

Wright family hosts AFS exchange



Nancy Wright (left) with Monique Allan and Kim Wright

Monique Allan, a 17 year-old American Field Service exchange student from the beach town of Whangamata, New Zealand arrived in Heppner July 26 to spend the coming school year with host family, Ken and Judy Wright at Ruggs, 12 miles south of Heppner.

Monique departed from Whangamata July 22 and arrived in Los Angeles, California, one day later,

which was still Sunday, Aug. 22. She spent four days at Stanford University for orientation with other AFS students. She then was flown to Seattle and then to Pasco where she met the Wrights. The Wrights have three children: Kim, 16, Nance, 13, and Brent, 7.

Monique says that Heppner reminds her of Whangamata because

it has one street through town with shops on each side. But, Heppner seems drier and she is missing the beach. She describes American food as "sweeter but much the same" as at home where there are not as many fast foods.

"People dress much the same, too, except they wear more jeans than I do," she says of her host sisters Kim and Nance.

Monique is the daughter of Lynda and Denis Allan. He is a fisherman. Two sisters, Shiree, 14, and Shelley, 9, and a brother, Stuart, 11, a pet cat and dog also live at the Allan home on one acre of land near Whangamata.

She describes her hometown as a holiday resort on the beach with a population of 1,500 which increases to about 30,000 during the summer—December and January in New Zealand.

The school year in New Zealand, says Monique begins the first of February and ends at the end of November with two-week holidays in May and August. Children begin Primary at age five and "college" at age 11. College consists of seven forms which are completed at age 17. She travels 20 miles to Waihi College which has about 750 students.

Monique says that she is "looking forward to starting school and meeting more people." She would like to become involved in as many activities as she can.

So far she likes living on a ranch and has spent some time in the mountains fishing. She also learned about cleaning, washing, and showing lambs at last week's Morrow County Fair which she attended with the Wrights.

She is looking forward to a trip to the Oregon Coast August 29-31 with her host family and to going to the Pendleton Round-Up where all 17 AFS students in Eastern Oregon will meet.

Wheat disease meetings set

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Several wheat diseases have been particularly severe in the Columbia Basin this year. Programs featuring the latest information on managing wheat disease problems will be held on August 30 in Hermiston and Athena.

The Hermiston meeting will start at 6:30 a.m. at Frasu's Restaurant and will include a no-host breakfast. Diseases of irrigated wheat will be included in the program at Hermiston.

The Athena meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Athena Grade School and will deal primarily with the diseases of dryland wheat.

Dr. Bob Powelson, OSU Plant Pathologist, and Dr. Russ Karow, OSU Extension Cereals Specialist, will lead the discussions. The programs are sponsored by the OSU Extension Service.

A day-long program on Cephalosporium stripe disease will be held at the Sherman County Fairgrounds 4-H Pavilion in Moro on August 31. The program will begin at 9 a.m. and

will feature discussions on disease development, symptoms, current research, cultural control, and resistant varieties.

Contact the Morrow County Extension Office, 676-9642, for more information on these programs.

Failure to maintain program acres can be costly

Farmers participating in the 1984 Wheat and Feed Grain programs are required to control weeds and rodents as well as erosion on their Acreage Reserve Acres (ACA). Failure to properly maintain these ACA acres taken out of grain production can result in severe penalties and even loss of all program benefits, according to Waldron A. Johnson, Chairman of the Oregon State Committee for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

"Farmers often ask about ASCS weed control requirements," said Mr. Johnson, "what we require is that weeds be prevented from going to seed. Weeds should be clipped or sprayed at the proper time to prevent the seeds from maturing and spreading."

The State ASCS Chairman also urged farmers in the Wheat and Feed Grain programs to plan their strategy now to control erosion this fall and winter on their ACA acres. These acres should be seeded as early as possible this fall to help achieve adequate ground cover before the hard rains begin.

The program requires that ACA acres be adequately protected from wind and water erosion until December 31, 1984. If sufficient residue is not present to protect the soil an early seeding may provide enough growth to meet program requirements and prevent a penalty. Cover crop can be used as well as crops

planted this fall for next years harvest.

Other ACR maintenance requirements include no grazing during the six month nongrazing period and harvesting of hay or any other crop is prohibited. An exception is that participants in the 1984 wheat Payment-in-Kind program could harvest hay from fall wheat planted prior to January 12, 1984.

Penalties for failure to maintain ACA acres are determined by the local County ASC Committee. They are usually based on triple the cost of the maintenance practice or the value of the unauthorized harvested crop. The Committee can determine that all program benefits are to be forfeited if the violation is serious enough.

Farmers with questions concerning the maintenance of their ACA program acres should contact the Morrow County ASC Office, 676-9011.

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4-H'ers travel to state fair

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A number of local 4-H'ers will be trying their skills at state level, as they travel to Salem to participate in contests at Oregon State Fair.

Dawn Timms and Brenda Mathis, both of Irrigon, will be participating in the 4-H Horse events starting Sunday, August 19. Dawn will also present her award winning presentation, "How to Trailer a Horse".

Other events for Morrow 4-H'ers at State Fair are Labor Day weekend, August 31, September 1 and 2: Presentations-Gibb and Swayne Evans, Irrigon; Food Preparation-Susan Plocharsky, Benji Pearson, Paula Plocharsky, Kathleen Brazzell, Heppner, and Swayne Evans, Irrigon; Fashion Revue, Intermediates-Benji Pearson, Karla Davison, and Susan Plocharsky; Senior participants-Noella Rill, Kimberle Wright, and Paula Plocharsky.

Each of the above have received champion, reserve champion, or blue awards to be eligible to participate at the state event.

In addition, many 4-H Home Ec and Creative Arts exhibits have been sent to state fair to be judged at state level. Results will be published as received.

Record broken at Speedway

Dan Riehl's family from Heppner and Portland reports reason to be proud of him. Driving his 1980 Firebird with a 350 cu. in. Chevrolet motor built for high performance, he has recently broken the Umatilla Speedway record in the Super Stock Class with a time of 16.19 seconds.

Riehl, from Portland, has several accomplishments at the Portland Speedway, reports his family. Some of his awards include: 1982 Champion in Limited Stocks, second place in 1983 Open Competition, 1983 third place in the Super Stock Division, and Sportsman of the Year.

FFA members attend camp

Three members of the Heppner Chapter of Future Farmers of America participated in a "B" district leadership camp at Cove last weekend.

Heppner members Andrea Ball, Alex Lindsay, and Noella Rill were among the 60 members who learned how to be better FFA officers.

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4-H'ers model favorite outfits

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The time was early evening; the setting a background of flowers. The stars were 4-H'ers of all ages, twirling and prancing like pros to show off their handmade fashions and favorite outfits.

Fashions varied from the very casual to super sophisticated. An appreciative large audience shared enthusiasm as each modeled his chosen garment. Boys, as well as girls were participants with Swayne Evans, Irrigon, carrying home a lavender reserve champion ribbon

for his garment selection and modeling expertise.

The program is carried out as a part of county fair, under the direction of Fashion Revue superintendents Francine Evans, Judy Wright, Irene Plocharsky, and Angie Beam-er.

Narrators were four senior 4-H'ers: Paula Plocharsky, Kim Wright, Kimberly Hughes, and Noella Rill. Each also modeled.

Kimberly Hughes carried home the purple in the senior division Favorite Outfit, with her striking menswear grey stripe suit, accessorized with black hat, hose and high heeled shoes. Reserve honors went to Kim Wright in a brilliant fuchsia

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Parade results

Following is a list of award winners by division:

Floats
Grand Sweepstakes-Morrow County Float
Commercial Floats: first-Cal's Lounge and Cafe, second-Western Heritage Savings & Loan, and third-First Interstate Bank.
Community Floats: first-American Legion Post No. 87, second-Heppner United Methodist Church, and third Irrigon Watermelon Festival.
Out-of-County Floats: Pendleton Main Street Cowboys.
Miscellaneous: Morrow County Search and Rescue

Mounted
Best Family Group: first-Monty Evans family, second-Bennett family, and third-Ken Eckman family.
Riding Clubs: first-Umatilla Sage Riders, second-Morrow County Wranglers.
Best Cowgirl (12 and older): first-Marlene Currin, second-Kathleen Brazzell, and third-Beverly Bingham.
Best Cowgirl (11 and younger): first-Kelsey Evans, second-Sara Eckman (1 year old on August 22), third-Jessica Bingham.
Best Cowboy (11 and younger): first-Matt Bergstrom, second-Jared Eckman.
Oldest Cowgirl-Minnie McVae (73 years old).
Oldest Cowboy-Floyd Hutchins (77 years old).

Comic
Best Comic-Marlene Gray.
Clowns and Clown groups: first-Charlotte and Greg Parsons, second-Marilee McDowell, and third-Judy Warnell and Mickey Cameron.

Bands
Best Band-Heppner High School Band.

Antique and Classic Cars
Buggies-Machinery
Car Clubs: first-Blue Mountain "A's", and second-Columbia River Corvette Club.
Cars (1939 and older): first-Dale VanWey Model T, second-Darrell Vinson, 1925 Model T, third-Shorty Peck, 1906 Sears, and fourth-Bob Harrison, 1919 Model T.
Cars (1949 and newer): first-Norm Patterson, 1953 Cadillac Fleetwood; second-Kirk Sager, 1954 DeSoto; and third-Bob & Dianne Stickey, 1940 Plymouth Business Coupe.

Wagons and Buggies: first-Jim and Janis Brewer, 1910 Mountain Hack; second-Roe and Marilyn Gardner, 1880 Cabrolet; third-Mr. and Mrs. Don Brewer, 1908 St. Marquez Pheaton, and fourth-Frank Anderson.

Machinery Morrow County Road Dept., 1920 Sno-Go.
Miscellaneous: Ross Patrick, 1883 Bike.

Childrens
Youngest Cowgirl: Sara Eckman (1 year old August 22).
Best Costume (boy): Jeff Watkins.
Best Float: City Council Biglan-tes (Grant Sams and Brody Struckmier).
Marching Units: first-Boy Scout Troup 661, second-Cub Scout Pack 661.

Courts
Mounted: first-Pendleton Round-Up Court, second-Sisters Rodeo Princess, third-Gilliam County Court, and fourth-Fort Dallas Rodeo.
In Vehicle: first-Umatilla Landing Days, and second-Happy Canyon Court.
Overall (combined): first-Pendleton Round-Up Court, second-Umatilla Landing Days, third-Sisters Rodeo Princess, and fourth-Gilliam County Court.

Other fashion revue winners included Co-Champions in the Beginner Division: Jenni Weygandt and Molly Evans. Co-Reserve Champions were Kari Morgan and Heather Kandle. Juniors: Champion, Linda Morter; Reserve Champion, Lori McCabe; Intermediate Champion, Amy Hobbs; Reserve Champion, Benji Pearson.

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