

## Teacher and student honored for month of Oct.



Gordon Meyers



Randy McCabe

Gordon Meyers has been voted teacher of the month for October by students of Ione High School.

He returned to the classroom this fall, after a year's leave of absence said a spokesperson for the school. Besides his social studies classes, he also teaches freshman English and P.E.

Senior Randy McCabe has been chosen October student of the month by members of the Ione High School

faculty. He is serving as student body secretary-treasurer this year and is on the annual staff. During his high school years, Randy has been on the football, basketball and track teams. This fall he was elected offensive end and defensive back on the Big Sky All-Star team, said a spokesperson for the school.

After graduation, he plans to attend Blue Mountain Community College and Southern Oregon College of Education with a major in business.

## 4-H Clubs

### Two-Trackers

The Two-Trackers 4-H Club will start its winter schedule with a business meeting Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. announced leader Al Brazell. It is important that all members attend as plans will be made for both the Christmas party and the winter program.

The Christmas party is to be held Sunday, Dec. 9 with the Wranglers Riding Club. There will be a potluck, a movie, and other fun things, said Brazell. "Since many Two-Trackers are also Wranglers, it is hoped everyone can attend. All members be sure to attend December 3 so you can help your club with its winter program."

### Souper Seamers

By ALECIA TARNASKY

The Souper Seamers 4-H clothing club met at the Extension Office Monday Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. At the meeting we elected the following officers: president-Giselle Schoonover, vice president-Amy Greenup, secretary-Kathy Martin, news reporter-Alecia Tarnasky, and activity chairman-Madora Rill.

After officers were elected, club members went to Case Furniture. The first year people learned how to read pattern envelopes. They also picked out what to make for their first project; they both chose Christmas stockings.

Second year people looked at pattern books and picked out picture frames for their project.

The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.

## School Lunch Menus

Heppner Elementary School

Monday, Dec. 3-fried chicken, VanWinkle rice, carrot coins, fruit, rolls and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 4-white spaghetti, vegetable salad, cheese chunks, fruit, French bread, and milk or salad bar and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 5-soup, sandwich, vegetable sticks, and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 6-taco with fixings, maple bars and milk.

Friday, Dec. 7-beef stew, cottage cheese, fruit, French bread, and milk or salad bar and milk.

Ione School

Monday, Dec. 3-hamburgers, tator sticks, pickles, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 4-cowboy macaroni tossed salad, hot rolls, dessert, milk or salad bar and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 5-beans & wieners, jelly rolls, celery sticks, fruit, milk or salad bar and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 6-tacos, green beans, fruit and milk.

Friday, Dec. 7-potato soup, turkey sandwiches, peanut butter sandwiches, crackers, dessert and milk.

## Couple celebrates 65th



Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Hudson celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary November 8 with a family dinner at the home of Jay Dee and Joan Hudson.

## Engagements

### Dougherty — Holland



Mr. James Daugherty, Rogue River, announces the engagement of his daughter, Karen Anne, of LaGrande, to Dale W. Holland, II, also of LaGrande.

Holland is the son of Dale and Karen Holland of Heppner. Daugherty graduated from Rogue River High School and is attending Eastern Oregon State College.

Holland is a graduate of Heppner High School and is attending Eastern Oregon State College in LaGrande.

The couple plan to be married at the United Presbyterian Church in Pendleton on December 22.

## T-shirt workshop slated

By BIRDINE TULLIS

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Morrow County

Wanting to make some quick gifts for children - or perhaps just a personalized item for a special kid?

"About T-Shirts" will be a special program December 4, 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia View Fellowship basement in Irrigon. Those attending will learn quick ways to sew T-shirts, and creative ideas for individualizing them. Instructors will be Jean Brazell, Juanita Ryan, and Birdine Tullis.

A bonus at the class will be the opportunity to learn about overlock machines, sometimes called ser-

gers. The overlock machines have become one of the popular new items for home sewers. One will be on hand for participants to examine and try if they wish.

Those attending the T-shirt workshop should bring their sewing machine, sewing equipment, knit fabric to make a T-shirt (fabric prewashed and dried in dryer), and pattern.

The T-Shirt workshop is part of the Children's Clothing program and will be an opportunity for less experienced home sewers to gain information while completing a quick garment.

There is no charge to attend. Call the, OSU Extension office, 676-9642, for more details.

## Cattlemen hear price outlook

More than 400 Cattlemen attended the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association in Portland two weeks ago reports spokesperson Donald Ostensoe. One of the most important topics of discussion was the livestock financing and general price outlook. Topper Thorpe, Denver, General Manager of Cattle-Fax, had a forecast for a sound marketing future for the industry. He said the "stage is set for definitely better times in our business - however, not all producers will share in it." He said only those producers who absolutely know their cost of production and act on this information during periods of market opportunity have the chance of operating at a profit.

Thorpe said the immediate outlook is for continued improved beef prices throughout the remainder of this year and into 1985, through at least next June when the highest prices will be available to cattlemen. He added that the demand situation for beef is as good as the industry has seen in the last four or five years. He also added that the

reduction in interest rates will offer improved opportunities for cattlemen who can move quickly and capitalize on this situation. Increased production of pork and poultry will be of concern for the beef industry in 1985 and 1986.

USDA Economist from Washington, D.C., Randy Russell, reviewed the overall agriculture picture for the U.S. and stated that the livestock industry had been slower to respond to the upturned economy than any other segment of agriculture. He stated that there is a considerable opportunity for increased beef exports worldwide, but that the industry must exert considerable pressure on foreign nations not to restrict U.S. Choice beef from coming into their countries. He said the demand for U.S. beef products is increasing in most foreign markets. He also said it was most important that the cattle industry have their wants and needs included in the Farm Program when it is written by Congress next year.

## Extension agent slates knapweed tour

By STEVE CAMPBELL

Extension Agent  
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The Oregon State University Extension Office in Morrow County will hold a tour of knapweed herbicide research plots on December 7. The tour will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the plot site. The plots are located on Willow Creek road three miles above the Willow Creek Dam.

Bob Costa and Steve Campbell will discuss the effects of different herbicides and herbicide rates and application timing at the plots and the relative costs of various treatments. Herbicides were applied on the plots in the spring and fall of 1984 in the first year of a three-year study. There are some striking comparisons demonstrated, and if you have an interest in knapweed control, this would be a valuable tour for you.

The tour will conclude at noon in time for everyone to make the 1 p.m. start of the Morrow County Livestock Grower's Annual meeting at the Heppner Elks Club.

## Door prize winners named

Lexington Lumber Yard has announced the following door prize winners selected during last Friday and Saturday's open house:

Mrs. Neonia Bailey-steak dinner for two, Cliff Dougherty-moon boots, Robert Heideman-gloves, and Gayle Arbogast-\$10 gift certificate.

## Quilt for display at Capitol will promote beef industry

Over \$18,000 was raised in an auction of quilt blocks at the Convention of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and the Oregon CowBelles in Portland recently announced Oregon CowBelles Publicity Chairman, Glenda Hyde. The quilt will be designed and assembled by the Jacksonville Museum Quilting Society. When completed, the quilt will be on permanent display at the State Capitol recognizing the beef industry. Funds will be used to promote state CowBelle participation in national CowBelle activities.

Thirty CowBelles who were attending the convention also participated in the Portland Beef Blitz.

## Wage and salary employment below 1983 levels

Morrow County's economy during October continued to perform behind last years efforts. Wage and salary employment was 90 below September 1983. Total employment was also below year ago comparisons while the number of the unemployed was slightly higher reports a news release from the Eastern Oregon Employment Division.

It is likely that wage and salary employment will increase during October although the numbers of unemployed should also increase as agricultural employment is curtailed continues the news release.

The long cool spring has led to lower yields for potato, corn, and



(Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from "This Week," a weekly newspaper in the Portland area. Terry Corbin, now of Beaverton, is the son of Genevieve and Bert Corbin of Heppner. He lived in this area for many years.)

Pets play an important role in our lives by providing love, affection and an affirmation of our worth. However, there is another group of animals that plays an important part in our lives, and that is the working animal. One group of working animals that many people unknowingly rely on to protect their lives is the highly trained canine-explosive detection unit stationed at Portland International Airport.

During the period of time when international airline hijackings were a common feature on the evening news, Portland International Airport had to rely on the services of the explosive-detection dogs from the Seattle area to search any threatening situation that occurred in or around the airport. When Portland became the scene for a hijacking, it became clear that the time and money involved in getting the Seattle dogs to the scene was simply not efficient or safe. The time had come for Portland to have its own team of explosive-detection dogs.

CowBelles visited 17 high school and junior high school Home Economics classes giving nutrition and cooking demonstrations. About 850 students heard about the ranching lifestyle first-hand.

An honorary Membership was presented to Les Schwab for his continuing support of the Beef Industry. The award was presented by the president of the American National CowBelles, Mrs. Natalie McElroy of Jamestown, N.D. Les Schwab Tire Centers gave away over \$91,000 in Beef Gift Certificates in Oregon during their February, 1984 "Free Beef" promotion.

fruit growers although prices have been relatively stable. Unfortunately, the wheat situation is not much improved. In fact, continuing low prices and some changes in the national farm program may well lead to expanded local sign-ups for the USDA farm program. While there have been some program changes (more up front money) the major impetus to sign up is the lowest October wheat prices since 1977. If these prices prevail, then county income and consumer spending will be low during the holiday season eventually translating into lower wage and salary employment levels for both this area and neighboring Umatilla County.

## The canine-explosive detective unit

Establishing a canine explosive-detection program in Portland was not so simple. Dick Raby and Marty Westbrook initiated the program by doing the research for the project. Their objective was to establish an explosive-detection program in Portland and be able to combine their love of dogs with their law enforcement jobs. Following several conferences with the Sea-Tac police and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department Canine Unit, Dick and Marty were ready to sign up for the Federal Aviation Administration's program at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Dick Raby was the first person selected from the Port of Portland police force to attend the five-to-six-month FAA training program. Having an interest in dogs made it easier for Dick to adjust to the new situation of having a full-time canine companion. After only a few weeks of classroom work, Dick received Kuda, a specially chosen German Shepherd that was to become Portland's first explosive-detection dog.

Putting together a highly efficient explosive-detection team is hard work. In the beginning, dogs are trained in patrol work. Here dogs learn to search buildings and outside areas for hiding or missing people. Next, the dogs learn to negotiate complex obstacle courses in order to become familiar with the various physical objects they will encounter in their work. Finally, the dogs are trained in controlled aggression. When these areas of training are mastered and the tests have been passed with a qualifying score, the dogs and handlers move into the next area of training-explosive detection.

Up to this point, the dogs and handlers are watched closely to determine if they work well together as a team. If a close and permanent bond has not been formed, the dog is removed from the program and replaced with a new dog. When this happens, the handler must go through the training program again with this new dog.

Fortunately, Dick and Kuda were a team from the beginning. After the initial training was completed, they began their nine-week schooling in explosive detection. In order to guarantee high levels of compe-

tency, the team is tested every two weeks. When they have reached their maximum level of proficiency, they are graduated from the training program and returned to their home airports to begin their new jobs.

Today, the teams of Marty Westbrook with Satan and Terry Corbin with Major are the only certified explosive-detection teams in the state of Oregon. Along with their duties at the airport, they assist local and federal law enforcement agencies whenever their services are required.

In order that the highest quality work is always maintained, supervisor Lee McKee puts the dogs and handlers through their paces at least once a week. Each year the FAA sends canine instructors to the Portland airport to re-test dogs and handlers on their proficiency in their field of work. Seminars are also held periodically throughout the year in order to keep the handlers and supervisor up-to-date on the latest trends in explosives, hi-jacking and terrorist activities.

Finding a veterinarian for these highly trained dogs was a time-consuming project. Several veterinarians in the area were screened before the decision was made to use Gateway Veterinary Hospital. Dr. William Derr had had previous experience caring for working dogs, was located close to the airport and was able to meet the specialized requirements of the FAA program.

Since these dogs are so important to the welfare of Portland citizens and people arriving from all parts of the world, they are given consistent high-quality health care. Each dog is given a yearly physical examination, booster vaccinations and whatever medical treatments they require. If any type of epidemic occurs in the canine population of Portland (ie: Canine Parvovirus this summer), the dogs are vaccinated immediately for the disease.

The most important element in this program is keeping the relationship between dog and handler positive and fun. Even though Satan and Major enjoy a happy life at home with their handlers, their real joy in life is going to work. For these two dogs, explosive-detection work is the high point of their day.

## Injuries decrease at railroad crossings

The number of train-vehicle accidents increased at public railroad crossings in Oregon in 1983, while the number of injuries dropped. One fatality occurred in 1983, the same as in 1982 announced a recent news release from the Oregon Public Utility Commissioner.

There were 59 public crossing accidents last year, compared to 48 in 1982. Injuries resulting from the accidents totaled 19 in 1983, down from 23 reported in 1982.

Those statistics and more are contained in "Railroad Accidents in Oregon 1982," a summary and analysis published yearly by the Oregon Public Utility Commissioner.

The single fatality occurred in April of 1983 when a truck collided with a train at a crossing south of Bend.

David Astle, assistant public utility commissioner for the PUC Rail Program, also reported that approximately \$1.4 million was spent in 1983 for installation of protective devices such as automatic gates and flashing lights at railroad crossings in various areas of the state.

A portion of the money comes from the PUC-administered Grade

Crossing Protection Account established by the 1973 Legislature. The federal government pays the largest share, while railroads and local governments also contribute to the ongoing protection program.

Since the program began, a total of \$23.2 million has been spent on the program through the end of 1983, including \$5.3 million from the PUC account. During that period, the program has paid for the installation of gates at 297 railroad-highway crossings throughout the state.

Copies of the 1983 report are available by writing to: Oregon Public Utility Commissioner, Labor & Industries Building, Salem, OR 97310.

Astle said that in addition to cooperating in safety efforts such as the crossing improvement program, the state's railroads and government agencies, including the PUC, are revitalizing the Operation Lifesaver safety education project.

Operation Lifesaver, which was reactivated in mid November will include media advertising, fact sheets, films, and school classroom talks to emphasize the need for rail crossing safety.

## Army introduces new degree completion program

The Army has introduced anew incentive package known as the Army College Degree Completion Program, or 2+2+2. This program is specifically designed for those who have earned an Associate Degree or the equivalent of 60 semester hours of college credit at an accredited school said Sgt. Bert Baty of the Pendleton Army Recruiting Station. The 2+2+2 package includes an

enlistment for two years in the Army, an offer to participate and receive up to \$20,100 in the Army College Fund, and credit for two years of ROTC training.

The Army is concerned with obtaining educated and motivated new soldiers. The incentives offered are geared to continuing education, as well as professional training in more than 300 fields, the opportunity for travel and the chance to "Be All You Can Be."