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## Ethanol seminar Feb. 25 in Boardman

The newest bumper sticker in America pictures an Iraqi tank embossed with the universal red circle/slash symbol and the words "No Thanks Iraq. I use ethanol."

A lot of America does use ethanol. Last year's production in the U.S. was thought to be around 1.3 million gallons from some 400 million bushels of corn. Production is predicted to double by 1993. If the projection holds true, it will replace at least 41 million barrels of imported oil annually.

With this in mind, the Oregon Wheat Growers League is planning an Ethanol Production Seminar on February 25, at the Dodge City Inn in Boardman. It will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided through a grant from the Morrow/Umatilla Counties Development Fund using Regional Strategy monies.

"We are bringing in several very good speakers," said Paul Tews, chairman of the Economics and Finance Committee with the Wheat League. "Our keynote speaker is

Mr. Hadley Seeklander, a field representative with the American Coalition for Ethanol from Fargo, North Dakota. He will talk about the production aspects of ethanol and the co-products created."

Also on the agenda is Terry Edvalson, director of the Regional Services Institute at Eastern Oregon State College who will address the economics of ethanol.

Bill Friend, director of Production at the J.R. Simplot Company in Boise, will discuss their ethanol plants and how and why they are successful.

The agenda also includes speakers from the Port of Morrow, Regional Strategies, and The Oregon Development Group.

"The agenda is intended to be open forum," says Paul Tews. "We are hoping for a great deal of audience/speaker discussions. We feel that most people who will attend will have a lot of questions to ask, and we want them to feel they can ask them."

While most of the ethanol manufactured in the U.S. today

comes from corn, that is by no means the only source. The Wheat League sees off grade soft white wheat as a possible ethanol source as well. Cull potatoes may also be used.

An ethanol plant may fit very neatly in the Port of Morrow, too, said a spokesperson. With the construction of a gas fired co-generation plant, there will be excess steam for use in the plant and there are feedlots nearby to use the feed byproduct, they said. And the ethanol can be marketed in Washington or Idaho, "at least until Oregon gets a viable tax policy on ethanol fuels," said Tews. Ethanol production plants seem to be successful in states with a tax system which supports ethanol use.

Both irrigated and dryland growers may be interested in this seminar. For more information, or to pre-register, call the OSU Extension Service in Heppner at 676-9642. The seminar is limited to 100 persons, so interested persons should call early.

## Equipment malfunction caused power outage

An equipment malfunction caused a power outage in the Heppner area last Tuesday, Feb. 5 around 6:30 p.m.

Columbia Basin Electric Manager Fred Toombs said that a fuse holder

burned up under load and caused a chain reaction, which blew more fuses and necessitated shutting off the system for repairs.

Toombs said the outage lasted around 15 minutes.

## MCGG holds appreciation day



L-R: Kevin Bloodsworth, David Piper and Levi Geer enjoy a friendly chat and what they would do if they had a riding lawn mower, at the Morrow County Grain Growers appreciation breakfast Saturday, Feb. 9.

## Barnett featured in Oregonian

By Anne Morter

Ione service station owner, Dave Barnett, was one of several concerned operators interviewed for an article in the February 3 edition of The Sunday Oregonian. The article dealt with the difficulty rural service station operators are having in complying with federal regulations concerning underground fuel storage and the effects of those regulations.

In a nutshell, federal regulations call for all service stations, regardless of size or volume to carry a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy by October 26, 1991 and to completely revamp their fuel storage systems by 1998, according to the Oregonian article. Implementation of their plan will be difficult and expensive, or impossible for small, low-volume stations. Barnett and other station operators are finding that companies willing to insure them are few and far between.

## Craft Fair new to St. Pat's weekend

New this year for the St. Patrick's celebration will be the Wee Bit O'Ireland Craft Market, run by the Heppner Soroptimists. Only homemade craft items will be sold. To reserve a space contact Judie Laughlin 676-9663. All craft items will be located in the Soroptimist market area between the Shoe Box and the Post Office. The market will be open both Saturday and Sunday.

Local groups with food concessions should contact businesses to receive permission to set up on their property. Out-of-town concessions are required to pay \$25 through the City of Heppner and should go to the City Hall to register.

"It's not too soon to arrange for your location with just six weeks until the St. Patrick's celebration," said St. Pat's co-chair Claudia Hughes.

## Elks Hoop winners announced



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Winners of the local Elks Hoop Shoot contest held in Heppner and Ione February 2 are (l-r): Jenny Krein and Steve Allen 11-12 yr olds; Derek Gunderson and Annie Hisler 9-10 yr olds; Casey Ingrahm and Jeremy Rietmann 8 yr olds.

Each year the Elks club sponsors a hoop shoot contest locally. Each participant must shoot 25 freethrows. The boy and girl in each age division making the most shots receives a trophy sponsored by the Elks Club and advances on to District in Hermiston on Feb. 16. From

district the winners go to state in Corvallis. Eighty-nine boys and girls participated at the local contest held in Heppner and Ione. Jenny Krein made 13, Steve Allen 21, Derek Gunderson 15, Annie Hisler 10, Casey Ingrahm 5 and Jeremy Rietmann 18.

## Nominations sought for 1991 conservation teacher award

Nominations are being accepted for the national conservation teacher of the year awards program by the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District, according to Cindi Doherty, MSWCD information/education coordinator. The competition is open to any full-time teacher working at the kindergarten through twelfth grade level who has developed an outstanding conservation education program.

The National Conservation Teacher of the Year will receive \$1000 in cash and an expense paid trip to Reno, Nevada, for the 1992 annual convention of the National Association of Conservation Districts. The national second place winner will receive a \$500 cash award and the first place regional winner in each of seven areas will receive \$200. Awards are also presented in each state and U.S. territory.

The awards program encourages development of creative learning experiences in natural resource issues

## St. Pat's committee to meet Feb. 20

A St. Patrick's meeting for committee heads will be held Wednesday, February 20, at noon, at Kate's Pizza.

Distribution of brochures, finalizing plans and the visitors from Ireland will be topics of discussion.

for young people, according to Doherty. Any teacher in a public or private school in the conservation district who puts emphasis on natural resource conservation as a regular part of the instruction is eligible for nomination.

Nominations must be submitted to the local conservation district by March 1, 1991. Interested teachers can obtain additional information and nomination forms from the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District at 676-5452. The awards program also honors conservation districts which have effectively stimulated or conducted conservation education programs.

The awards program was initiated in 1974 by the National Association of Conservation Districts, a non-profit, nongovernmental organization representing nearly 3000 conservation districts in the United States and its territories. The program is co-sponsored by ICI Americas Inc., Agricultural Products Division.

## Ione man dies of self inflicting injury

An Ione man, Lynn M. Murray, died Friday, Feb. 8, at his home, of an apparent self-inflicted injury, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

Murray, 41, was the son of the Sherman and Iona Murray.

## School carnival well attended



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Chris Dickenson (front) helps manage the Cork Gun booth at the Carnival Saturday, Feb. 9 while Joe Bacon aims his gun to shoot.

The Heppner Elementary Parents Club took in \$1,400 at its carnival Sat., Feb. 9.

Karla Waterland of the Parents Club said that although receipts were "up a little bit from last year" ex-

penses were up too. The carnival netted \$725 after expenses.

Chair for the event, which featured games and concessions was Kay Proctor.

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