

SWCD meetings set Dec. 4

A meeting of the Morrow Soil Water Conservation District will be held Monday, Dec. 4, 1:30 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office bldg. The agenda includes election of officers and a project update.

Book fair set through Friday

Heppner Elementary School Media Center is sponsoring a book fair through Dec. 1.

The fair will be set up on the stage area of the grade school building and will be available to the public 8:10 to 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

and 2:30 to 2:55 p.m. each day. "Any money raised from this project will be used to improve the media center and make it a more attractive place for students," said Heppner Elementary Librarian, Lisa Nelson.

CattleWomen to meet Dec. 8

The Morrow County CattleWomen will hold their annual meeting at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Elks, following a joint noon luncheon with the Morrow County Livestock Growers, says President Tami Rietmann.

Cindy Osterlund will present an informal workshop, "Group Interaction and Leadership." Following her presentation the business meeting will convene to include: state convention report, treasurer's report, recap of the year's activities, committee reports and organization brainstorming "Where Do We Go From Here." Rietmann encourages anyone interested in the promotion of the beef industry to attend. She promises a productive afternoon followed by the 5:30 p.m. social hour, a prime rib dinner and dancing.

Membership dues are \$5 for county and \$15 for the state and national organization.

'We'll do it' Riehls' motto



"We'll do it" seems to be the motto of Tom and Helen Riehl, owners of the R&W Drive-in restaurant in Heppner.

The Riehls, who came to Heppner in February of 1981, began a reading incentive program for elementary school children four years ago. Helen first saw a report about a similar program on television and felt that the program could be adapted to fit Heppner.

"I thought, what could I do as a little person to help kids learn to read," I approached Linda Shaw (reading specialist at Heppner Elementary School). She picked the idea up and she and other teachers formed the program," said Helen. The program works like this: a child reads a certain number of books and completes a brief book report to receive a certificate for an ice cream treat which the Riehls donate from the drive-in.

"We wanted each student-low readers and high readers to have a goal," said Helen. Helen said that the first year a few kids participated, the second year 105 participated and won 190 in certificates, and the third year 187 students won 376 certificates.

"It (the program) helps create a habit of reading," says Shaw. "I really appreciate what they've done. It provides an incentive. It's a good way for teachers to challenge students. I appreciate the teachers too. They spend time developing individualized goals for their students."

"It's made a tremendous difference," said Heppner Elementary School Principal Don Cole. "In fact I was in a classroom this morning and the teacher was having kids turn in their progress slips. The excitement and discussion was tremendous...it's been a really good program. It affects every level we have. Not only has it been good for kids, but good for the community."

"They (the Riehls) are always doing something for the kids," Cole added. They're just very kid oriented."

"We sincerely meant to provide what we thought was the key to developing a good student, and that was reading," said Helen.

The Riehls are almost as proud of the kids' successes as the kids are themselves, "what a reward to be able to do something for the kids."

The Riehls also offered incentives (ice cream) for other activities and posted the children's posters on the restaurant walls. "If the school calls and needs incentives for a positive experience, we'll do it," says Helen. "I think when we hang the kids' work in the drive-in it's the seniors who are thrilled. It's their talk of the day. My kids and my seniors are to be treated extra special."

Five years ago, the Riehls started a roller rink at the Morrow County Fairgrounds during the winter months. At the time they had young children. "There just wasn't enough for the young people to do," said Tom. Tom still operates the rink on weekends.

The Riehls came to Heppner "because we wanted to live in Heppner. We decided we wanted to live here, so we looked for what was for sale," said Tom. The couple had come to Heppner during hunting season since 1964 and liked the town. They lived in Portland where Tom worked with Hyster Co. in quality control and Helen worked as a secretary for U.S. Bank for 17 years. Now they work around seven days a week at their restaurant. They have three sons, a daughter, two daughters-in-law and two grandsons.

Make tree cutting trip safe

The season of family traditions is upon us. Going out in the woods for a drive, taking along sandwiches and something

hot to drink, and watching the excitement in the children's eyes when that 'perfect' tree is found, is really worth the extra effort.

Some suggestions for making the trip a safe as well as a happy one are listed below:

- * Take plenty of warm clothing along; light layers are better than too heavy clothing. An extra pair of dry socks and slippers for the youngsters can be just the thing to have if their feet get cold, wet, or both. It is also nice to tuck in a blanket or two.

- * It is also wise to pack a first aid kit to take care of those bumps and bruises that can occur. It is good to have a shovel along in case you get stuck in the snow.

- * One of the most important things to remember is to let someone know which direction you are planning to go and the approximate time you plan to return.

- * If by chance the car develops trouble or gets stuck in the snow, don't wander off; stay near the vehicle. If you run the engine while everyone is bundled in the car, make certain the windows are open a crack to let in fresh air.

- * Hot chocolate, coffee, or soup and sandwiches, fruit and candy bars can be the right idea if there is car trouble and you find yourself waiting for help to come.

Christmas tree permits at \$2 each are available now at the Supervisor's Office in Pendleton along with Dean's Deli and Chuck's Mini Market. Matt's Mowers and Saws in Hermiston will also be selling permits. North Fork John Day and Heppner Ranger Districts are also offering permits at the present time. Pomeroy Ranger District will begin selling permits November 27. Walla Walla will start December 1 and will also offer permits at the Tollgate Shopping Center.

When you get your permit, you will be given an information handout which will inform you about regulations for taking a Christmas tree and also tell you how to take care of either a cut tree or live tree.

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In the Service

Navy Fireman Recruit Roy D. Olson, a 1988 graduate of Heppner High School of Heppner, recently reported for duty aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood, homeported in San Diego. He joined the Navy in April 1989.

Eric J. Cope has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of specialist.

Cope is a light wheel vehicle mechanic in West Germany, with the Allied Command Europe Mobile Force.

He is the grandson of Charles Richards, Irrigon.

The specialist is a 1987 graduate of Pomeroy High School, Wa.

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