

## Kids out for summer



(Left) Heppner Elementary Principal Don Cole gets a hug on the last day of school last Friday. Not only was it the last day of school for the students, it was also the last day of school for Cole, who will not be returning as Heppner Principal next year.

(Above) lone elementary students celebrate the last day of school there by playing team games. Kids at all Morrow County schools began summer vacation last Friday.

## Jr. golf sign-up Saturday

Sign-up for junior golf will be Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the golf course clubhouse. This five-week program will begin June 22 and is for boys and girls 17 years and under. The cost is \$5 and is open for youth of member and non-member families. This developmental program is non-profit and all money is returned to the

junior golf program to build for the future, said a WCCC spokesperson.

Children need not be present to sign up. Lessons will begin the following week and golf clubs are available at the clubhouse for those that don't have any. For further information contact coordinator George Waterland, 676-5156 or a WCCC board member.

## 'Passport to the Promised Land' Baptist church VBS theme

Area children are invited to take a "tour" through several Holy Land cities during vacation Bible school at Lexington Baptist Church Monday, June 17 through Friday June 21, 9 to 11:30 a.m. During this time

children will learn about Bible stories, history and make crafts associated with towns Jesus visited during his ministry. For pre-registration call Phyllis Anderson, 989-8555.

## Don Peterson to graduate from OSU after a 41 year wait

If he's anything, Don Peterson is certainly patient. He's waited 41 years to graduate from Oregon State University.

At spring commencement on the OSU campus Sunday, June 9, Peterson was among 3,600 graduates and undergraduates lining up to receive their degrees.

He received his long-awaited bachelor of science degree in agricultural and resource economics, thanks to Mike Martin, acting head of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Peterson, a 65-year-old lone wheat farmer, originally planned to participate in the university's 1950 commencement ceremony. But as graduation day approached Peterson realized he was 13 credits short of completing his degree requirements.

"I had almost finished my major in agricultural engineering, but fell behind a bit when I missed a term in 1947 because my brother had gotten hurt and I took time off to help him out," Peterson said.

He couldn't stay at OSU to finish because he'd already planned to begin working on the family farm starting immediately after spring term.

Peterson never dreamed he would get his degree from OSU four decades later.

"I had planned to finish but I just never made it back," he said. "I tried starting a time or two, but didn't get the right classes. I even took some classes at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, but they were lower division courses and wouldn't transfer for credit towards my degree."

Peterson didn't completely give up on getting the degree until "about 10 or 15 years ago when I heard that OSU had changed degree requirements. I did regret that I had gotten that close to the degree and

just missed it," he said.

In the meantime Peterson farmed his 2,000 acres of wheat and became active in support of OSU Agricultural Experiment Station wheat research and OSU Extension Service activities. He also got involved with the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) and developed an interest in economics, particularly the nation's agricultural economy. Peterson served as president of the OWGL in 1988.

"Over the years I got to know some of OSU's agricultural economists including Mike Martin," Peterson said. "One time I happened to mention to him that I had almost completed undergraduate studies at OSU but had never finished."

Martin offered Peterson a chance to finish his degree.

"He deserved it because he has been a long-time participant in agricultural leadership in this state," said Martin.

The OSU College of Agricultural Sciences' E.R. Jackman Foundation provided Peterson with an academic scholarship and Martin became Peterson's academic advisor, granting him one hour of economics credit and 12 hours of internship credit in agricultural economics.

With his credit requirements finally completed, Peterson was set to march in this year's commencement.

"This was totally unexpected and I'm real gratified and happy that the university was able to do what it did," Peterson said.

"Had I gotten my degree back in 1950 it wouldn't have changed anything," he added. "I planned to farm either way."

"Still it's kind of amazing. My kids are going to make a special effort to be there and it's not too often kids get to see their dad graduate."

## All Saints change summer worship

All Saints Episcopal Church will meet at 9:30 a.m. for worship services during the summer months. No children's church school or adult Bible study will be held until fall.

## WCCC plans play day

A family barbecue and playday will be held at Willow Creek Country Club on Sunday, June 16 at 4 p.m.

Hosts for the afternoon will be Randy and Bernice Lott; Milt and Margaret Morgan; Gerald and Harriet Pierson; and Al and Debbie Scott.

Each family will bring their own meat to barbecue. Those whose names begin with A through I should bring salad, J through Z dessert.

## 'Journeys with Jesus'

### Bible school theme

"Come join me in my journey, that's what Jesus says. Come join me as disciples, you are my friends." Those words are from the theme song of the "Journeys With Jesus" vacation Bible school co-sponsored by All Saints Episcopal, Heppner United Methodist and Hope Lutheran churches June 24 through 28 at the Methodist church from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

"Journeys With Jesus" will take children to many places where Jesus lived and traveled. On the journey children will learn about events in Jesus' life and meet the people to whom God's love was revealed. The journey will help them grow in faith and equip them for a life as a follower of Jesus.

VBS is open to children ages three through the sixth grade. For more information and registration call VBS coordinator Cheryl Etchison, 676-9224. "We are looking forward to seeing you come on Monday, June 24," said Hope Lutheran Pastor Stan Hoobing.

## WCCC Golf

### Jack & Jill June 7, 1991

Thirty people participated in the Jack and Jill Friday, June 7. Hosts for the event were Cyde and Rusty Estes, Cindi and Mike Doherty and Delbert and Nola Binschus. Winners were as follows:

Low net first-Coral and Dave Mitchell, second-Luvilla and Gene Sonstegard, third-Nola and Delbert Binschus, fourth-Riley and Bebe Munkers. K.P. first-Dave Green; second shot-Delbert Binschus.

### Sunday Men's Play

Low gross: first-Tad Miller, second-Ed Struthers, Howard Gilliam and Randy Lott.

Low net: a tie for first between Dave Mitchell and Dave Allstott.

Least putts: Tad Miller. Long drive: Earl Fishburn. K.P.: Elvyn Bell.

### Willow Creek Ladies

#### May 28, 1991

Flight A: low gross-Eileen Padberg; low net-Martha Peterson; least putts-Lois Hunt; long drive-Bev Wilson.

Flight B: low gross-Coral Mitchell; low net-Harriet Evans; least putts-Dorris Graves; long drive-Coral Mitchell.

Flight C: low gross-Linda Schultz; low net-Daisy Collins; least putts-Maude Hughes; long drive-Daisy Collins.

### Ladies Fun Day, June 4

First flight: low gross-team, Carol Norris, Verna Brinda, Barb Gilbert and Judy Barber; closest to string-member-Coral Mitchell, guest-Darlene Scroggins; closest to balloon, member-Carol Norris, guest-Judy Barber; long drive, member-Luvilla Sonstegard, guest-Shelly Wight.

Second flight: low gross-team, Lois Hunt, Jo Pettyjohn, Janet Taylor, Liz Grabeel.

Third flight: low gross-team, Mary Beamer, Harriet Evans, Luvilla Sonstegard, Barb VanArsdale, Eileen Padberg, Darlene Scroggins, Bebe Munkers, Betty Christman.

Chip In-Luvilla Sonstegard; sand trap prize-Shelly Wight, Kay Anderson; long drive on #9 George Nairs and Shelly Wight.

## Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

June 7: Marion John Bailey, 29, Ione; and Sabrina Lynn White, 21, Ione.

## EOSC lists grads

Eastern Oregon State College's 62nd commencement was held Friday evening, June 7 at Quinn Coliseum on the Eastern campus in LaGrande.

Degrees were confirmed on 376 candidates including Kimberly Hughes Dennis, and Sherry Rae Kemp, both B.S. general studies, Heppner; Anne Hoskins Munkers, M.S. education, Ione; and Marsha Richmond, B.A., general studies, Boardman.

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