

4-H News

Woodworking Club

By John Qualls

The 4th meeting of the Woodworking 4-H Club met at Tim Coe's house on March 8. Members include Brian Dames, A.J. Tarnasky, Brent Wright and John Qualls. Members were building benches for the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Ewes-R-Us

By Brent Wright, Reporter
Ewes-R-Us met February 24 at Kate's Pizzeria. We studied the parts of a sheep, and our leader, Susan Evans told us how to judge sheep. We hope to have a 4-H Judging team this summer. Our next meeting will be held on March 16 at Kate's Pizzeria. We will learn more about judging at the next meeting.

North Lex Livestock

February 28, the 4-H club talked about records. We set goals for the year. Extension agent Bill Broderick brought different seeds for judging and for that they are at the Extension office. Bill also brought two different pieces of hay. One was moldy over, he told us about them. Geri Grieb, our leader, mentioned making signs and other items for the club. Nancy Bailey showed the steer people how to make a halter.

Two Trackers

By Rondi Robinson, reporter
It was a great turn-out. We need something baked for the bake sale. If you can bake something bring it to the front of Peterson's Jewelry at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 19. Our next meeting is March 27, 2 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Jr. Bowlers end year with tournament

The Heppner Junior bowlers have released the final standings for the city tournament bowlers.

The following are the results:
Team-first place: Heppner Hurricanes-Donnie Pointer, Heather Hughes, Brian Struckmeier, Matt Keersemaier; second place: Alley Masters-Donita Sharp, Rhonda McDonald, Jon Metz, Peter Pearson; third place-Gutter Dusters-Kevin Payne, Travis Hughes, Steve Warnock, Chad Doherty.

Doubles: first place-Chad Doherty-Kevin Payne; second-

Artist in residence at Heppner Elementary School



Harriet Mason is getting one of her classes in Creative Storytelling to participate with her in weaving a story.

The Artist in Education that has been visiting the Heppner Elementary school for the past week is Harriet Mason, a Portland resident. When not touring with the Artist in Residence Program, Hazel works full time, the graveyard shift, for the Metro-Crisis Intervention Service in Portland. Her shift runs from 12 p.m. until 8 a.m. and is a suicide prevention hot-line. After 5 p.m. they are an all regional crisis center for the mentally disturbed, battered women, suicide prevention, etc.

This is Hazel's first year with the program and finds she is enjoying it very much. She developed a method of creative storytelling, which is her specialty, which involves the children in the storytelling. They choose several topics and start weav-

ing their story as a group. Hazel helps things to go along smoothly, as she tells the story and the children chime in and assist her.

For a reminder of her visit for the Heppner children, she is going to make up a booklet, consisting of the stories the children her children comprised for her. This is the first time she has done this, but is planning more of it in the future, also including some video tapes of the sessions.

Hazel has done her creative stories for birthday parties, rest homes, hospitals, and for the handicapped. She enjoys doing what she does and hopes it will continue to be possible for her to do it.

4-H Computer club in Heppner

Kevin Tucker will be teen leader for a computer club in Heppner. Kevin will be running this club for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Any youth in this age group that would like to learn more about computers should call the Extension office at 676-9642 or come in and sign up.

Kevin is anxious to get this new club started so a quick response would be appreciated.

Residents see Nelson heads Regional Grain Transportation group

The Heppner Elementary grade school fourth grade, under the direction of Ms. Jean Strange, presented three square dances to the residents of Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home on March 10.

The dancing brought back many fond memories to the nursing home residents.

Women's tourney results listed

Results of the Hermiston Women's Bowling Association, city tournament final standings are as follows:

Team A class-first place: TJ's Camera-Bonnie Campbell, Initia Cantin, LoRayne Bowman, Chris Limanen, Jackie Allstott. Fourth place-MCGG-Betty Brown, Kathy Cutsforth, Luvilla Sonstegard, Linda Schultz, Iris Campbell.

"B" class-second place: Gardner's Mens Wear-Judy Cowett, Valerie Kuper, Andrea Mortimore, Flo Campbell, Theo Greenup. Third place-Country Rose-Sandy Matthews, Vickie Turrell, Judy Barber, Sandra Hanna, Mildred Hanna.

Doubles: "A" class-first place: Karen Palmer-Betty Christman; second place-Mildred Hanna-Theo Greenup; fifth place-Bonnie Campbell-LoRayne Bowman; ninth place-Linda Schultz-Iris Campbell.

"B" class-fourth place-Cindi Doherty-Josie Kindsfater; sixth place-Vickie Turrell-Sandra Hanna; 12th place-Jo Pettyjohn-Kerry Pettyjohn.

Singles "A" class-eighth place-Iris Campbell; 12th place-Jo Pettyjohn; 13th-Bonnie Campbell; 14th-Linda Schultz; 17th-Judy Rickert; 18th-Karen Palmer; 21st-Jackie Allstott; 22nd-LoRayne Bowman.

"B" class-5th-Betty Christman; 7th-Cathie Pointer; 9th-Sandra Hanna; 10th-Theo Greenup; 14th-Sandy Matthews; 18th-Valerie Kuper; 18th-Linda Nave; 21st-Judy Cowett; 22nd-Sharon Mahoney.

All events "A" class-2nd-Valerie Kuper; 6th-Della Heideman.

"B" class-7th place Theo Greenup.

Combined-9th-Sandra Hanna; 13th-Sandy Matthews; 14th-Vickie Turrell; 16th-Karen Palmer; 19th-Ann Cutsforth; 22nd-Linda Schultz.



Charles (Chuck) Nelson, Lexington wheat farmer, has been elected president of Grain Transportation Consultants of the Pacific Northwest (GRATRON). GRATRON is the regional, non-profit association that promotes fair and equitable transportation rates on grain products.

Nelson is also chairman of the Oregon Wheat Growers League Transportation Committee and a member of the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG) Transportation Committee. The 37-

year-old OSU graduate farms with his wife, Lisa, and two children near Lexington.

"Over \$8 million is spent by Oregon wheat growers to transport their 50 million plus bushels of grain by rail and barge. Washington wheat growers spend over \$18 million transporting their 100 million plus bushels," said Nelson.

Nelson said, "The recent 4.2% rail rate hike, the proposed 5.0% rail hike, plus the new rail car forward contracting scheme being used by the Burlington Northern Railroad will increase the cost of operations for Northwest farmers." GRATRON is currently investigating the railroads claims that they need more money to operate and the impact of the forward pricing scheme on rates. Transportation rates are passed directly on to farmers.

"A national rail car shortage is affecting Northwest growers," said Nelson. "One grain shipper is fifty unit trains behind this season. Each unit train has 27 cars," continued Nelson.

"GRATRON works with Northwest wheat grower associations, grain handlers, wheat and barley commissions and the National Association of Wheat Growers to keep them informed," said Nelson.

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Ione Topic Club has new officers

"Facing Personal Landscaping Problems" was the subject for the March 9 meeting of the Ione Garden Club which met at the home of Helen Martin. Jim Jepsen, a graduate in Horticulture from Mt. Hood Community College, discussed landscaping in relation to its purpose, usefulness and attractiveness. A visit was made to the IUCC parsonage to consider the planning of the yard for plantings of shrubs and flowers as well as fencing. It was decided that a long range plan with low

maintenance would be the most practical solution. The members also viewed Loree Hubbard and Helen Martin's yard and discussed possible changes.

Upcoming dates for club members will be the visit to the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home on March 17; Blue Mountain District #10 meeting at Prairie City on April 21; a plant sale on April 26; Flower Show School on May 23 and 24 and observance of National Garden Week on June 6-13.

Guests for the day were Caroline Zaworski and Jim Jepsen.

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BMCC spring classes begin

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