

Newcomer brings talent, experience to local area

This week, October 3-9 marks National 4-H Week and National Spinning and Weaving Week. Debbie Christensen of Heppner is an active participant in both organizations.

She and her husband, Don, band instructor for Heppner schools, came to Heppner in August from Central Point. Debbie was a primary teacher at Medford while Don attended college.

Involved in 4-H since she was nine, her projects included sheep, swine, foods, horse, clothing and knitting. A class at 4-H Summer School at Oregon State University in 1971 expanded her interests to include weaving. She then got a small table loom for Christmas and used it in a high school project. She also has a tapestry loom, and has made wall hangings, table runners, pillows a stole and samples. Samples which include a variety of patterns, are used to refer back to or to try out different yarns, and also to see how different types of yarn will launder, she explained.

The 28-year-old takes the wool she gets from the black sheep that she and her husband raise, skirts it (removes the belly and leg wool), washes it, cards (combs) it, to straighten out the fibers, and then spins it. However, she said, most spinners are giving



Debbie Christensen tells Heppner first graders "The Story of the Three Ants," a tale about spinning and weaving, as she demonstrates how wool is made into yarn.

Christensen observed National Spinning and Weaving Week (October 3-9) by explaining and giving demonstrations at Heppner Elementary on Tuesday.

upcarding because it takes so much time, and are teasing it instead.

Christensen uses two methods of spinning: a spinning wheel, and a drop spindle: a primitive tool, used by hand spinning the wool onto a spindle. Drop spindles are still used in some countries and by the Navaho Indians, she said. After spinning enough wool,

she plans to knit a sweater for herself. She is also starting a 4-H knitting club in the area.

The couple are members of the Natural Colored Wool Growers Association, an international organization dedicated to the production of superior colored sheep and wool for spinners and weavers. Christensen belonged to a

weavers guild in the Rogue Valley, where group members met every other week to spin wool and cotton. She is presently attempting to start a guild in the Heppner area, and will hold a meeting for all interested next Tuesday, October 12, at 535 S. Court St., Heppner, at 7:30 p.m. Experience and materials are not needed to join, she added.

Morrow Co. to receive \$17,716 from BLM

Oregon and Washington counties will receive some \$4.1 million from the Bureau of Land Management this month to partially compensate them for services they provide tax exempt federal lands during fiscal year 1982, according to William G. Leavell, BLM's state director for the two states.

Oregon's total is \$2,331,671, \$17,716 going to Morrow Coun-

ty while Washington counties will receive \$1,594,873.

In Oregon, the largest payment went to Malheur county with \$407,299, trailed by Lake and Harney counties with \$301,432 each.

BLM Director Robert F. Burford said the national total to be paid is \$95 million to 1,687 units of local government. He said there are "no strings attached to the money by

Washington."

"These payments help compensate local government for fire and police protection and other services they provide to more than 455 million acres of federally owned lands not subject to state or local taxes. As a good neighbor, it is appropriate that the federal government provide some measure of financial assis-

tance to these local governments to mitigate the fiscal impact resulting from the tax-exempt federal lands within their boundaries," Burford said.

The payments supplement revenues that the federal government regularly share with state and local governments from sales of timber, minerals and other materials removed from public lands.

EOSC offers weekend college

A weekend college program which has been in the planning stages at Eastern Oregon State College since last May, starts Saturday, Oct. 8, and will run through April 30 next year, stated a recent EOSC news release.

According to Douglas Treadway, director of Continuing Education and Regional Programs, the weekend college was developed to interest adults who have difficulty attending class on weekdays or evenings.

Funded by a grant from the Northwest Area Foundation, the program will offer adults a campus experience they might otherwise miss.

The six weekends and their topics are: Oct. 8-9, Computers for Communication and Information Sharing; Feb. 11-13, Creating a New Society; Feb. 25-26, The Performing Arts; April 1-2, Communications and Culture; and April 29-30, Health Trends and Physi-

cal Fitness for the 80's.

The deadline for registration for the October sequence is Oct. 1. Those interested in the November session need to contact EOSC by Nov. 5. Enrollment in the first two sessions is limited to 20 students, according to Treadway.

Individuals interested in staying on campus during the weekend classes may reserve dormitory space for \$4-\$7 per

night.

In addition to the dormitory fee, students wishing to register for two hours of academic credit for the weekend clusters will be asked to pay a fee of \$90 which includes a continental breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Fees for students wishing to participate on a non-credit or audit basis are \$64, in addition to the dormitory fee.

Anyone wishing to register by telephone or needing further information is asked to call the division of continuing education and regional program at 963-1378, or toll free in Oregon 1-800-452-8639.

Little River Band coming to EOSC

The popular rock group Little River Band is coming to Eastern Oregon State College Saturday, Nov. 6, it was announced recently.

According to student activities director Yvonne Tagge, EOSC has been negotiating with promoters for the group for more than a month.

Tagge expects tickets for the concert to go on sale in mid-October. The concert is scheduled for 8 p.m. in Quinn Coliseum on campus.

Anyone wishing further information is asked to call the student activities office, 963-1507, or toll free in Oregon 1-800-452-8639.



In a year's time 30 tons of barnacles can attach themselves to the bottom of an ocean-going ship.

Flower show school slated at The Dalles

The Mt. Hood District of Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs will present a flower show school October 11-13 at the Civic Auditorium at The Dalles. The school will begin at 9 a.m., announced Mrs. Verne Hanna, general chairman, of Dufur. The first two days will cover lectures and demonstrations, while during the third day an examination will be given on the material covered.

"The studies are for anyone who wants to grow in appreciation for the growth and use of our gardening efforts," said Hanna. Those interested in be-

coming flower show judges must be an active member of a national council member club or of a club anticipating membership in the national council, she said. Anyone, member or not, may audit the course by paying the fee of \$7.50 per day, Hanna said. Mrs. Allen Scott of Corvallis will teach flower show procedure; Mrs. Edward Donohue, horticulture; and Mrs. Charlene Mutschler of Salem will instruct floral design. Plants to be studied include zinnias, chrysanthemums and succulents.

The Odell Garden Club will serve a salad luncheon and the Dufur Valley Garden Club will serve nut breads during the break each day.

Pre-registration is favored because of the need to have duplicated materials for all participants, Hanna explained. Mrs. Norman Hastings, 408 West 6th Street, The Dalles, Oregon 97025, is the registrar.

Applications and information may be obtained from Hanna, at Rt. 1 Box 15, Dufur, Oregon 97021.

Sno-Park permit fees increase

An increase in the winter recreation parking permit (Sno-Park) fee schedule was approved by the Oregon Transportation Commission at a meeting in Klamath Falls last Wednesday, announced a news release from the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The cost for the daily permit will increase from \$1 to \$2, and for the annual permit from \$5 to \$7. The new fees will be effective this season.

Since the program began in 1977-78, winter recreation parking permit program revenues have exceeded the cost

of plowing snow in the designated parking areas, except for last season. During the 1981-82 fiscal year, revenue of \$458,932 was received, and costs totaled \$619,432.

The Winter Recreation Fund is a dedicated one, and a reserve was available to make up the difference, but sufficient funds will be required to carry the program through this season, the news release stated.

No comments or requests for a public hearing were received when the proposed changes were filed with the secretary of state's office, the release concluded.

Former Heppner man receives State Bar's highest honor

A 76-year old former Heppner man was one of three attorneys receiving the Oregon State Bar's highest honor as part of the bar's annual meeting activities in Eugene last week. Bruce Spaulding of Portland was born in Spokane, Wash. and attended Heppner High School. He received his law degree from Willamette University in Salem in 1930 and was admitted to the Oregon State Bar that same year, said a news release from the bar.

Spaulding has been active in civic and social organizations as well as working on various committees of the Oregon State Bar. Spaulding was on the bar board of governors, the policy-making body of the organization. He also was president of the 12th Judicial District Bar Association. He also served for several years as district attorney in Polk

County, the news release reported.

The two other attorneys honored were Manley Strayer, 72, of Portland and George Hibbard, 70, of Oregon City.

This was the first time in the history of the award that the board has named three attorneys at the same time. In two other instances, the board named duo recipients in the same year. The Award of Merit is not presented each year, but rather is reserved for an attorney judged to have

given his or her best to the profession.

Since it was started in 1951, 18 attorneys have received the award.

Also honored during the annual meeting were now-retired Justices Arno Denecke and Thomas Tongue. At the Thursday luncheon meeting, the two justices were presented with awards recognizing "outstanding record of public service for both their communities and the legal profession," the news release said.

Miniature horse makes visit to nursing home



Irene Anhorn of Heppner and her six-year-old miniature horse, Thundar, visited residents at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home in Heppner last Thursday. She got the 34 in. tall animal, who is registered with the International Miniature Horse Association, last Wednesday.

She has also taken her goats, chickens, rabbits, kittens and other animals to the nursing home.

Mrs. Anhorn said that the state health inspector, who was visiting at the nursing home once when she brought in the goats, encouraged her to continue to bring the animals in for the residents to see.

College - community bands to begin rehearsals

Two college-community band groups organized through Blue Mountain Community College's music department will begin their fall rehearsals Thursday evening, Sept. 30.

The College Community Concert Band will rehearse beginning at 7 p.m., according to John Weddle, instrumental music director at the college and band conductor. Following that group's rehearsal, the College-Community Stage Band will practice. Both

groups rehearse in the music department at the college located in the McCrae Activity Center.

"The groups are open to any instrumentalist, wind or percussion," Weddle noted. Each year about 40 to 50 players participated in the concert band. Last year Weddle organized the stage band which has attracted 20 members.

Persons interested in joining either group should come to the music department Thursday at 7 p.m. ready to play, he said.

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