as a teen leader for one of the largest livestock clubs in the area. His interest in the sheep project has led him to developing a small flock of his own.

# Kinzua news

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## Annual Dinner Held

The Camp Five Women's Club held their annual dinner at the Shamrock Club in Fossil on Friday, June 10. Following the excellent dinner, several gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. K.A. Dunlap. Mr. Dunlap will retire in July. He has been employed by Eastern Oregon Logging since May of 1970.

Those attending the dinner

were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris, Mr. and Mrs. K.A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hardwick, and Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Murdock.

## Wheeler Dealers Plan Bingo Party

The Wheeler Dealers CB Club held a coffee break at the Denny Rogers' home Satur-

day evening to make final plans for the bingo party and pie auction to be held at the Isobel Edwards Hall in Fossil on Saturday, June 18, at 7 p.m. The public is invited to come and enjoy an evening of fun and some very good pies.

## Archery Meets to be Held

The Wheeler County Archery Club will have a registered shoot on Thursday, June 23, at 4:30 p.m., at the Archery Course in Kinzua. A potluck dinner will be held following the shoot.

The members are also reminded that an Invitational Shoot and potluck will be held Saturday, June 25, at 9 a.m.

## New Baby Arrives

Nancy and Larry Christenson, Ontario, are the proud parents of a daughter, born May 27 at the Weiser Hospital. The tiny girl, granddaughter of Clarence and Betty Benson, arrived a little early and weighed 4 pounds, 11½ ounces. She is doing very well and has been released from the hospital. However, Carrie Lee's mother is not doing quite as well. Nancy was transferred to St. Alphonce Hospital in Boise on June 3. Betty and Junior were called to Boise last Tuesday to be with her. Nancy had surgery on Wednesday. She is still in the intensive care unit, but is now

reported to be improving rapidly and maybe ready to go home by the time this is printed.

## Kinzua...

Hershel and Betty Murdock went to Crooked River this weekend to work on their garden. While there, they saw Verlin and Lavina Conner, who were also doing their gardening chores.

Don and Jackie Nickelsen went to The Dalles Friday afternoon for medical attention.

Don and Bruce Pike spent Saturday and Sunday in The Dalles, where Bruce purchased a large road cycle. Sunday they attended the CB break held at The Dalles Armory.

Jim and Billie Lou Nickelsen and sons took a weekend trip to visit Grand Coulee Dam in Washington. Sunday they visited Columbia Center at the Tri-Cities before going on to Irrigon to spend a few hours with Billie Lou's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pat McNamee.

Ray and Betty O'Neal and Donna went to The Dalles Saturday to take care of some business.

Steve and Roberta Conlee and sons Robbie and Scott left for Portland Friday morning to attend the showing of the new 1978 television sets. They stayed with Steve's brother Jarrett and family while in Portland. Saturday, the group enjoyed watching the Rose Parade. The Conlees also went to Good Samaritan Hospital Friday to visit Kinzua logger Stan Benson, who has been hospitalized since his leg was badly broken March 18. Stan has already had several surgeries and still faces three more surgeries in the next month or so. Right now, he has both legs in casts and hooked together. Stan's address is Good Samaritan Hospital, Room 204-1A, 1015 NW 22nd, Portland, OR 97210.

# ON THE FARM AND RANCH

## FFA places 2nd overall

On Monday, June 6, eight members of the Heppner F.F.A. Chapter traveled to The Dalles to compete in the livestock judging contest at the Jr. Wheat League Livestock Show.

The judging team gave oral reasons on one class of the total six classes of livestock. Heppner's advanced team took second place overall out of 25 teams.

Members composing the team were Kryn Robinson, Ken Grieb, Julie Grieb, JoLynn Daly, Marie Van Schoiack, and Geri Grieb. Ken Grieb was third high individual.

Also judging as individuals were Chris Zita, Chuck Walsingham, and Pat Lovgren.

On Thursday, June 9, Heppner's F.F.A. judging teams went to Union, to compete in

the judging at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show.

There were two teams from the Heppner Chapter, Advanced and Greenhand. Members on the greenhand team are in their first year of F.F.A. membership or starting their first year.

Judging on the Greenhand team were JoLynn Daly, Geri Grieb, and Marie Van Schoiack. On the Advanced team were Kryn Robinson, Ken Grieb, Ann Van Schoiack, and Julie Grieb.

Heppner's Advanced team placed third overall and the Greenhand team took fourth in their division.

Ken, Julie, and Geri Grieb exhibited their Angus cattle in the show.

## Crop estimate rises

The June 1 estimate of the Oregon winter wheat crop is now placed at 41.8 million bushels, according to the Oregon Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This production is 26 per cent less than last year, but 6 per cent above last month's estimate. Above average and timely rains plus a break with cooler than normal temperatures definitely helped eastern Oregon's

drought stricken wheat areas.

In the Pacific Northwest, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, winter wheat production is now estimated at 175 million bushels, 23 per cent below last year. Improved prospects were noted in all three states.

Nationally, the winter wheat crop is placed at 1.5 billion bushels, down 3 per cent from last year but 3 per cent more than the May 1 forecast.

## Dancers end season

The Grand Squares dance club ended their season of regular dancing with a Caller's Appreciation Dance, June 4, at Willows Grange Hall, lone.

There were three squares attending, with two guest couples from Rocket Squares, Pendleton, and three guest couples from Square Knots, Hermiston.

The evening dance donation money was given to caller Darrel Wilson in appreciation for his cooperation throughout

the season. Outgoing president Marvin Epley presented gifts to Wilson and his wife Bev.

Officers for the next dance season beginning the first Saturday in September include: president, Don Wood, Lexington; vice president, Elmer Heath, Heppner; treasurer, Daisy Collins, Heppner; and secretary, Dorothy Warren, Lexington, who will also serve as the club historian and keeper of the club banner and calendar.

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