

Morrow County's first 'Earth Team' has landed

The Earth Team, consisting of volunteers from the community, has tackled the formidable workload generated by the Conservation Reserve Program and Conservation Compliance.

The use of volunteers was suggested by MSWCD who's responsibility it is to administer the Conservation Reserve Program and Conservation Compliance.

Volunteer work began last October with typing, map and graph work, general office duties and computer input. The team works under

the direction of office manager Janet Greenup, Soil Conservation Service staff members, and office personnel from the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service.

"I came to work because I enjoy people and I have learned so many things about computer programs and more about farming and the programs involved with farming," noted Rene' Devin.

In February, the team was honored at the annual meeting of the district. Three Heppner women, Rene' Devin, Jean Ann Turner, and Lil Boyce, were awarded Earth Team mugs and name pins for work totaling over 1,000 hours.

District Conservationist, Bob Adelman, praised the three saying that the staff couldn't have com-

"Since I am a farmer's wife, I couldn't think of a better way of learning about farm programs than to dig right in and actually work with the program," Jean Ann Turner stated.



Sandra Bork

pleted all the work necessary for the Conservation Reserve Program and the Conservation Compliance workshop if it hadn't been for their help.

"As a business person I have worked with farmers and thought this would be interesting," said Lil Boyce. "And it sure is. I'm learning new things and enjoying working with the staff."

Since then others have offered their help including John Edmundson, who is doing field work and mapping.

Sandra Bork has joined the volunteer staff also and has logged over 227 hours since May.



Rene' Devin

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