

### Farewell potluck planned July 13

A farewell potluck picnic will honor the Rev. Floyd Wilks and family at the Heppner City Park 1 p.m. July 13. Everyone is invited to attend.

July 13 will be the Rev. Wilks last Sunday at the Heppner Nazarene Church. He has been called to pastor the Moses Lake, Washington, Church of the Nazarene.

### Parish lists summer worship schedule

Hope-Valby Parish will begin Summer worship schedule June 29. Services at Hope will be at 8 a.m. and Valby at 10 a.m.

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## Engagements



### McKinney-Heeringa

Elizabeth McKinney and Raymond Heeringa, both of Everson, Washington announce their engagement and plans for a September 27 wedding in Lynden, Washington.

The bride elect is the daughter of Leland and Grace McKinney of Fairbanks, Alaska. She attended Lynden High School, Blue Mountain Community College and the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She is employed at Bornstein Seafoods, Inc. in Bellingham, Washington.

The bridegroom-elect is the son of Ron Heeringa of Ferndale, Washington and Marie Heeringa of Lynden, Washington. He attended Lynden Christian High School and is employed at Bode's Ready Mix in Lynden, Washington.

### Celebrate 50th anniversary

A reception at St. Patrick's Parish Hall July 5 from 3-5 p.m. will honor Edmond and Eleanor Gonty on their 50th wedding anniversary. All friends are cordially invited to attend.

The Gontys were married July 4, 1936 at the Catholic Church in Beaverton. They have four children: Ray of Seattle, Virginia (E.V.) of Ukiah, Thomas of Heppner, and Charles (Doug) of Newport News, Virginia.

The Gontys worked together at their Heppner Shoe Store until 1976 when the business was sold to Jerry and Joyce Hollomon. Since their retirement, they have kept busy with Ed's appliance repair shop, gardening, their mountain cabin, and Eleanor's volunteering at the Neighborhood Center and with the special education class at Heppner Elementary School.

### Morrow 4-H's attend Summer Week

Ten Morrow 4-H's are discovering the challenges of change as they attend the annual Oregon 4-H Summer Week at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Members traveled by bus, with 4-H's from Gilliam Wheeler, and Sherman counties joining them enroute. Chaperone for the four-county group is Jim Murphy, Gilliam County Agent.

All older 4-H's had earlier chosen classes they will attend, varying from "rap sessions" or leadership and interpersonal relationship to horse classes and other vocational skills.

Attending from Morrow County are Shanna Evans, Irrigon; Judy Jepsen, Rondi Tews, Linda Morter, Amy Wagenblast, Ione; Kathleen Brazell, Lexington; and Angie Currin, Kelly and Shannon McLaughlin, and Nance Wright all of Heppner.

Scholarship costs for Summer Week delegates are provided by local businesses, groups, and individuals.

### Former manager of Heppner bank promoted

Kenneth C. Miller, a regional lending officer with First Interstate Bank of Oregon has been promoted to vice president. His office is in the bank's Eastern Region headquarters at Bend.

Miller, who grew up in Fossil, joined the bank in Portland in 1967. After advancing through several consumer lending positions, he was promoted to assistant manager of the Prineville branch in 1976. In 1978 he was promoted to manager of the bank's Heppner branch, and in 1982 he was assigned as a regional lending officer, the position he now holds.



## County Agent's Corner



By Fred Lundin  
Morrow Co. Ag Agent

Cheatgrass or downy brome (*Bromus tectorum*) is a persistent pest in grain fields, causing severe yield losses in many cases.

For the last 60 years, Oregon farmers have tried many cultural and chemical innovations to eliminate cheatgrass in wheat and barley fields. The weed is a winter annual like wheat, and its life cycle closely parallels wheat. This makes it very difficult to control with cultural practices.

Compounds such as metribuzin (Sencor or Lexone) have controlled cheatgrass well, but have also injured the wheat crop badly. There is a new product called ethyl metribuzin (Tycor or Siege) which holds promise as a preemergence or postemergence herbicide, and wheat seems to have very good tolerance to it.

In a study done by Don Rydrych, weed scientist at the Oregon State University Agricultural Field Station

at Pendleton, ethyl metribuzin compared with metribuzin to evaluate crop injury and weed response. Metribuzin reduced yield on small wheat (3-leaf) except at low rates of application (.12 lb./acre). Ethyl metribuzin was safe on small wheat regardless of chemical rate.

Cheatgrass control was excellent with ethyl metribuzin when it was applied before the weeds had one to two tillers. Since treatments on well tillered cheatgrass resulted in poor control, spring applications are not as effective. This new herbicide is also active on broadleaf weeds such as fiddleneck (tarweed), false flax, blue mustard, tumble mustard, and prickly lettuce, and it has some control over annual rye and goatgrass.

It is not yet registered for use by the Environmental Protection Agency. Mobay (Tycor) and Du Pont (Siege) will both be marketing this product, and, as yet, have not decided on a price. Registration is expected by next spring, and farmers should have use of the product in 1987.

This research breakthrough means that farmers will have effective cheatgrass control with good crop safety in winter wheat next year.



Town of Lexington Sets 1986 Fire Season  
The Lexington City Council has set the 1986 Fire Season to commence on July 1 and will be in effect until further notice.

While the fire season is in effect no open fires will be permitted without a fire permit. Fire permits may be obtained from the Fire Department. Contact Bill Sheirbon (989-8526) or Charlie Sumner (989-8514) to apply for a permit.

Burning will be permitted, without a permit, if contained in a waste burner with an effective means of arresting sparks and fly ash. Oil drums covered with metal screens will be acceptable for this purpose.

The ordinance also requires that lots be kept free of tall weeds and other flammable waste or rubbish.

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Bill Sheirbon  
Fire Chief  
Town of Lexington

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