

**4-H club plants tree during Earth week**



Members of the Food Fun 4-H cooking club planted a flowering plum tree in Hager Park during Earth Week. Members (L-R) Jessica Keersemaier, Jessica Van Winkle, Jayme Hansen, Melissa Cutsforth, Katie Kenny and Crysti Taylor earned money for the community project by doing extra work at home. Leader of the group is Kay Proctor.

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By Anne Morter, 422-7494

--The St. Jude's bike-a-thon is fast approaching, scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 6. Many people have shown interest in riding in the bike-a-thon but need a bike. If anyone has a bicycle or tricycle that they could loan for the day, please contact Loa McElligott at 422-7228 or Anne Morter at 422-7429.

--The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court rode in the Pioneer High School Rodeo Club Parade on Saturday, April 21, in Milton-Freewater. The court, led by Queen Judy Jepsen took first place in the rodeo court division and brought home a nice trophy. Judy is the daughter of John and Jean Jepsen and a senior at Ione High School.

--The LJ McElligott family was home in full force for the wedding of Grace McElligott and Mr. John Romano, held April 21. Arriving from around the country were Mike, wife Susan, and sons William and Brendan from Vandenberg, CA.; Terry from Newberg; Janet from Washington, D.C.; Matt and wife, LaDonn, from Poulson, Mt.; Vince and wife, Paula, from Alexandria, VA.; and Patty from Helena, Mt.

--Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams from Missoula, MT., visited their daughter, Eileen McElligott, over the Easter weekend. While here, they celebrated Colin's sixth birthday. Easter and Eileen's birthday.

--Mrs. Mac Brown from Bothel,

**Morrow County Parks offer much for campers**

Anyone thinking of camping out this summer in the mountains, breathing fresh air, barbecuing steak over a fire and enjoying a cool, quiet night for sleeping, may want to try Morrow County's Cutsforth and Anson Wright parks.

The Morrow County parks offer full hook-up spaces for RVs; tent camping; fireplaces; clean restrooms and showers; fish ponds with handicap access; playground equipment; areas for picnics, recreation, family get-togethers or class reunions.

This year, for the first time, Morrow County has initiated a volunteer park host program. In part, the responsibilities of these hosts will

consist of being visible, greeting patrons, monitoring park activity, maintaining an atmosphere conducive to enjoyable park use, overseeing the adherence to park regulations and rules; and reporting any serious problems. "The hosts were selected from experienced people in order to insure a successful program for the parks and patrons," said a spokesperson.

Morrow County parks will officially open for the camping season Saturday, May 19, with the volunteer park hosts on duty, and will remain open until Monday, November 19.

**Memorial Day picnic to be held**

If tradition holds, more than 250 residents and past residents of Morrow County will converge on the exhibit building at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 27.

The popular Memorial Day Picnic which attracts friends from far and near will again be held with fried chicken and barbecued spare ribs with a special recipe prepared by Kesslers from Milton-Freewater. The meal includes the main course, five salads, beans, bread, dessert, and drinks. "Because of their close relationship with residents of Morrow County, the Kesslers are offering this menu at a reduced rate of \$5.50 per adult and \$2.75 for children," said a county spokesperson.

The afternoon will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be followed with a short program of music and introduction of special guests. This year, special emphasis will be placed upon the veterans of this county who have given their lives for the protection of our freedom. Special invitations are extended to all veterans who have served and gifts have been arranged to honor those special guests. "Mark your calendar early and remember to invite those relatives and friends from far and near so that they too can attend," said the spokesperson. "The best part is that everyone can come this year without having to prepare a potluck dish. Just a fun summer afternoon to renew old acquaintances and remember our veterans who served their country during past wars and conflicts."

For more information contact Judge Louis Carlson at 676-9061 or 676-5302.

**Garden club plans meeting**

The May Garden Club meeting will be Monday, May 7 at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:15 p.m. as there will be several guests and a lengthy and instructive program. It will be a potluck dinner and hostesses will be Daisy Collins, Jane and Bill Rawlins.

A representative from Westwinds Nursery in Hermiston will bring displays of hanging baskets and give instructions on planting, maintenance and culture of them. Better Homes and Gardens magazine for May 1990 has an article regarding hanging baskets and any member having this issue is asked to bring it to the meeting.

Virginia and Jack Sinclair of Milton-Freewater will talk and display results of recycling, reclamation and re-use of appropriate materials and products. They are the representatives for District 10 Garden Clubs on recycling projects.

Reports will be given on the spring District 10 meeting in Milton Freewater on April 26. Those attending from Heppner were Pat Brindle, Bebe Munkers, Vern Batty, Verna Brinda, Theta Lowe, Jane and Bill Rawlins. President Pat said the

Heppner Club was commended for their civic activities and their new members.

There will be some information and discussion regarding something different the Garden Club will do in the way of decorating for the Pioneer Memorial picnic May 27.

**Historical Soc. bus tour May 4**

The Historical Society bus tour will depart to Chehalis and Centralia and Tenino, Wa. at 6:30 a.m. Friday, May 4, from the Morrow Co. Museum.

There are still available spots for anyone wishing to go. Call 422-7191 or 989-8189 to sign up.

The tour will include an open house at the Iris Gardens at Woodland, Wash.

The children of Millard and Florene Holt cordially invite you to share in celebrating the fiftieth wedding anniversary of their parents Saturday, the twelfth of May Nineteen hundred and ninety. A reception will be at one o'clock in the afternoon until four o'clock in the St. Pat's Senior Center on the corner of Main & Willow Heppner, Oregon.

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Grazelda commanded, "Hey Clem, the yard needs mowed & raked and the fence needs painted." Clem squirmed, "Oh gee hon sorry, the fellers down at Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron say that the mushrooms are out, so I've just got to go out and pick me some." Grazelda quizzed, "Okay Clem, but did you know some of them mushrooms are poisonous? Why they've been known to kill tens, hundreds, even thousands of folks, and wipe out whole nations!" Clem pondered, "Uh Grazelda, on second thought, where did we put that rake?"

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**Church makes Rural Life Sunday**

On Sunday, May 6, the congregations of the Hope and Valby Lutheran Churches will observe Rural Life Sunday.

This festival was once called Rogationtide, from the Latin word, rogare which means to beseech.

Today the emphasis is on the idea that God and humanity are cooperators in the creative process of agriculture and the care of the earth, and that humanity's tasks are given by God, because human life depends on God's goodness in quickening the life giving power of the sown seed, which results in the return to mortals of the bounty of the earth.

Worship Service at Valby will be at 9 a.m. with celebration of Holy Communion followed by a procession outside (weather permitting) for a favorable crop and weather blessing from the Lord. Don Peterson will discuss rural conditions in developing countries as compared to ours. The service will be held at 11 a.m. at Hope (corner of Alfalfa and Cowin Sts.) in Heppner.

**Weed, livestock tours May 11**

On May 11 the annual Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District, Weed District and Morrow County Livestock Growers Tour will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Ione City Park. A barbeque will follow.

Some things of interest on the tour will be cheat grass control in winter wheat, comparing mechanical vs. chemical weed control in CRP (conservation reserve program), and riparian area rehabilitation.

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