

Heppner pupils to watch for sprouting wheat seeds

Students in Donna Weed's Heppner Elementary Kindergarten class were given wheat seeds last week by two members of the Morrow County Wheathearts, Laura Broderick and Janet Tucker.

It is the first year the Wheathearts have participated in such a program.

Alcohol engine class set for repeat at Blue Mountain

Overwhelming response to Blue Mountain Community College's workshop titled "Engine Conversion for Alcohol Use" has prompted the college to schedule to repeat the class March 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The one-day workshop will include a discussion of properties of alcohol, comparison of alcohol with diesel and gasoline fuel, carburetor modifications, engine conversion details, problems with diesel

Pharmacy student to aid project

During their March 15-23 spring vacation from campus, Oregon State University pharmacy students will carry out medicine information programs in their home towns throughout Oregon.

About 250 students will be involved, including Heppner's Victoria R. Edmundson.

Students will contact their home town pharmacists, show them the leaflets being distributed, and ask for advice in the information campaign.

About two-thirds of the 1,500 practicing pharmacists in Oregon are graduates of OSU.

Oregon pharmacy students in their junior and senior years have been invited to participate in the patient information program.

bers told the class that all wheat needs to grow is dirt, sun and water.

The students planted the wheat seeds in small planters and set them in the window-sill. Wheat should be sprouting out of the planters by the end of this week, the Wheathearts said.

engines, and alcohol injection systems.

The workshop will be taught by Don Hulick, BMCC mechanical technology instructor. Fee for the course is \$5 and enrollment is limited to 20.

During the workshop, Hulick will have a six cylinder spark ignition engine on display that he has converted to alcohol fuel.

Participants are asked to register early for the course since some had to be turned away during last month's workshop. For more information, call the BMCC Division of Continuing Education at 276-1260, ext. 205. To register for the course, send \$5 to BMCC at P.O. Box 100, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

Posse, wives travel to Baker

Eight members of the Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse and eight members of the Possettes attended a gathering of members from five eastern Oregon counties in Baker March 1.

The men attended an afternoon meeting and later in the evening attended a banquet and a dance.

The annual summer training session was planned and it was decided that the Morrow County group will host the event in June.



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High school graduation requirements upgraded

Changes in the Oregon high school graduation requirements approved by the State Board of Education will add more substance to the diploma, State School Supt. Verne A. Duncan said recently.

Beginning with the Class of 1984, students must take one year of written composition, U.S. history and global studies.

"Too many schools have left essential studies as electives and students are not electing to take them," Duncan said.

Currently, students are required to take three years of language arts, but not specifically written composition. A statewide assessment of writing skills of eleventh graders confirmed that students need more help.

"You can't teach writing without writing," Duncan said, "because it is a skill you get through experience and lose through inactivity."

He said history has been neglected. "It is tragic that an Oregon student can get a diploma without taking U.S. history. And you only need to

look at your daily newspaper or gas pump to realize the price we'll pay if we don't understand the world around us."

The board agreed to add a new requirement of one year in foreign language, fine arts or applied arts.

It made some changes in the competency requirements which Duncan believes will make it more workable. The required competencies have been reduced to reading, writing, mathematics, speaking, listening and reasoning.

The toughest decision the board had to make was whether to award diplomas to handicapped students who do not meet all state and local requirements.

Currently, some districts award diplomas to such students while other districts do not, causing Duncan says, "discrimination by location."

The board agreed with Duncan that all students must meet all requirements. There are alternative ways for students to satisfy the requirements as long as the standards are not lowered.

4-H Activities: Small-engine project planned for boys, girls

By John Nordheim, County Extension Agent

4-H Small Engine Project

For young people fascinated with motors, the 4-H small-engine project may be just the right activity to combine learning with their interest.

The project, open to all interested boys and girls in grades 4 through 12, uses two and four-cycle engines to give the budding mechanic a firm grounding in how such engines work, how they should be maintained, and how they can be repaired. There are two clubs in Morrow County, one in Irrigton, the other in Heppner.

The Heppner club has ceased functioning, since it can't find a place to store and work on its engines. Anyone who might know of such space may call the Morrow County Extension office at 676-9642.

"The small engine has become an important factor in many people's daily lives," adds Alan Snider, Oregon State University Extension 4-H specialist, "as they are used to mow grass, cut wood, or to power a small trail bike."

Enrollment in the 4-H small-engine project can give young people skills now they can use the rest of their lives, as they learn how to tune and maintain motors in good condition. Some 4-H'ers learn how to rebuild engines in some phases of the project.

The volunteer leader works directly with a small group of 4-H'ers over a period of weeks or months or until the leader and 4-H members have achieved the goals they established at the beginning of the project.

College Student Employment at Oregon State Fair
College students interested in short term employment in

the 4-H division of the 1980 Oregon State Fair should apply by April 15 for one of the 13 positions open.

The students will help conduct 4-H programs and activities throughout the fair, with most of the students working from August 17 through Sept. 2. Each student will receive \$27.68 a day plus room in the

4-H dormitory on the fairgrounds in Salem.

Persons interested must be college freshman or older and be enrolled in school. Preference will be given to applicants who attend State Fair as 4-H members, points out Duane Johnson, Oregon State University Extension 4-H youth specialist.

Interviews for the positions will be in early May with final selection made by May 15.

Applicants and job descriptions are available in the Morrow County Extension office or may be obtained by writing the State 4-H office, 105 Extension Hall, OSU, Corvallis 97331.

4-H Deadline Dates

April 1, Trail Riding and Camping with Horses—Leader registrations due in county office.

April 10, 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest entries due in county office.

April 5, North Morrow 4-H Beef Weigh-in at N.W. Livestock Auction Yard in Hermiston, 10 to noon.

April 12, South Morrow 4-H Beef Weigh-in, county fair grounds, Heppner, 10 to noon.

Youth group to perform in Heppner

A large troupe of youthful musicians from Boise will perform in the United Methodist Church beginning at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

They have presented the "Lightshine" program in Boise and in other communities. After the musical there will be coffee, punch and cookies and visiting in the church basement.

Heppner Elementary School's fifth through eighth graders will be making music in the Junior High Gymnasium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The program will feature vocal selections by fifth graders and the junior high choruses and instrumental selections by the junior high bands.

Both of the musical programs offer free admission.

Lexington Angus breeder honored

Ken Grieb, Star Route in Lexington, an Angus breeder actively involved in the Angus Herd Improvement Records (A.H.I.R.) program, was recognized in a program sponsored by the American Angus Association.

The activity is the Pathfinder Angus Recognition Program.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus females in the breed based on important production traits including regularity of calving and weaning weight production. Superior cows in the breed based on performance records are listed in a Pathfinder Report published annually by the Association.

To qualify the breeder must have been actively involved in Angus Herd Improvement Records. The top cows in his herd are identified from these records. In summary, the qualifying cows must produce a calf at a young age and continue to wean a heavy calf on an average of 12 months.

Each calf must have a weaning weight ratio of 105 or higher with at least 10 herdmates evaluated each year. A minimum production of three calves is required for

a cow to be listed in the Report.

In the 1980 Pathfinder Report a total of 2,024 cows are listed. That represents less than one percent of 300,000 head reviewed for the publication. In addition a total of 56 bulls that have sired five or more Pathfinder cows in the Report are listed in a Sire Summary.

The Pathfinder Report is available from the American Angus Association. For a copy contact the Performance Department, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Blvd. St. Joseph, Missouri, 64501.

Gary Grieb, has been elected to membership in the American Angus Association. Headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo., it is one of the largest beef cattle registry associations in the world. It has 38,000 active life and junior members. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 10 million registered Angus.

The association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members.

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