

## Students gain experience through work program

A special program, established three years ago in Riverside and Heppner High Schools, enables juniors and seniors to taste of the outside work-a-day world before they graduate from high school.

Mike Wetherell, coordinator of the work experience program at Riverside explains, "The program helps students to learn how to accept employment responsibilities and helps them decide what career they want to go into."

Work experience entails both on-the-job training and related classroom instruction. A student may participate in the program through either business education, vocational agriculture or a diversified occupation class.

At Riverside, the number of students involved increased from seven the first term three years ago to 20 presently working at many types of jobs in the community.

Wetherell expects further increases in participation as job opportunities in the north end of the county continue to open up.

Eight students from Riverside are employed through the program in farm related jobs, two in the building trade,

four in food services, three in personal services, one in a computer programming, one in day care and one as a dental assistant.

The work experience program in Heppner High School is set up very much like its Riverside counterpart, with 17 students enrolled and 12 actually employed so far, including three students from Ione High School.

John Sporseen, coordinator in Heppner, said that more jobs are needed and encourages any employer with a part-time position to fill to contact him.

Sporseen agreed with Wetherell's opinion of the program's benefits by saying, "It gives students a better career awareness."

While he expects participation in work experience to continue increasing, Sporseen commented that not quite the same opportunity for growth exists in south Morrow County as in the north end.

Only students who are meeting the basic requirements for graduation are eligible to sign up for the cooperative work experience program. They receive a credit for both the related

classroom work and for their job. Many intend to enter college or a technical school after graduation.

The diversified occupations class connected with the work experience program offers work-related information that is not included in the regular curriculum including taxes, employment benefits, job interview techniques, applications and factors increasing the chance for career success.

Students also do individual research on jobs and careers that interest them. Work hours may be arranged to require a release from school for one or two periods each day, with students also working after school and on weekends.

In some instances, a work experience job has led to fulltime employment after graduation or fulltime summer work.

Both Wetherell and Sporseen express appreciation for good cooperation from the business community. They look forward to continued support for their work experience programs and continued benefits reaped by students who gain first-hand knowledge of the responsibilities involved in holding a job.

## County taxpayers rush tax office

Monday and Tuesday of this week were big days at the tax office of the Morrow County courthouse as area residents streamed in to make first quarter payment on their property taxes.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 was deadline day for the payments. Tax collector Elvira Irby said she had no way of estimating how much tax money has been collected because the heaviest bulk arrived in the mail and the department hasn't had time to

even open the mail sacks yet.

"The heaviest rush of people were here on Monday," Mrs. Irby commented. "I think they were all trying to beat the Tuesday rush." She didn't have any idea how many people paid taxes in the two days: "We were too busy to count them."

Anyone who hasn't paid their first quarter taxes will be charged interest. Second quarter payments are due by Feb. 15.



In an effort to avoid the Tuesday, Nov. 15 deadline rush at the tax office in the courthouse, Morrow County taxpayers lined the halls outside the office on Monday to make their first quarter property tax payments. Inside the door, Elvira Irby (r), tax collector, and Margo Sherer were kept extremely busy for two days.

## County Court

The County Court met with a short agenda on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the courthouse with all members present.

A zone change hearing, requested by Dewey West, involved a 40-acre tract on the east edge of the golf course in Boardman. With no one appearing for or against the change, the court approved a zone change from "qualified farm" to "farm"

The court did not convene this week since all members are attending an Oregon Association of Counties convention in Eugene. Representatives of Morrow County attending the gathering are Judge D.O. Nelson, Commissioners Homer Hughes and Warren McCoy, Roadmaster Doc Sherer and Planner Dave Moon.

### NOTICE

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OFFICE CLOSED NOV. 17, 18 & 19

FOR EDUCATIONAL MEETING

## School Lunch Menu

Mon., Nov. 21  
Burritos  
Cabbage Salad  
Dessert  
Milk

Tues., Nov. 22  
Submarine Sans.  
Green Beans  
Fruit Cup  
Cookie, Milk

Wed., Nov. 23  
SURPRISE!

Thurs., Nov. 24  
Fri., Nov. 25  
THANKSGIVING VACATION  
NO SCHOOL!

Mon., Nov. 28  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Spinach  
Carrot Dollars  
Rolls w Butter  
Fruit, Milk

Tues., Nov. 29  
Sloppy Joe w Homemade Bun  
Green Beans  
Celery Stix  
Fruit, Milk

Wed., Nov. 30  
Spaghetti w Ground Beef  
Vegetable Salad  
Pickled Beets  
Bread w Butter  
November Birthday Cake  
Milk

## Cardinal Club meets tonight

The Ione Cardinal Club will meet tonight, Thursday, Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Ione High School cafeteria.

A representative for the Morrow County Child Services Division will speak to the club. Entertainment will be provided by the Ione High School Chorus.

Refreshments will be served and all members of the Ione community interested in school service is invited to join the group.

## Elks Calendar

Thursday, Nov. 17  
Regular Lodge 8 p.m.  
Kitty and Dinner Drawings

Friday, Nov. 18  
Happy Hour 5-7 p.m.  
Dinner 6-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19  
Steak Dinner 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Live Music 9 to ??

Tuesday, Nov. 22  
Senior Citizens 4:30 p.m.

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Thursday, Nov. 24  
No Lodge  
Eating Turkey

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20	\$417,181	\$621,854	\$922,281
30	182,748	277,743	417,181
35	118,030	182,748	277,743
40	73,940	118,030	182,748
45	43,902	73,940	118,030

(cents omitted)

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