



### Pine Wood Derby Time

Excited Cub Scouts and their dads gather around the Pine Wood Derby race track as Cubmaster Dale Hedman lines up cars at the starting gate.

The following Webelos Scouts placed: first-Chad Doherty, second-Jeremy Clark, third-Bridger Baker. Bear Scouts placing were: first-Jon Hanna, second-

brian Dames, and third-Ethan Burnside.

Wolf Scouts earning place rankings were: first-Colin Anderson, second-Jonathan Metz, third-Daniel Burnside.

Bobcat place winners were: first-Justin Adleman, second Joey Greisen, and third-Lonnie Rill.

### Heppner FFA'er continues to sectional contest

The Blue Mountain District FFA Skills Contest was held last Thursday at Pendleton High School. Heppner took 11 members, Danny Lindsay, Dean Munkers, Brian Coleman, Cory Rill, Barney Lindsay, Dorothy Hays, Lori Cecil, Mike Gorman, Nancy Bailey, Jeff Rauch, and Nance Wright, to the contest.

Barney Lindsay gave a prepared speech entitled, "Farm Management: Plan or Parish". He did well but was unable to place in the top three. First place went to Melinda Wachter, Pendleton; second to Bob Wolfe, Hermiston; and third to Trina Hellberg, Riverside.

Lindsay also gave an extemporaneous speech on "How Consumer Demand Effects the Livestock Producer". He placed third in this contest. Bob Wolfe placed second, and Molly Bothum, Pendleton, took first.

Cory Rill and Brian Coleman participated in Creed Speaking, each did well considering the tough competition. Third place went to Sarah Hansell, Weston McEwen; second to Angie Kurk also from Weston, and third went to Ray Baker of Hermiston.

The top second place winners will go on to the Sectional Contest in LaGrande February 24. Bob Wolfe chose to go in Prepared Speaking so Barney Lindsay will advance to the sectional level in Extemporaneous.

Judges for the contest were Dennis Clark from Union, Roger Dufec from Joseph, and Greg Barron from Hermiston. Question Judges were Jim Eardley, Jeff Duff, and Wayne Friedly—all from Pendleton.

There were 80 students in total attendance. They were from the Pendleton, Hermiston, Riverside, McLaughlin, Weston McEwen, Condon, and Heppner Chapters.

### Irrigon man charged with attempted murder

A Morrow County Grand Jury has accused an Irrigon man of Attempted Murder, Attempted Rape, Kidnapping I, Coercion, and Possession of Cocaine in a secret indictment returned by the grand jury Wednesday, February 5.

Jo Jesus Gonzalez, 36, Irrigon, was charged with attempted murder in connection with an incident involving a 19 year old Irrigon woman January 22 in which he allegedly stabbed at her with a knife and hit and kicked her about the face and stomach. The indictment alleges the other crimes occurred during the same incident.

Gonzalez was arrested January 22 when the Morrow County Sheriff, assisted by Irrigon Police responded to a 911 call. He was first arraigned January 28 in Justice Court in Heppner.

Gonzalez pleaded not guilty to all charges Friday, February 6 before Judge Ralph Curran Pro Tem in Heppner Circuit Court. The court appointed Wallace Terry, a public defender, to represent Gonzalez in the case.

Gonzalez is currently lodged in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, in lieu of \$25,000 bail. According to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace, a trial date has been set for March 13.

### Auction to benefit accident victim

A benefit and auction for the Pete McElligott family has been set for Saturday night, Feb. 28 at the Condon Elks Lodge.

The public is invited to take part in "Little Reno Night" with real casino action starting at 9 p.m. and running until 2 a.m. with a break at 12:30 a.m. for the auction.

During the night there will be a drawing for an airplane trip for two to Reno for two nights with lodging included. Other items will be auctioned off including two nights at Lincoln City for two and one ton of hay.

A steamer clam or prime rib dinner will be available at the Elks starting at 6 p.m. There will be a dance downstairs at the lodge for those who need a break from the gaming tables.

Tickets for the drawing are on sale at the Condon Elks Lodge, the "Times-Journal" and Murray's Pharmacy for \$1 each.

Donations of money can be made to the "Ben McElligott Trust Fund" through the First Interstate Bank, Condon Branch.

To donate items for the auction or for further information concerning the event, please call Leanne Durfey at 384-3442 or Sue Dalzell at 422-7111.

Ben, a kindergarten student at Condon, and his mother were injured in a two-vehicle accident Dec. 4 on Hale Ridge Road seven miles off Highway 206. He is the grandson of former Morrow County Judge Don McElligott.

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### Grange women plan activities

By Delpha Jones

The Wheatland Pomona Grange District No. 29 Grange Womens Activity group met at the Lexington Grange Hall on Tuesday for a year-long conference with District No. 4 Chairman Verla Larson of Portland presiding over the conference. The meeting was called to order by the Pomona Chairman Geri Martin.

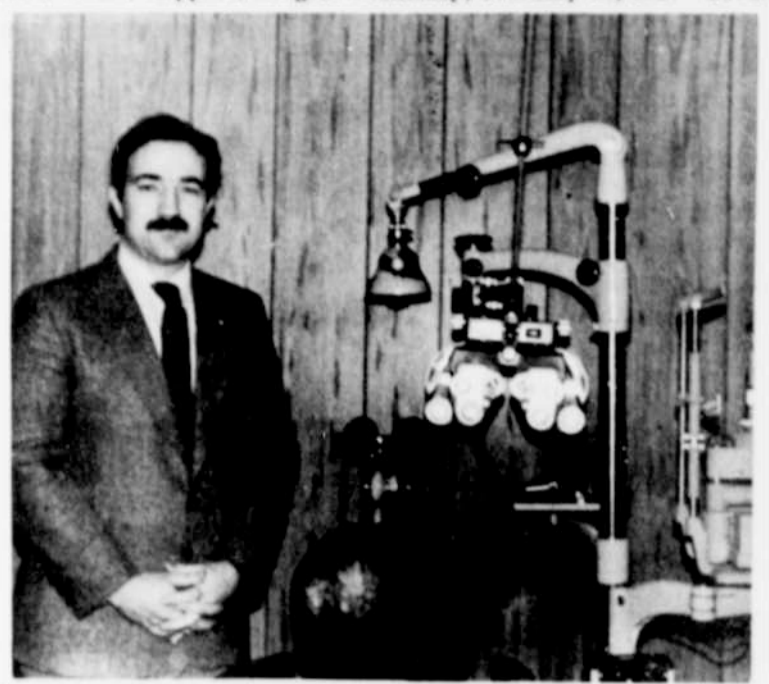
Mrs. Larson gave highlights on the sewing contest and the dates of May 5-6-7 for the judging. It is hoped that there will be more interest shown, as the contests have been going down hill a bit. There are some new rules which will make the contest more interesting. Non-grangers can compete in the sewing contest. The Oregon Wheat Commission is sponsoring a bread baking contest. The entry must be a yeast bread and made with home ground soft white wheat. Some of these mentioned are Hyslop-Stevens, and Gaines. If purchased at a food store be certain it hasn't been treated for seed purposes. There are three classes No. 1 white bread, No. 2 dark bread, and No. 3 a variety sweet bread. First place winner will receive a engraved silver bread tray, second place \$25, and third \$15.

A new contest, which is hoped to bring much interest is fudge making. There is also the cookie contest, stuffed toys, needlework and others in the GWA area.

Several worthwhile projects are sponsored by the Grange, the deaf project, which supports the Umatilla ESD center in Hermiston, and the Eugene speech and hearing center. Dogs for the Deaf, training and obtaining dogs for the shut ins who have hearing problems, and scholarships for deaf students. The Grange also saves old glasses and hearing aid batteries. Let us not forget the GWA scholarship given each state session at the GWA breakfast. There are several other projects and if anyone is interested, contact any grange member. Those wishing to contribute hearing aid batteries, glasses etc., may contact Geri Martin of Heppner.

A lunch was served at noon by the Lexington GWA group to Verla Larson and her husband from Portland, Edna Melby, Lorraine Carlson, Martha Baker, Marie White, from Greenfield, Wilma Ladd Martin, Annabelle Jaeger, Loretta Lantis from Mikkalo Grange, Joyce Buchanan, Ruth Bergstrom, Marie Steagall, Delpha Jones, Hilda Yocum, Dorothy Jackson, Marilyn Bergstrom, Verna Brinda, Kathy Clark, Lexington Grange, Dot Halvorsen of Willows Grange.

The dates for the State session will be June 17-18-19 in Hermiston.



### Optometrist moves office

Dr. Robert Rolen is still seeing patients Tuesdays and first and third Fridays in Heppner. He has moved across from the Gazette-Times office from his Main street office in the hotel building.

Floyd Turnbull, a Hermiston chiropractor, will share the office on Fridays and Tuesday afternoons beginning in March, Rolen says.

Other businesses located in the hotel building will have to relocate if the building is sold to the city and a senior citizen housing project is completed. Arnie Hedman, owner of the building and of Case Furniture, says he has plans to move the fabric and carpet business if the building sells, but is not yet ready to announce them. The barber shop in the building would also have to move, but Hedman says there are several spaces in Heppner suitable for the shop.

### Dryland wheat growers hear crop specialists



Joe McElligott, (left) Russ Karow, extension cereals specialists, and Frank Mader discuss alternative crops during a break at a February 5 dryland wheat seminar at Willows Grange in Ione.

Forty plus Morrow and Gilliam county farmers listened to extension specialists at an all day February 5 dryland wheat seminar in Ione.

Russ Karow, a cereals expert, explained possible advantages of a man-made crop, triticale, a cross between wheat and rye which is supposed to combine the yield and protein value of wheat and the adaptability of rye. Although yields are sometimes sporadic, Karow said, the crop still has advantages in some areas because it is a non-program crop and can be planted in set-aside acres.

Ken Holleman, an extension poultry specialist, said that turkey growers purchase some triticale for feed, but would be more interested if the cost were lower and the protein level constant.

Don Wysocki and John Hart, soil specialists from Oregon State University, also talked to farmers about fertilizers.

### Below average water supply predicted

Spring and summer water supplies are forecast to be slightly below average, says the Heppner Field office of the Soil Conservation Service. Precipitation was above normal in January but still is below normal for the water year.

Precipitation for January was: Ukiah 2.39, 128% of average; Heppner 1.37, 98% of average. The snowpack at Arbuckle Moun-

tain was 31" snow depth and 8.4" water content. This is 117 percent of average. The Madison Butte Snotel reported 5.4" of water in the snowpack, which is 100% of average. For this month these figures represent some of the best precipitation and snowpack in the state.

Forecasts of streamflow, as of February 1, assuming normal weather conditions for the rest of the season are as follows:

Stream	Forecast		Period	Avg 1000's of
	100's of	% Avg		
Butter Creek nr. Pine City	9.4	85	Mar-Jul	11.6
Rhea Cr. nr. Heppner	7.7	87	Feb-Jul	9.3
Willow Cr. at Heppner	7.1	78	Feb-Jul	9.4
Rock Cr. abv. Cayuse	15.8	84	Feb-Jul	19.8
Canyon nr. Condon				

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