

Lynch Terrace students come to Heppner

From April 13 to April 20 a group of eighth graders from Lynch Terrace Middle School and their teacher, Dave Olcott, traded places with a similar group from Heppner Jr. High.

Olcott describes the program as "a tremendous learning experience for all." Each year, he says, is unique. Because different kids and different parents are involved, an unknown is built into the program. "Some kids who are introverted at home will blossom in a different environment."

This is the fifth year of the program which he and Don Cole, Heppner Elementary School principal, originated following Olcott's experience working with senior high school students during the summer at Tupper. We've been fortunate, Olcott explains because last year was the first time we had a youngster who was completely shocked by the change in physical environment from the green, rainy, suburban area to the dry, flat farmland.

Cole and Olcott use profiles which the students fill out and their acquaintance of the student to match visiting students with similar students in host families. "Just to see the kids learn in a different environment" is reward enough to continue the program, says Olcott. In our suburban area kids are "impacted with so many things. Fads are more readily accessible. A major movie complex, and video arcade are within walking distance of the school and these can have a negative impact on the student population. They're available here, but kids have to go more out of their way to find them."

"This community has been fantastic," Olcott continues. The understanding and patience shown the kids in the school environment and from the host parents and total community involvement with the school has made this experience not just an isolated week, but has established friendships, which for some of the kids, now seniors, who

were among the first to participate in the exchange, which have continued between families.

Four of the students from Lynch Terrace were heartily in agreement with their teacher. Having formerly considered Eastern Oregon as a hot, dry, out-of-the-way desolate nothing, with smiles, they proclaimed the area "civilized."

We can go by the Meadowland Dairy at home and see cows, but here it's "more like cowboys," said Jean Hankins, 13, hosted by the Robert McLaughlin family. Everyone tries to include us in everything, tours of the land, explaining what they do, etc. It's not just the school activities, but the host family, too. Everyone is a friend. Portland is much more impersonal.

It's a "nice atmosphere here" said Dan Watkins, 14, who was staying with the Joe Miller host family. "You begin to think of your host place as home." Before we left, kids would scoff, "How fun, now we can go back and tell them they really missed a good experience."

Carolyn Forsyth, 14, who was staying with the Steve Brownfield host family speculated that while she wasn't sure she'd like to move here with her own family, it would be nice to live in eastern Oregon after she finished school. "I want to be a crop duster, so I could see everything."

Rob Bedlion, 13, hosted by the William Rill family explained, eyes beaming, that his most outstanding experience was loading 1,000 sheep into a big diesel. He pointed out that it was necessary to keep the lambs separate from the larger animals so that they wouldn't be crushed. "We took the sheep about 10 miles away to another pasture. It took all day."

All agreed that it would be hard to leave, that they would write letters to stay in touch with the people they had met, and that the thing most different from home was the absence of locks - car doors left unlocked, houses unlocked, and no locks on the school lockers.



Lynch Terrace students watch branding demonstration at Wright ranch located near Ruggs.



14 local students to attend writing festival

Morrow County School District has announced that it will send 14 students to the First Annual Oregon Writing Festival on Saturday, May 4 at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Over 800 students from 86 school districts throughout the state will participate in the festival, sponsored by the Oregon Council of Teachers of English, the State Department of Education and the University of Oregon.

Students from Grades 1-12 were selected locally for their outstanding writing ability. Each has prepared a special work to share with other students and writing instructors at the festival.

Morrow County School District will be represented by Jana Mounts and Seth Smythe from Sam Boardman Elementary, Colleen Hensley and Robby Starke from Riverside High School, Teresa Fuentes and

Donya Mathews from Columbia Junior High School, Renee Struthers and Kathleen Brazell from Heppner High School, Heidi Nelson, Nancy Morter, Kevin Rietman, Eric Cook, Jill Conklin, and Karla Davison from Lone Schools.

In addition to sharing their own work, students will attend lectures by featured speakers Walt Morey, author of "Gentle Ben" and other books; Kim Stafford, poet and essayist; and Mara Stahl, a folklorist and puppeteer.

Students and teachers will also participate in workshops conducted by outstanding teachers and professional writers from across the state.

Festival Chairman, Tim Gillespie of the Multnomah Educational Service District, says the festival was organized to recognize and encourage Oregon students and teachers for their efforts to improve writing.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held Monday, May 6th, 1985 at 8:00 P.M. during the City of Heppner Council meeting at City Hall, 188 W. Willow Street Heppner, Oregon on Ordinance No. 457, an ordinance declaring the City's election to receive State revenues. Copies of the ordinance will be available for review at City Hall prior to it being presented for enactment.

Marshall Lovgren,
City Administrator
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SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR SALE BY SEALED BID

Two (2) complete 3/4" Neptune LP Gas transfer pumps, including Type 4D, Style N meters with 157 and 106 registers; hoses and fillers valves; cabinets and fixtures.

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All bids must be delivered to the district office by 2:00 p.m. May 14, 1985 in a sealed envelope plainly labeled "Propane Pump Bid."

Bids received after the time of opening will not be considered.

The district reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

For complete information, call the Morrow County School District office: 989-8202.

Equipment may be inspected at Boardman or Heppner Bus Shop.

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For purchase after July 1, 1985, the Morrow County School District invites sealed bids for:

- a school bus
- other vehicles
- carpeting
- fuels
- tires
- copy machines
- HVAC equipment
- irrigation supplies and equipment

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. May 14, 1985 at the district office, P.O. Box 368, Lexington, OR 97839, at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Bids received after the time fixed for opening will not be considered.

Bid specifications may be examined or obtained at the district office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The school district reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Doyle McCaslin
Superintendent
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NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION

COUNTY OF MORROW

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, May 21, 1985, an election will be held in Morrow County, OR. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The following shall be the ballot title for the measure submitted to the electors thereof:

THREE YEAR SERIAL LEVY OUTSIDE THE TAX BASE

QUESTION
Shall Morrow County Levy a three year serial levy of \$84,429 outside the tax base for Lifeguard Medical Transport?

PURPOSE

The purpose of the measure is to provide \$28,143 per year for three years for Lifeguard Medical Transport to help fund services to the citizens of Morrow County.

EXPLANATION

Lifeguard Medical Transport has requested that Morrow County contribute \$28,143 per year for three years to help fund their operations. Lifeguard Medical Transport is a private non-profit corporation that provides medical helicopter transport in an area of a 150 mile radius from Pendleton. Lifeguard is asking for assistance from approximately nine counties. The total three year serial levy is \$84,429 which includes six percent for taxes not expected to be received. The tax rate for Lifeguard Medical Transport will be approximately \$0.04 per \$1,000 valuation. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an estimate only based on the best information available from the County Assessor at the

time of estimate for fiscal year 1985-86.

This legal notice is to be published in the Heppner Gazette-Times.

LoRayne M. Bowman,
Morrow County Budget Officer
Title
Morrow County Clerk
Barbara Bloodsworth
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What's Your Opinion?



Question: "What do you feel the potential is for Life Guard?"
"I feel that should we get multi county funding, Life Guard and its Board of Directors would have done something no one else has done in the country," said Craig Manley, Executive Director for Life Guard. "In other words, lower the rates for the patient."

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