

AAUW sends delegates

American Association of University Women members in Heppner branch are joining 46 other Oregon Division Branches to send their delegates to the 55th Annual Oregon State Division Convention this year.

The guest speaker, Carole Bovitz, the Representative-at-large from the California Division will speak on AAUW's "Action for Equity" as the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment is of top priority for AAUW members.

Another highlight of this convention will be the authentic Renaissance Banquet Dinner April 9, and the members will have the option of attending the Shakespearean Festival play "Ring Around the Moon" later that evening.

Sunriver Farms spend \$57 million

Sunriver Farms, a California-based corporation of seven stockholders, is in the process of buying 37,000 acres of irrigated farmland on three farms in the Boardman area for \$57 million.

Farms 4,000 acres of irrigated farmland. Sunriver Farms spokesman Barry Jones said irrigated farmland brings \$3,500 to \$5,000 an acre in other parts of the country and it is underpriced in the Columbia Basin area.



A Heppner Grade School kindergarten student puts an egg in his sack during an Easter Egg Hunt last week.

Public Notice

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Port of Morrow will be held at 1 p.m. April 24, 1980 in Room 12, Nelson Square, Boardman, Oregon.

Oregon refund averages \$182

The "average" Oregon income taxpayer is receiving a refund of \$182 this year. The average refund last year at this time was \$121. Income tax returns processed so far by the Oregon Department of Revenue show persons filing the state's 1979 short form receiving average refunds of \$102; those filing the long form averaging \$303;

and persons filing part-year and nonresident forms receiving refunds averaging \$207. The revenue department issued 382,400 refunds, totaling \$69.7 million, as of March 21. That's an increase from last year at this time when the department had issued 227,300 refunds, totaling \$33.5 million.

89 sawmills close

A March survey indicates that 89 sawmills operating in the 12 Western states had ceased operations, according to the Western Wood Products Association.

The March survey also indicated that 243 of the 818 sawmills in the West had made adjustments in operations to meet the current demand for lumber and wood products.

The survey is part of a continuing series tracking the impact of the high cost of

money and the slowdown of homebuilding on Western sawmill operations. There were 286 mills sampled.

Production was down 15.6 percent and employment 15.4 percent from normal, according to the WWPFA.

In the February survey, production was down 12.9 percent and employment was off 13.3 percent from normal.

About 18 billion board feet of softwood lumber (excluding redwood) is produced annually in the West, about 60 percent of the nation's output.

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Ullman says Congress wants housing relief

Congress is considering a number of measures designed to bring relief to the distressed housing market. Oregon Congressman Al Ullman reported last Saturday.

"We've already made the hard decision to balance the federal budget and once fiscal restraints begin working, then interest rates can come down," Ullman said in talking with Central Oregon homebuilders.

Welding hazards told

People who do welding may be exposed to many hazardous substances such as cadmium, lead, fluoride, copper, zinc and the oxides of nitrogen. They can not learn more about protecting themselves from the health hazards in the burning and welding environment by attending a workshop sponsored by the Oregon Lung Association April 19 at Hermiton High School.

Conference and helped draft the proposals. "Small businesses are long overdue for some relief from excessive federal regulation and paperwork," Ullman said.

Ceremony tomorrow

Ceremonies marking the start of construction on the biggest and most advanced wind turbine-generators ever built will be April 11 at the Goodnoe Hills construction site in south central Washington, according to Bonneville Power Administrator Sterling Munro.

The purpose of the workshop is to increase the public's awareness of workplace exposures that cause health problems, to provide information on how to detect and control these exposures on the job, and to teach ways on how to protect one's self through ventilation methods, work practices and personal protection.

Dignitaries attending the ceremony will include Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Governor Dixie Lee Ray, Congressman Mike McCormack, and Boeing Company Board Chairman T.A. Wilson. BPA Administrator Sterling Munro will serve as master of ceremonies.

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