

Neighborhood Center

By NEOLA MACKEY

Adult and Family Services counselor Janet Phillips will be at the Heppner Neighborhood Center Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Center has food stamp applications at the office for those needing them.

The Blood Pressure Clinic will be held at the Center Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Thursday Social and Craft ladies will be served refreshments during the month of February by the Degree of Honor Ladies.

We are in need of thread, ribbon and trims at the Center for our crafts. The donations of yarn and buttons were greatly appreciated as are all donations made to the Center.

Above average spring and summer water supply forecast

Spring and summer water supplies are forecast to be above average although precipitation was below normal in December reports the Morrow County Soil Conservation Service.

Precipitation for December was 1.92" or 84 percent of the average at Ukiah and 0.68" or 39 percent of the average at Heppner.

The snowpack at Arbutle Mountain reached a 32" snow depth with a 7.0" water content which is 241 percent of average. The Madison Butte Snotel reported 5.8" of water in the snowpack.

Forecasts of streamflow assuming normal weather for the rest of the season are as follows:

for Butter Creek near Pine City, 13.3 thousand acre feet of stream flow which is 115 percent of the average flow for the March-July period.

for Rhea Creek near Heppner, 10.2 thousand acre feet which is 110 percent of the average flow for the February-July period.

for Willow Creek at Heppner, 10.3 thousand acre feet which is 110 percent of the average flow for the February-July period.

for Rock Creek above Cayuse Canyon near Condon, 23.0 thousand acre feet which is 116 percent of the average flow for the February-July period.

Water supplies are expected to range from 110 to 130 percent of normal this spring and summer for the Umatilla, Walla Walla, Willow, Rock, and Lower John Day watersheds. Mountain snowpack is very high with accumulations as great as 279 percent of normal. Precipitation during December was only half normal while for the winter season it has been normal. Streamflow should recede about 10 days later than normal.

Much above average streamflow is forecast for most of Oregon this spring and summer. The mountain snowpack is also much above average. Winter precipitation has been near to above average so far this year. January 1 reservoir storage levels are very good and most reservoirs will fill this year, says a composite report from the Oregon Dept. of Water Resources, the U.S. Geological Survey, the NOAA National Weather Service and other cooperators.

Easter Cantata practices begin

The Heppner area churches are uniting together in preparation for an Easter Community Cantata under the direction of Dave Sinkovitch.

Practice sessions will be held each Tuesday evening from now until Easter (with the exception of Spring

break) at the Heppner High School Band room at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in participating is welcome to these practice sessions beginning January 29. For further information, contact your local church pastor.

Wheat seminar scheduled

By BOB COSTA
OSU Extension Agent
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The popular Eastern Oregon Wheat Seminar will make its annual stop at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione on Wednesday, Feb. 6 beginning at 8:15 a.m. The lone program is offered for wheat farmers in Gilliam and Morrow Counties and all other interested persons by the Oregon State University Extension Service. The Oregon Wheat Growers Associations of Gilliam and Morrow Counties are co-sponsoring the event.

The morning program will feature an in-depth discussion of cereal plant growth and development. These are timely topics because of the small winter wheat plants in most area fields. Topics of discussion will include winter injury to

seedlings, frost damage and diseases, the effect of seedbed preparation on seedling growth, and the relationship between cereal growth stages and herbicides.

A demonstration area will be set-up with microscopes and other materials. Wheat growers can bring in some plants from their fields to get an assessment of growth stage and crop fitness from the participating scientists. The demonstration area will be open during breaks, lunch, and during and after the afternoon session.

A no-host lunch will be served by the ladies of the Willows Grange.

The afternoon session will include presentations on seed quality, wheat quality and our foreign markets, and marketing options and strategies.

For more information, call the OSU Extension office in Heppner at 676-9642.

1984-crop wheat eligible for reserve

"Wheat producers with maturing 1984-crop regular loans may place their crop in the farmer-owned reserve," Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block said recently. "Current provisions—a storage rate of \$265 per bushel and no reserve minimum—will apply."

USDA had said it would review the size of the reserve before the regular 1984-crop loans matured. "Because these loans will begin to mature on February 28, an announcement on reserve availability must be made now," Block said. "Nor is it likely that the statutory minimum will be

exceeded with entries of 1984-crop wheat."

Farmers will not be permitted to convert existing and maturing wheat reserve loans into the current Wheat Reserve VI. The trigger release level will be \$4.45 per bushel, the same as for the 1983 crop. Interest is charged on reserve loans during the first year in the reserve. No interest is charged after the first year, except during certain release periods.

Producers should contact the Morrow County ASCS office for further details.

Irrigation expert leads workshop

By BOB COSTA
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"Supposedly, minor losses from valves and elbows too often result in major efficiency losses as a result of improper design of irrigation systems," said Walt Trimmer, OSU Extension Irrigation Specialist, at an Extension Service sponsored Irrigation Workshop in Heppner. "Poor system design can cause excessive, unnecessary, power requirements," he added.

Trimmer led a two-hour discussion of basic hydraulics and irrigation system design with a group of 20 farmers from Morrow and Umatilla Counties.

He discussed the value of pressure regulators for hilly land where laterals cannot be kept on the contour. Pressure control devices provide more uniform pressure and water application on uneven terrain, but a small price is paid in pressure loss.

Trimmer earned B.S., M.S., and

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones 989-8189

Bill Bloodsworth of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bloodsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Campbell of Lexington entertained with an open house on Saturday, at the home of their mother, Eula Bloodsworth, to celebrate her 80th birthday. Many friends and relatives called during the afternoon to wish her well. A flat birthday cake was beautifully decorated with letters and flowers. Mrs. Bloodsworth wore a lovely corsage, a gift, during the day. In the evening there were about 40 to enjoy a fine dinner. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Todd Russell and children of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ramonda and daughter of Corvallis, Billy Bloodsworth and Ruth Zacharias from Hermiston, Nancy Nash of Pendleton, and a sister of Mrs. Bloodsworth and husband Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Lathrop of Wallawa. Mrs. Bloodsworth and her children.

Erda Pieper has had a house guests this past week her daughters LaVelle Brown of Newport, and Marcie Hall of Portland.

Hilda Yocom consulted a physician in Pendleton on Monday.

Let us not forget the card party to be held Sat. evening, Feb. 2 at the Rebekah Hall in Lexington.

A lovely cradle shower was held at the Rebekah Hall on Sunday honoring Janette Skow. The rooms were decorated in the baby motif, with a

lovely sheet cake decorated in the same, which was served with tea and coffee. There were about 30 friends and relatives present for the afternoon. Hostesses were Lisa Dahl, Cathy Cutsforth, Sonja McCabe, Susan Lankford and Julie Sturza.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom entertained their family with a dinner on Sunday honoring their daughter Marie Jones on her birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leland Jones, of Pendleton, Mrs. Debbie Jones and daughters of Echo, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yocom of Ione, and Stormy Jo Howard of Heppner.

Theme chosen for national meat week

"Meat: A Food for Fitness" is the theme selected for National Meat Week, January 27-February 2, 1985. The nationwide observance will highlight meat's important contribution to the American diet.

The American Meat Industry (AMI) selected this year's theme to reflect the current trend sweeping the nation—fitness.

This second annual National Meat Week observance is sponsored statewide by the Oregon Beef Council, Oregon Cattlemen's Association and Oregon CowBelles.

Candy making workshop slated at Ione and Irrigon

By BIRDINE TULLIS
OSU Extension Service

Morrow Co. Program Assistant. Just in time for Valentine's Day. Everyone is invited to have a sweet evening out and learn about making candy.

Homemakers from Morrow and Umatilla counties will be sharing their skills in preparing special sweets on Monday, Feb. 4, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Ione School Cafeteria, and Thursday, Feb. 7, 7 to 9 p.m., at A.C. Houghton School, Irrigon.

Demonstrations at each site will include dipping chocolates, suckers, fudge, and peanut brittle, as well as special demonstrations unique to each location.

Ione will include decorating valentine cookies as a special addition to the workshop there.

4-H Clubs

The Seam Rippers

By SHERRY BINGHAM

At our last meeting, we went to Case Furniture to look at patterns and to pick one out for our next project.

At our next meeting we will be cutting out our patterns. Those attending our last meeting were Tammy Bruch, Alyssa Dick and Sherry Bingham.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 31, 4 p.m. at the Extension Office. Those interested in sewing are welcome to attend.

Photography Club

A 4-H Photography club will meet Thursday, Jan. 31, 6:45 p.m. at the Motor Vehicles Division office in Heppner.

Students who wish to join should bring a \$1 registration fee, some people-pictures they've taken, a small notebook, and a pen, says club leader Gene Murty. "At this meeting we'll discuss 4-H Record Keeping, this year's project goals, and equipment to be used in the project."

What's Your Opinion



Question: "How do you feel about the possibility of Arlington becoming a dump site for PCB toxic waste?"

"I don't like it. It's too close to a main stream. What would happen if it seeped down into the Columbia River? It's just too close to home," said Marlene Curran of Heppner. "I think they should put it in a less populated area away from main waterways such as a desert in Nevada or Death Valley."

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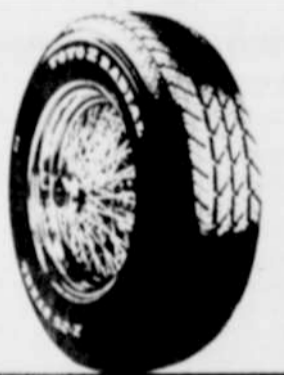
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