

## Lynch Terrace students get a taste of life on the farm



Lynch Terrace student Jeff Sanders tries to wrestle a calf

Students of Lynch Terrace Middle School in Portland, here in Heppner as part of the second annual exchange program, enjoyed a day in the country last Wednesday and at the same time, learned a few things about farm life.

Starting with a tour of the Dwight Bailey farm on Little Butter Creek, the 23 eighth graders heard first hand about wheat farming, and different uses of farm machinery and farming techniques.

From there the students traveled down the road to the Ron and Judy Currin ranch where they were treated to several demonstrations of cattle ranching.

Ron and Judy's two sons and daughter put on a mini-rodeo show, and Ron showed the kids the finer points of cattle branding, which drew questions from "does it hurt?", to "what's that smell?"

The tour wasn't all show, however, as the Currins then let the kids try their hand at steer wrestling and roping.

"I'm sort of exhausted," said Dave Kistner, after wrest-

ling several minutes with a calf outfitted with plastic horns. "But it was fun."

As the final stop on the ranch tour, the students went to the Tom Currin place where they all enjoyed a barbecue supper, put on by the Morrow County CowBelles.

Wednesday's farm tour was just one stop of a busy one-week visit. The students also visited Kinzua, the museum, Hardman and participated in other activities.

Twenty-one Heppner eighth graders were in Portland the past week as part of the exchange.

Lynch Terrace Middle School is located between Portland and Gresham. The two schools traded students last year, and the program was well received by both groups.

### 3 vehicles involved in non-injury accident

A three vehicle non-injury accident occurred Saturday, April 24 on the Highway near Willow Creek Country Club at about 9:30 a.m. A Morrow County Sheriff's deputy responded to the accident.

Drivers of the three vehicles

were Mike Rowell, 29 of Heppner, Debra Hembree, 25, also of Heppner and Harlan D. Dunaway, 35 of Lexington.

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## Bob Smith visits Morrow Co.

By CATHY PECK

Bob Smith's campaign is going great, according to Ray French, co-chairman with Merlin Hughes of Smith's campaign in Morrow County. Smith visited Morrow County last Tuesday, April 20. His visit included a luncheon at the Nomad restaurant and a coffee conference in Boardman, a stop at Morrow County Grain Growers in Lexington and a no-host dinner at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Senator Smith is a candidate for representative in Congress, second district. Smith has been in the cattle business for 30 years and presently lives near Burns.

After the well attended no-host dinner at the Elks Lodge, Smith told his audience that this country must return to free enterprise. "We must reduce interest rates and take the government out of its deficit position," he stated.

Smith also spoke about high power costs in this area. According to Smith, the amount of electricity needed in the future was overestimated. Now that the Pacific Northwest has the capacity to produce more electricity than it can consume, "Bonneville should be allowed to sell power to California," Smith said. He emphasized that the

exportation of energy is an issue that needs to be discussed.

In response to a question about the need for the government to help small businesses, Smith stated that Oregon has the second highest income tax rate in the nation, and that an anti-business image has built over the past several years. He said bills have been introduced concerning plant closures, and governmental regulatory agencies such as I.C.D.C. and D.E.Q. inhibit Oregon businesses from expanding. Smith pointed out, "We have been rated as low as 36 out of 50 states in a poll that rated our business climate." And added, "We have a lot to do to clean up our image."

Senator Smith also spoke to the concern of several listeners about proposed waterway user fees. He said that he would not support a waterway user fee because it would add another charge to the price of grain, which the farmer would have to absorb. Smith stated that he is not a believer in subsidies in almost all cases, but he did point out that he is going to support a target price on wheat. "We must retain the kind of land base we need from the production of food-

stuffs. All wealth originates from the earth," Smith also said. "We have been successful because we have been an exporting nation. We need to do a better job of trading with our partners in the international market." He added that any bill which stopped the flow of commerce along the Columbia River would not receive his support.

The candidate also spoke about issues concerning the economy. "The legislators are the leaders," he said. "They should take the first salary decrease." He also stated that savings and loan institutions should be backed by the government, and that he would support the government helping the institutions short of a flat bail-out. Smith said that a default on the part of nuclear plants four and five "ought to absolutely not be considered." If plants four and five default, "we would never be able to sell a bond again," he added. Concerning Oregon's budget deficit, Smith said that Oregon has a responsibility to balance the budget by reducing the budget. He said the government has to curtail itself, and that during the last legislative session, he did not support any tax increases.

### Energy Road Shows slated

By JOHN P. NORDHEIM  
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Two different Energy Road Shows will be held May 24 at Arlington High School at 7 p.m. and at the Aladdin Desert River Inn at McNary at 7 p.m. on May 25.

The meeting at Arlington will feature Heating Water with Woodstoves and Micro-hydropower. The meeting at McNary features Passive Solar Space Heating and Solar Water Heating.

Speakers will be David McCowen, Deschutes County Energy Extension agent, and Greg Wheeler, Extension energy specialist from Corvallis.

The two programs at each location will be held concurrently. For more information, contact your local county extension agent.

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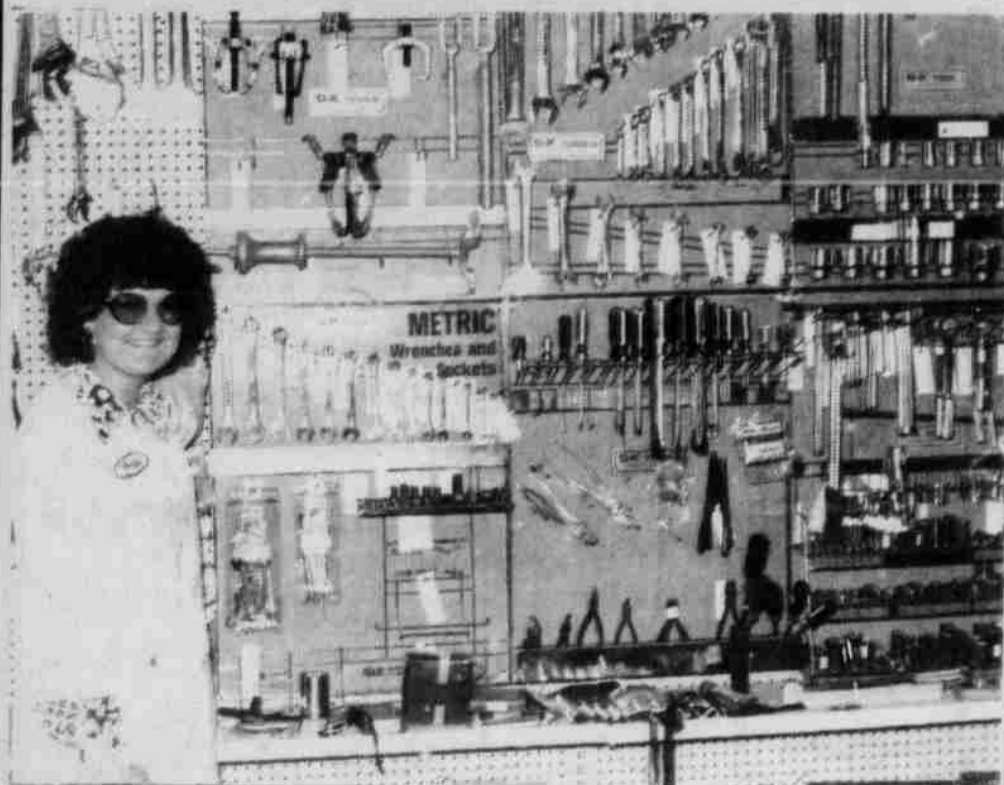
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