

youngsters await 4-H summer fun

At this time of year, younger 4-H members start thinking ahead to the fun and adventure of 4-H Camp in the mountains. All members, fourth through seventh grade are eligible to attend and should have received a camp application form last week. Applications are due in the Extension office by May 25.

Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam counties. Four older 4-H members will travel to British Columbia for a week and the counties will then host four Canadians for a week. The group will travel with Extension agent, Ken Killingsworth, so expenses will be very small. Any older 4-H member interested in the opportunity to see Canada,

Extension Events...

By Birdine Tullis

Camp will be entirely new this year, with re-arrangement of all programs to offer different experiences. One new idea is a full day away from the camp site which will offer time to explore the woods and enjoy total outdoor living. Craft and fun time will be more in-depth, with each camper having an opportunity to choose a particular craft of interest, and time to complete a project.

Traditional events such as campfire singing, games, and ceremonies will, of course, be part of the program.

Costs this year are \$12.50 for the first camper in the family, and \$10 for each additional camper. The bargain for families was suggested by the camp committee as they realize most families are fighting a battle against inflation and they feel all members should be given every chance to participate in the outdoor educational program.

Camp dates are June 24-27. Members are encouraged to get their applications in just as soon as possible. Campers will be taken on a "first come" basis! Scholarships by 4-H Council are available to any member who might need financial assistance to attend. Plans are underway for another 4-H British Columbia Exchange involving Morrow.

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TWO-COUNTY MEETING DRAWS CROWD FOR TOUR OF LOCAL SITES

A special combined meeting of Morrow and Umatilla women in leadership roles for Extension family living programs was highlighted by a tour of local historical spots in Heppner last week. The group included women serving on the two-county program development committee and advisory committee from each county.

Morrow County's historical courthouse was first stop for the women, where they met with Judge D.O. Nelson and Commissioner Warren McCoy. All departments at the courthouse were visited, including the new sheriff's department in the basement.

The group spent the afternoon enjoying the local museum, as well as a look at the Heppner downtown area.

Luncheon speaker was Harold Kerr, Morrow County Extension agent, who shared details of development and economics of the area, as well as answered many questions posed by the women concerning agriculture, taxing base, and other items of interest.

E.P.A. supports Morrow disposal sites

Morrow County officials are continuing to meet with officials of the city of Portland and Environmental Protection Agency to discuss the proposed barging of liquid digested sludge from the Rose City's Columbia Boulevard Treatment Plant to "land disposal sites" in Morrow County.

The latest meeting was held last week in Boardman and according to County Judge D.O. Nelson, a future meeting is planned to acquaint the general public with the proposal. That's expected to be held this month.

Nelson said he doesn't like the word "land disposal sites" in the proposal and would dislike the county being used as a dumping ground for the city of Portland's wastes.

"We want to make sure there won't be any ill effects from this," Nelson said.

An extensive Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared by the federal E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency) which supports implementation of Alternative A-1, which would allow disposal of the sludge in Morrow. Under the proposal, at the Morrow off-loading site

sludge would be pumped from the barges to a small lagoon and from there to potential agricultural sites. The site preferred, the EPA says, is a portion of the Boeing Agri-Industrial property south-west of the city of Boardman.

Judge Nelson noted that similar sludge disposal is being undertaken by Portland in the Willamette Valley and in the Vancouver area and before they give their approval to the project, he and other local officials want to see the process in action.

The EPA said the major impact associated with barging the sludge would be a "potential sludge spill" on the Columbia River, but if spread on the soil in Morrow County, "the liquid sludge would be a beneficial soil conditioner and light fertilizer with about four percent nitrogen." The heavy

metal content has been estimated at a low percentage.

The proposed location of the sludge site or Site C of the Boeing Agri-Industrial site is a 3,280 acre parcel to the west of Tower Road and south of the Boardman flight strip.

As for odor, the EPA contends the "stabilized sludge in slurry or dried cake form will not emit offensive odors so long as it is properly handled and when sludge is applied to the agricultural lands, three to eight miles from the city of Boardman and a half to one mile from Interstate 80N, "odors should not be noticeable beyond the immediate vicinity."

However, the agency notes, "improperly digested wastewater solids could create a significant odor problem particularly if sludge is applied with an aerosol gun." It

recommends surface spreading and mixing with soil by injection or tilling to reduce the aerosols and volatilization. Proper tilling of the soil after the sludge application would alleviate any mosquito infestation problems, the EPA report stated.

Under the proposal, the city of Portland will be required to pay the annual operating and maintenance costs of sludge treatment and disposal as well as the local share of the capital costs. And the city could receive up to 75 percent EPA funding.

A future problem might be the fact that the EPA has found that several heavy

metal constituents in the Portland sludge are concentrated enough to substantially limit the number of years sludge can safely be applied to agricultural land.

"Because of heavy metal loading, it will be necessary to abandon the application sites at 20 years and move to a new location," the report states.

Use of the Boeing property in Morrow County for liquid sludge disposal would require easements across railroad and state highway property for a pressure pipeline. The sludge facilities would not be visible from Interstate 80N or from any privately owned property.

End of the year activities slated

Heppner and Ione High Schools have planned end of the year events this week.

The Mustangs will hold their annual Spring Sports Dessert

to honor coaches and players of spring sports, Monday, May 21, 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. An organizational and money-making meeting is set for the Booster Club meeting following the dessert.

The Ione High School Sports Dessert is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night at the cafeteria. The public is invited to honor athletes of spring sports. Families should bring a dessert.

Ione will hold its annual Academic Awards Night this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The public is invited.

Irrigon news

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Irrigon—Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Morrow of Irrigon will be honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m. at the Assembly of God.

They will gather with their friends in the fellowship room in the basement of the church. It is requested that no gifts be brought but there will be a money tree for those who wish to give.

A baby shower will be given for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Eppenbach, on Thurs., May 17 at 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the Columbia View Fellowship Church. All friends are invited.

Sandi Britt of Spray will speak at the Assembly of God in Irrigon, Sunday May 20 at the 11 a.m. service. Miss Britt has been working with the MAPS missionary program the past year.

Sunday night services will be dismissed so that members may attend baccalaureate in Boardman at the Riverside High School auditorium.

Kinzua receives safety award

The Kinzua Corporation is the recipient of an Outstanding Safety Achievement Award by the Employee Benefits Insurance Company based in Bend, Oregon.

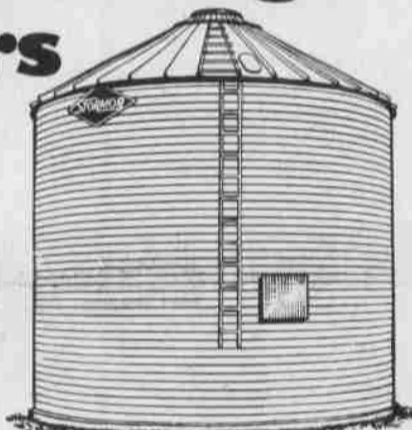
Loss Control Consultant Mike Hetzel of EBI said the corporation was awarded the prestigious honor because of the great reduction in accident costs on the job as well as total

accidents occurring at the Heppner plant.

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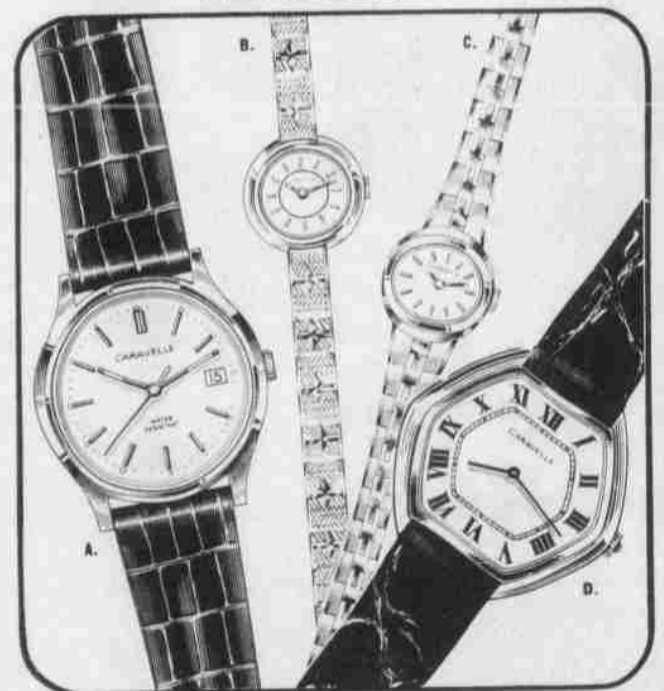
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