

Morrow gals head for National 4-H confab in Chicago

TWO GIRLS OFF TO CHICAGO, NAT'L 4-H CONGRESS

Off to the windy city to enjoy many new and exciting experiences are Jan Peterson, Ione, and Erin Evans, Irriagon. Both girls will be attending the National 4-H Congress, representing not only Morrow County, but the state of Oregon. Erin is the Oregon clothing delegate, sponsored by Coats and Clark, Inc. Jan won her trip in foods and nutrition, sponsored by General Foods Corporation.

Flying high, the girls left Portland by plane Friday, Nov. 24, and will return on Dec. 2. While in Chicago they will meet top 4-H'ers from all states, meet leaders in industries, visit museums and other sites of interest in Chicago, attend banquets, concerts, and other special events planned to offer them memories for a lifetime.

Jan is a freshman at Oregon State University, majoring in home economics and communication. Erin, a senior at Riverside High School, Boardman, plans a career in home economics, with emphasis on clothing, textiles and fashion. Both were outstanding in Morrow 4-H program, as well as in their schools and communities.

4-H ROLLER SKATING PARTY

Fun is in store for all 4-H'ers and their families, with a special social event planned just before the holiday season. Sunday, Dec. 10, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the Holiday Rollerama in Hermiston has been reserved for the party, with each member participating to pay \$1.25 plus skate rental. John Nordheim, 4-H agent, stresses that the party is for the entire family—bring along the little people and Mom and Dad, for a fun time. John suggests that those attending plan to enjoy pizza as a group after the skating party—at one of the good pizza parlors in Hermiston. More information on the event will be included in the December newsletter to leaders.

BASIC DESIGN WORKSHOP OFFERED

Something new for creative arts leaders and older members is offered Jan. 26-27 at the Oregon 4-H Center. Called the "organized eye" the workshop topics will include exercises with line and space, basic art ideas to communicate, integrating basic design into 4-H projects and teaching techniques. It is hoped that those attending can apply what they learn to such 4-H projects as art, weaving, handicrafts, clothing and photography, as

well as general areas of their lives.

Resource person for the workshop will be Pat Spark, OSU assistant professor of art, whose primary interests are fiber art, metal work and

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other crafts. The workshop is designed to teach leaders and members the basic principles of composition and the use of line, shape and color.

Pre-registration is necessary for the workshop, and needs to be turned in to the County Extension office by Jan. 15. Cost is \$12 per person. However, the Oregon 4-H Foundation is providing \$5 scholarships for all leaders, including junior and teen leaders and prospective leaders.

Creative art is fast becoming one of the more popular projects, attracting an ever increasing number of members. In Morrow County, the creative arts projects are the second most popular project area. Anyone interested in the design workshop may call John or Birdine for additional information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS IN SEW WITH WOOL CONTEST

The recent district Sew With Wool Contest attracted many Morrow 4-H members, with winners in all three divisions

being 4-H'ers. We congratulate Erin Evans, senior division winner, Diann Morter, junior winner, and Tara Mahoney, pre-teen winner. Shelley Stroeber, runner up in the pre-teen division is also a 4-H member. We congratulate all of the girls, and wish best of luck to Erin and Diann when they compete in the state contest in Portland December 10-11.

Included in the state competition is a public style show which will be held at the Benson Hotel, noon, December 11. We hope that anyone in the area on that date will attend the fashion show, adding their support to our local girls!

REMEMBER THE ARTIFACTORY

Be sure to schedule time to view all the demonstrations when you attend the Artifact-

ory, Saturday, Dec. 2, Catholic Parish Hall, Heppner. You'll see many local crafts people, as well as some special out of town guests, demonstrate their skills and talents. Want a sketch of your favorite child? Sandi Campbell will again be on hand doing on the spot sketches! Vera Simonton, well known weaver from Pendleton, will be sharing her hints on spinning and weaving, while her husband Tom does his famous cartoons. Stained glass techniques by the Sweek boys, Heppner, baking by Jamie Curnutt, wheat weaving by Francine Evans, apple-head doll art by Ken Curtins, are a few of the demonstrations which will be going on all day.

4-H LEATHERCRAFT

A leader has been found for one of the most wanted projects in 4-H! Curt Keen, Heppner, is ready and willing to work with 4-H'ers of all ages, teaching leathercraft techniques. For more information on membership in the new club, call 676-9642.

Winter term registration at BMCC now open

Registration forms for winter term classes at Blue Mountain Community College are available at the home of Nancy Brownfield, BMCC's local field coordinator. Early registration is suggested for several winter term classes. Textbooks need to be ordered in advance for Swedish and Accounting II classes, and equipment rental arrangements must be made

soon for a cross-country skiing class. The cross-country ski gear—all the equipment that will be needed for the course—may be rented for four weeks for a total cost of \$25, in addition to an \$18 tuition fee. Further information on early registration may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Brownfield at 676-5039.

Beef producers meet in Pendleton

Talks on marketing, management and scientific developments affecting the beef industry will highlight activities during the annual meeting

of the Umatilla County Cattleman's Association set for Dec. 8 in the Pendleton Elks Club. The meeting will start at 8 a.m., with a coffee and donut

breakfast hosted by the Morrow County Grain Growers. Business meetings for the Umatilla Cattleman's Association and Cowbelles will follow until 11:30 a.m., when Dr. Keith Gregory, geneticist for the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center in Nebraska will give a talk on new cross breeding programs.

Don Ostensoe, executive vice president of the Oregon Cattleman's Association, will preside during a 12:30 p.m. beef industry luncheon. Bill McReynolds, extension live-

stock specialist from Washington State University, will give a talk on "Ralgro and Synovex implants for steers"

at 2 p.m., followed at 2:45 p.m. with a "Selenium update" by Dr. Jim Oldfield of OSU. Dr. Bill Pietsch of WSU will speak on marketing and management options at 3:30. A no-host cocktail hour will follow, starting at 5:30 p.m., with a prime rib dinner slated to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Organic mulches aid to gardens

Organic mulches have a variety of beneficial effects on flower beds and garden plots during the winter, says Harold Kerr, Morrow County Extension Agent.

In rainy western Oregon, mulches prevent soil compaction. East of the Cascades,

they prevent erosion and reduce evaporation. In addition, mulches suppress weeds, regulate soil temperature and add organic matter to the soil.

Barkdust is the most popular organic mulch for flower beds and other landscaped

areas. A 2-4 inch layer around ornamental plants will protect against winter temperatures and add to the beauty of the landscape.

Steeply sloped areas have always given home landscapers problems because barkdust washes away easily. Now

a plastic netting is available for home use. The netting is placed on the slope, then covered with barkdust. The bark sifts through the netting and does not wash or blow away as quickly.

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Grower survey planned here

A National agricultural survey will kick off in late November and early December to determine how many acres farmers planted to winter wheat and the latest facts on livestock and poultry numbers.

Locally this survey will be conducted by the Economics, Statistics and Cooperatives Service (ESCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This agency, headed in Oregon by R.M. Pallesen, is responsible for collecting, processing and publishing current national and state agricultural information.

The results of the survey which will contain estimates of winter wheat acreages, along with a production forecast, will be published Dec. 21 by ESCS as the first indication of how producers in Oregon and across the nation have responded to the farm program involving acreage set-aside provisions.

These estimates will provide producers and others in

agriculture with the necessary background information to make decisions affecting production and marketing operations.

A sample of 505 Oregon farmers and ranchers will be asked to supply information about their winter wheat intentions between Nov. 22 and Dec. 2. While participation is voluntary, cooperation is vital to the development of reliable indications. All information collected will be combined to produce state and national summaries.

Thirty-two interviewers throughout the state will be collecting this information by personal interviews for all counties in Oregon with special attention being given to the major wheat areas.

For additional information or the results of the survey, contact: R.M. Pallesen, 221-2131.

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