

15 4-H'ers attend 'Summer Week'

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Fifteen Morrow 4-H'ers and agent Stephen Campbell spent last week (June 11-16) on campus at Oregon State University at the annual 4-H Summer Week. To add to the fun and excitement, the group traveled by bus and along the way picked up 4-H'ers from Umatilla, Gilliam, Wheeler Counties.

Members may attend Summer Week when they are eighth through twelfth grade. For many it is the first time ever to experience living and learning at the university, just like college students. In addition, many recreational and social opportunities are available.

Theme for the week was "Experience It" with events and classes planned around the theme. Each member pre-registers the classes of their choice. Morrow County 4-H'ers attending were: Mike Ammons, Kathleen Brazell,

Gibb Evans, Swayne Evans, Derek Hoelt, Shannon and Chris McLaughlin, Marion McMillan, Steve Miller, Jason Palmer, Brad Reisch, Noella and Jennifer Rill, Mike Van-Schoiack, and Kimberly Wright.

Costs for those attending were paid by scholarships or donations. Many thanks to the following businesses or individuals who contributed to this 4-H experience: Homemakers of North Morrow; B.P.O.E. No. 358; Bank of Eastern Oregon; Murray Drug; Western Heritage; Pettyjohn Oil Co.; Columbia Basin; Rhea Creek Extension Unit; Morrow County Grain Growers; First Interstate Bank; Ione Extension Club; Pettyjohn Farm and Builders; PGE; 4-C Ranches; Abrams, Kuhn, and Spicer; Willows Grange; Pine City Study Group; Les Schwab Tire Center; Chamber of Commerce; Gardeners Mens Wear; Sears; Central Market; Tul-Tec; Heppner Soroptimists; and Turner, Van Marter, and Bryant.

Bonner retires from Heppner post office



Irene Bonner retired from the Heppner branch of the Post Office Friday, June 8, 1984. Her plans for retirement include "lots of fishing." Her husband is retired also. She says she hopes that she is always as "enthused about it (retirement) as I am this morning."

Check stored grain

By BOE COSTA
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Wheat growers can borrow a grain probe and insect screen from the Extension Service office in Heppner to check stored grain.

Farm stored grain should be inspected monthly for insects and general condition.

Sampling with a grain probe is the best way to check. Temperature and smell also provide valuable clues.

The Oregon Wheat Commission and the Morrow County office of the O.S.U. Extension Service are cooperating to make it easier for growers to monitor stored grain quality. The Wheat Commission has provided a long grain probe, an insect screen, and an insect identification booklet. These items, along with sampling guidelines, can be checked out from the Extension Service office in Heppner.

In addition, publications on temporary grain storage on the farm and drying and aeration of grain are available at the Extension office.

4-H News

By TROY DUNAWAY

On June 10, 11 members hiked into Gibson Indian cave in the Blue Mountains. Dennis Papineau served as guide and identified different species of trees and plants.

Club members picked a bucket of morrel mushrooms. The outing concluded with a wiener roast at Cutsforth Park.

Extension makes plans for Sat. Market

By BIRDINE TULLIS
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There will be a multitude of reasons to come to Heppner on Saturday, July 7. Merchants are planning their annual sidewalk event, and Extension has plans to compliment or add to the excitement of the day.

After you've shopped the downtown area, come to the fairgrounds and join the fun of learning by doing. There will be classes to fit interests of all age groups. Some will be serious classes, others for fun. You can learn how to make

a sheaf of wheat; weave wheat into lovely articles; arrange flowers; prepare vegetable and flowers for fair exhibitions; make children's clothing; play dough art; tatting; folded patchwork...and more.

There will be the added attraction for 4-H Horse Clubs as they "tune up" for fair in an afternoon and evening training, as well as some of above classes of interest.

Looks like a really big day for Heppner July 7...don't miss it...of course, all events at the fairgrounds are free of charge. A complete schedule of classes will be published later.

Conservation tour set

By BOB COSTA
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The Morrow County Conservation Farmer of the Year tour and barbecue will be held on Tuesday, June 26 to recognize Jim and Monica Swanson.

The tour of the Swanson farm will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the junction of Ione-Gooseberry Road and Tews Road. A steak barbecue will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the Swanson home in Ione following the tour. Everyone is welcome.

Farm programs set for 1985 crop

The farm program for the 1985 crop was announced last Thursday, June 14, one of the earliest announcement dates for some time says a news release from the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

The farm program for the 1985 wheat crop will be basically the same as the 1984 crop. There will be a total 30 percent acreage reduction with 10 percent of that being paid at the rate of \$2.70 per bushel. Fifty percent of the diversion payment will be available at signup, which is October 15 through March 1, 1985.

The loan price will be the same as this year, which is \$3.30 national average loan

and is \$3.50 average for Oregon and Washington. The loan rates for specific counties in Oregon varies.

The target price for the 1985 program will be \$4.38. The \$50,000 payment limitation will still apply in 1985.

The summer fallow rules will be the same as in effect for the 1984 program. This means that summer fallow farmers will be able to designate their acreage conservation reserve on the summer fallow side and will be able to seed a crop, such as barley, on the 30 percent of their crop side. Of course, you must have adequate summer fallow to cover the acreage requirement.

Haying will not be permitted on the acreage conservation reserve land, but it can be grazed except during the principal growing months.

The contracts for signup will be binding, as in 1984; in fact, most everything is the same as 1984.

Check with Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service office for particular details.

"Basically we're pleased with the program and feel that, in this political climate, that it is about the best we could have expected. The early announcement really helps...you'll remember that the 1984 program was announced this last February. At least, you'll be able to plan fertilizer applications and other land management decisions for 1985," says Wesley Grilley, executive vice-president of the OWGL.

Employment increases

Total employment for Morrow County expanded by 220, the number of unemployed increased by 30 and the county's unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percentage points reports the Oregon State Employment Division of the Department of Human Resources. The key to understanding these apparently contradictory occurrences can be found in one word—agriculture. As occurred in neighboring Umatilla County, agriculture employment expanded in April and will continue to do so through much of the summer. However, the agricultural picture is a rapidly changing one this year.

It appears that the winter wheat crop is going to be another bumper harvest which will undoubtedly keep the damper on prices. Likewise, the Department of Agriculture has extended the signup season for acreage curtailment programs and has listed its 1985 wheat program rules. To receive the rules prior to planting is somewhat of a novelty for Eastern Oregon farmers; so much so that considerable skepticism abounds as to whether the rules will still be around in 1985.

USDA announces wheat program

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block recently announced provisions of the 1985 wheat program, including a 20 percent acreage reduction and a 10 percent paid land diversion.

Signup for the program will be October 15 through March 1. The cash land diversion payment will be \$2.70 per bushel with 50 percent available at signup. The program also includes a \$3.30 per bushel national average loan rate and a \$4.38 per bushel target price.

To be eligible for program benefits, producers must limit 1985 wheat acreage to no more than 70 percent of the farm's wheat base. They must also dedicate a certain amount to their eligible cropland to an acreage conservation reserve. The amount to be placed in this reserve must be equal to at least 28.57 percent of the farm's 1985 planted wheat acreage plus 10 percent of the farm's wheat base for paid land diversion.

Land designated for an acreage conservation reserve must have been devoted to a row crop or small grains in two of the last three years except for a summer fallow farm. The summer fallow rules will be the same as those in effect for the 1984 programs. Those rules provide that the acreage must have been devoted to row crops or small grains in one of the last two crop years.

The 1985 acreage base will be the average of the acreage planted and considered planted to wheat in 1983 and 1984.

Haying will not be permitted on acreage conservation reserve land. However, the acreage may be grazed except during the six principal growing months as designated by state Agriculture Stabilization Conservation Service officials. Block said he has also approved a standby measure authorizing, in the event of a

Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon marks 25th anniversary



Left to right: Linda LaRue, Fran Barnett, June Crowell, manager of the Ione branch, Gerald Person, president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Linda Conklin, and Julie Nelson.

June 13, 1984 marked the 25th anniversary of the Ione Branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. An open house was held from 2-4 p.m. in the bank lobby. Refreshments were

served by the staff to many local patrons.

Door prizes were won by: Travis Greenup, Art Rowell, Dana Heideman, Marilyn Rietmann, Laurel Cannon,

Teresa King, Mildred Hendricks, and Maxine Rietmann. Children's door prizes were won by: Mike Thornton, Nathan Thompson, Brian Papineau, and Brian Henderson.

Consumer handbooks are available

Senator Bob Packwood announced recently that limited copies of the "Consumers Resource Handbook" are now available at no cost to Oregonians.

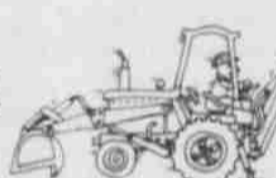
The handbook, published by the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs includes tips on how to get the most for your consumer dollars, and information on handling of consumer complaints. A consumer assistance

directory of organizations willing to assist consumers is also listed.

Requests for these handbooks must be made in writing to: Senator Bob Packwood, c/o Heidi Blakowsky, 1220 S.W. Third, Suite 385, Portland, Ore 97204.

Please include a return address with the written request. The handbooks will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

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Marilynn Rietmann - tea kettle
Laurel Cannon - 7 piece cookware set
Teresa King - Tool box
Mildred Hendricks - hanging basket of flowers
Maxine Rietmann - hanging basket of flowers

Children under 6

Mike Thornton - folding lawn chair
Nathan Thompson - beach ball
Brian Papineau - wheel barrow, sand shovel
Brian Henderson - sand bucket & shovel

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