



## Weed Awareness

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Although we know we can never restore our land to its native state, we can regain a measure of its potential beauty and productivity by the use of enlightened land management and the application of modern technology.

First, we must find, correctly identify and map or record all noxious weed infestations. Individual landowners can begin by mapping out weeds on their own property. In some states, county government, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and wildlife refuge land managers are already doing this for areas they manage. Many local FFA, 4-H and other school groups have begun locating and mapping problem weeds as service projects.

Second, a control plan should be drawn up to ensure that the best method of control for each specific

area is selected. This is where modern technology can play a major role. Today, an array of measures can be applied as needed, including highly selective and safe-to-use herbicides, new advances in biological control, selective grazing and burning plus new land use management methods that help prevent weeds from becoming established.

Elimination of many weed species will require persistent efforts for several years. Without such a long-range plan, much effort and expense can be wasted.

If you are interested in becoming involved in saving our land from noxious weeds, please feel free to contact Morrow County Weed Supervisor, Jim VanWinkle, 676-5452.



### A picnic in the park

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home residents gathered together for a picnic in the Heppner Park. They were going to take a tour through the museum after the picnic.

### Hotline for Welfare rights

Oregon Legal Services has announced the refunding and continuation of its Welfare Rights Hotline, a project which provides free legal assistance to low-income clients regarding public assistance, food stamps and Medicaid. The Hotline is specifically designed to serve the smaller towns and rural areas of Oregon. In 1987, the Hotline handled over 700 calls from 22 rural counties.

According to Jeanne Pfluke, the Hotline Paralegal, she is able to quickly resolve most problems people run into in getting or retaining benefits. If a dispute cannot be settled, she will refer appropriate cases to attorneys for further work, including the possibility of litigation.

The Hotline runs Monday through Friday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. (Pacific time). The toll free number is 1-800-345-0455.


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### Reception Sunday for new pastor

The First Christian Church is holding a reception for their new minister David Archer and his family on Sunday, June 26, from 1-2 p.m.

Archer and his family have lived in Portland for the past year and moved to Heppner a few weeks ago. The public is invited to come and get acquainted.

### Study done on cost of child rearing

Having a child has major financial consequences for today's parents, points out Alice Mills Morrow, Oregon State University Extension family economics specialist.

Just how major is shown in the newest figures from Family Economics Research Group of the U.S. Department of Agriculture which estimates it will cost a Western urban family (living in cities of 2,500 or more) at least \$106,784 to raise baby Jane or Joe to age 18. Rural non-farm families can expect to spend a little more at \$111,548.

The figures are given in 1987 dollars and make no allowance for inflation, the specialist noted. The figures include the cost of food, both at home and away, clothing, education (but not college), and the child's share of family expenses for housing, transportation, and such other expenses as medical, personal care

and recreation. Birth expenses are not included.

Although many other considerations go into the decisions about having a child, couples shouldn't ignore the financial cost, Morrow stressed. Expenses increase and you won't have as much discretionary money. If one parent reduces the amount of time employed in order to care for the child, family income declines.

Generally the cost of children increases as the child ages, the specialist explained. Teenagers are the most expensive, which is no surprise to their parents.

Persons interested in the cost figures may obtain a copy by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Alice Mills Morrow, Extension Home Economics, OSU, Milam Hall #161, Corvallis OR 97331 or by calling the OSU Extension office in their county. Morrow County 676-9642.

### School board clears up year end business

The Morrow County School Board met to finish up some end-of-the-year business.

Under personnel: Mary Lou Richardson, Occupational Versatility/Home Economics teacher; Carl Seese, Studies/Language Arts teacher; and Jan Sharp, sixth grade teacher all submitted their resignations for the coming year.

It was recommended to accept the resignation of classified employee Ruth Adams, Irrigon bus driver; and Al Beck resigned as assistant football junior high coach. He will continue in his teaching position.

Mary Haguewood submitted a request for maternity leave for 1988-89 from her fourth grade teaching position. Leave granted.

Elisa Carlson was approved to a probationary teaching position to replace Jan Sharp at Sam Boardman Elementary.

Beth Creason was transferred to A. C. Houghton Elementary to replace Cindy Beatty as first grade teacher.

Nancy Howell's contract was extended from half time to full time kindergarten at A.C. Houghton, replacing Beth Creason.

Carol Faith-Peterson asked that she be allowed to remain in the position of speech/language therapist, following her previous resignation.

Debra McCoy-Burns asked that her approved child care leave for 1988-89 be withdrawn. It was approved.

Alan Holmes was unanimously recommended for the vacant position on the school board left by Cathi Bauske's withdrawal after her write-in election.

Betty Christman has decided not to return to her position as head cook at Heppner Elementary in 1988-89. She has been on leave during 1987-88.

Marilyn Stewart, secretary at A. C. Houghton plans to retire June 30, 1988. It was moved to accept her resignation.

It was recommended that all of the classified employees be re-hired for the 1988-89 year.

Chuck Starr gave a brief overview of staffing changes planned for 1988-89 based on enrollment projections. The reduction in staff will be possible without layoffs due to resignations, retirements, and transfers.



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