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Irrigon potato harvest reaches peak

By Joyce Hensley

Clouds of dust trail the tractors as they creep through the potato fields at Western Empire, southwest of Irrigon, pulling diggers. Workers throw rocks, vines and dirt clods from the potatoes before they are dropped into the trucks to be hauled to the processing plants.

Harvest on local farms is producing average yield, but good quality potatoes. "Our quality is looking great," said Eric Strandberg, Orchard Foreman for Western Empire. A good average for a potato harvest is 28 to 30 ton per acre, according to Strandberg.

Western Empire has approximately 2,500 acres, with center pivot irrigation, planted in russet potatoes. November will see the tail end of harvest, or pretty close, according to Strandberg.

SK Farms, located south of I-84 and east of the Boardman bombing Range Road, is having the same kind of year. "Our yields are generally good," said foreman Steve Peck. "The quality (of our potatoes) is real good, but the market is terrible."

The problems Washington State is having with an over abundance of migrant workers doesn't seem to exist here. "We have a few migrants, but most of our people are local," said Strandberg. "When harvest time comes around, some of their



Photo by Joyce Hensley

Truck driver and tractor driver work in unison as they drive down the row of potatoe at Western Empire, southwest of Irrigon. Workers on the digger keep their balances so they can quickly remove the rocks, dirt clods, and vines from the potatoes as they drop into the back of the truck to be hauled to the processing plants.

relatives come into the area and move in with them for the season. "We had a pretty good turn out, but we could use a few more truck drivers," he added.

Peck, of SK Farms, said their employee situation was similar. "We have a big crew, just about right. We use local people who have been with us for years and years. They are the finest people in the world," he added.

Potatoes grown at Western Empire go to Lamb-Weston, Inc., in Boardman, the J.R. Simplot Company in Hermiston and Caldwell, Idaho, and Western Brands in Metolius.

Potatoes that don't go to local or Idaho markets will be stored in sheds. Later they will be shipped to contractors or be sold on the open market around December 1, Standberg said.



- These are October activities for gardeners:
- Plant garlic for harvesting next summer.
 - Pull and dry onions for storage. Keep at 32-35 degrees in a dry area.
 - Harvest sunflower heads; use seed for birdseed or roast for personal use.
 - Dig and store potatoes; keep in darkness, moderate humidity, temperature about 40 degrees F.
 - Ripen green tomatoes indoors.
 - Harvest and store apples; keep at about 40 degrees, moderate humidity.
 - Spray peach trees for coryneum blight with copper fungicides; spray cherry and prune trees for bacterial canker with copper spray.
 - Place mulch around berries for winter protection.
 - Place mulch around roses, azaleas, rhododendrons for winter protection.
 - Dig and store geraniums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, gladiolas.
 - Place fuchsias where they won't freeze.
 - Propagate the following flowers by stem cutting: chrysanthemums, fuchsias, geraniums.
 - Keep leaves raked from lawn to prevent smothering the grass.
 - Early October: begin manipulating light to force Christmas cactus to bloom in late December.
 - Store garden chemicals, fertilizers in safe, dry place out of reach of children.
 - Dig and divide rhubarb. (Should be done about every four years.)
 - Clean and prepare the greenhouse for winter gardening activities.
 - Start compost.
 - Place mulch or manure or compost on asparagus and rhubarb beds.
 - Rake and destroy disease-infested leaves (apples, cherry, rose etc.).
 - Trap moles and gophers.
 - clean up annual flower beds and mulch with manure or compost.
- For more information call your local Extension Agent, 676-9642.



Anna Peterson, (right) the new director for the Boardman Child Development Center, shares jobs with Tami Roark (left) and Gayle Nix, aids. Arinda Hall, (second from right) has the special job of teaching the pre-schoolers from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Child development center hires new director

By Joyce Hensley

Change seems to be the current word at the Boardman Child Development Center in Boardman, according to the new director, Anna Peterson. Surrounded by happily playing children with bright colors everywhere, she says, "we hope to accomplish a lot...we have lots of goals."

The center, open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. is now offering a day care, latch key and morning pre-school programs, is aiming for a reading program for the children by the end of October, according to Peterson. "Since it is not possible to transport the children to the library for their weekly programs, we hope to obtain one or more volunteers to provide one here at the Center."

A reduced hourly rate for the children is the biggest change planned. "Because of the poor economy, starting October 1, we will reduce our rates from \$1.25 per child to \$1 per child," said Peterson. This will be done without reducing any of the current services, such as free snacks and meals.

The non-profit organization, with facilities to handle up to 38 children, is also asking for donations to provide material and labor for a fenced play area, "so the children will be able to spend more time in the fresh air and sunshine."

A recent employee of the Boardman Enterprise, Peterson was voted into her position as director by a

unanimous vote of the board, consisting of President, Jerry Donovan; Secretary, Susan Tolar; members at large, Pam Docken, Carol Hardie, Sue Russell and Vern Viall.

Peterson says she likes the challenge her new position offers. She moved to Boardman with her family from Boise, Idaho, six years ago where they had lived for 17 years. "We are originally from

Montana," said Peterson. Peterson's husband, James, is maintenance supervisor at Lamb Weston. The couple have a son and daughter; James Ivan Peterson, Portland; and Crystal Ann Richardson, Boardman. They also have four grandchildren.

"Watch us, we're changing for the better," says Peterson of the Boardman Child Development Center.

Boardman library slates open house

The Friends of the Boardman Library will host an open house on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 6-8 p.m. At this time the Friends will officially turn the first 30 volumes of the Library of America Series over to the Library. The series has been made possible through a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and matching funds raised by the Friends of the Library. The Friends are still taking donations in any amount. Those who give \$25 or more will have their names on a plaque in the library.

The Boardman library has received 26 new adult books including: "Prairie" by Anna Lee Waldo, "Leaving Home" by Garrison Keillor, "Empire" by Gore Vidal, "Lie Down With Lions" by Ken Follett, "Siblings Without Rivalry" by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" by Lucy DeBarbin and "Time Flies"

by Bill Cosby. In the children's and juniors' section, the library has received 23 new books including: "Riddles That Rhyme For Halloween Time", "Dinosaurs", "What Kind of Bird Is That?", "The Little Mouse", "The Red Ripe Strawberry" and "The Big Hungry Bear."

Tests show five treatments fail to increase yield

Many products on the market are used as a coating for wheat seed. Many are necessary. Smut and bunt diseases, for example, are controlled primarily by a seed fungicide treatment.

There are, however, many products on the market whose economic benefit have not yet been determined. Oregon State University looked at five products on three wheat varieties at two locations and found

no yield increases from their use.

The products studied were: (1) YEA!, containing chitosan, a derivative of crabshell; (2) Amplify-D, containing sodium phosphates and adenosine monophosphate; (3) CARDAK, containing supersulper, a starch derivative; (4) Golden X, containing Aspergillus oryzae in a carrier of sand washings; and (5) a treatment which consisted of passing the seed through a Bio-Mag magnetic seed treater.

The three wheat varieties were Stephens, Hill 81, and Malcolm, and the test sites were Corvallis and Moro.

In these tests, these five seed treatments did not increase yield, even to the point of returning the farmer's investment in treated seed. The trials are continuing and may produce different results in the future, but for now, the Extension office is not recommending their use.

Pirates cage Honkers

By Brandon Muir

The Pirates first score came early in the first quarter against the Sherman County Huskies last weekend.

The Pirates held the Huskies scoreless in the first quarter although they had a touchdown attempt called back on a foul.

Interceptions by Jason Michaels and Mike Sturdy kept fourth quarter excitement alive. The Pirates exploded for a final score of 22-6.

Statistics: 7-6-0-19-32
Sherman Co. 0-4-0-0-4
Riverside-Michael 87 yard kickoff return (Reyes kick).
Riverside-Cannell 7 run (conversion failed).
Sherman Co.-Martin 20 pass from Justesen (kick failed).
Riverside-Cannell 41 run (kick failed).
Riverside-Cannell 7 run (Reyes kick).
Riverside-Hill 4 run (conversion failed).

Wins \$100

Harry D. Fairchild, Longview, Washington, purchased a \$100 winning lottery ticket at Kegler's Sentry Market in Boardman. The ticket was for Game No. 13: Cash Roulette.



Photo by Steve Connor

SBE celebrates Constitution's 200th

Sam Boardman Elementary paid tribute to the 200th birthday of the U.S. Constitution through a variety of projects and activities.

An all-school assembly was held on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Kindergarten and first grade classrooms carried U.S. flags and helped lead the school in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Second grade classrooms recited facts about the Constitution and the forming U.S. They also led the

school in singing three patriotic songs.

Third grade classrooms made decorations for the cafeteria, flag name tags for all the students and teachers in the school, and a large display for the various flags adopted for our nation with a brief description for each.

Fourth grade classrooms made collages, gluing pictures from magazines on U.S. maps.

Fifth grade classrooms performed a skit about the Constitutional

Convention. They also assembled a large U.S. flag made up of construction paper hands from every student at Sam Boardman Elementary.

Sixth grade classrooms did a Bill of Rights Rap and made a large poster representing "We the People" to display in the gym.

A Sam Boardman Elementary Constitution consisting of school goals-be safe, be kind, be productive-was signed by students and staff members.

25-years continuous service awarded

Seven people assigned to the Umatilla Army Depot Activity were honored Tuesday, Sept. 29 by Gen. Louis C. Wagner, Jr., Commander, Army Materiel Command.

Receiving the award were: James A. Pitzer, civilian executive assistant, 37 years service; Delbert Powell, ammunition inspector, 36 years service; Glenna M. Schnase, budget assistant, 31 years service; Wesley P. Brooks, equipment manager, 29 years service; Norma Busler, supply management officer, 26 years service; Ronald L. Music, security guard supervisor, 25 years service; and Herbert E. Shumaker, chief quality assurance division, 25 years service.

During his visit to the Activity, Wagner received numerous mission briefings and a tour of the installa-

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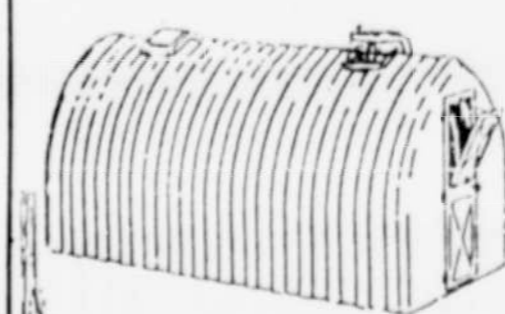
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Chairman
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