

Nancy Morter selected as 4-H ambassador



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Nancy Morter of Ione is among nearly 50 outstanding Oregon 4-H members selected to serve as 4-H ambassadors during the coming year. The ambassadors will learn about their responsibilities and duties at the annual ambassador weekend at Linfield College in McMinnville on Friday and Saturday, June 12-13.

Ambassadors represent Extension's 4-H and youth program at local and state events during the year, according to Jan Martin, Oregon State University Extension program assistant for 4-H awards and recognition programs.

Selection was based on overall 4-H records, leadership and achievement in school and the community, she explained. Each of the 49 delegates will also be interviewed for trips to National 4-H Congress in Chicago next fall. Trip nominees will be announced at the closing dinner Saturday night.

Linfield President Charles Walker will welcome delegates. Keynote speaker will be Kristy Searles, Salem, trustee of the Oregon 4-H Foundation and Farm Credit Services executive. Her topic will be "Leadership...An Attitude." Farm Credit sponsors the recognition portion of the weekend.

Delegates will attend a series of workshops ranging from presentation skills to record-keeping to knowing how to dress for the occasion. Workshop leaders include OSU Extension agents John Williams, Tillamook; Susan Busler, Newport; Pamela Olsen, McMinnville and Bob Peterson, Redmond.

Other workshop leaders include Ardis Koester, Extension textiles and clothing specialist; Ann Schneider, 4-H leader, McMinnville, and Enid Savage, 4-H leader, Eugene, who will chaperone delegates attending 4-H Congress.

The 1991 ambassadors, who helped plan the weekend and who will conduct various activities, are Jennifer Coinquist, Eugene; Scott Dar, Falls City; Dana Carlson, Gresham; Katie Anderson, Newberg, and Cindy Bracher, Pendleton.

Interviews for the Chicago trips, coordinated by Martin and Duane Johnson, Extension 4-H and youth specialist, will be conducted by members of the state 4-H awards and recognition committee and Mickey Hatley and Maryann Emerson, representing Farm Credit Services.

Committee members are Judy Grove, Albany; Shana Withee, Burns, Extension agent in Harney County; Mary Hamlin, Corvallis; Marianne Sharp, Dayton; Wilma Hyde; Josephine County Extension agent Jerome Magnuson, Grants Pass, and Grace Elbert, Klamath Falls.

Bette Nelson, Lake Oswego; Judi Steward, Lakeview, Lake County Extension agent; Sheila Kester and Ann Hoene, Portland; Adonna Hill, Rainier; Maxine Barber and Tillamook County Extension agent Nancy Kershaw, Tillamook, and Loyal Hjelmervik, Tualatin.



Calling 911-Around 30 kids participated in a babysitting clinic Monday and Tuesday in Heppner. Several sessions were held including Sue Thompson's session on 'What to do in case of emergency'. Kids participating practiced how to call 911, what to expect and what to do. Matt Berretta practices his call while Sue Thompson watches. Each person participating received a certificate.

Chamber valuable to community

Following is a continuation of Heppner's Chamber of Commerce. Part one was printed in last week's Gazette-Times.

Heppner Chamber of Commerce members also take an active part in legislation. Chamber sponsored a candidates forum for the first time this year; held phone conversations with legislators during chamber; had visits from Smith, Fawbush, Hatfield, Timms, etc.; participated in calling committee to educate the public on Ballot Measure 5; and brought current issues affecting our community to the attention of chamber membership.

Many educational programs were held throughout the year. Chamber worked with Small Business Development Center and all local and county entities to keep members aware of current activities through programs; held tours with the Forest Service, Kinzua, Port of Morrow, CRP, Waste Management Systems. The Chamber manager has also attended two years of a six-year program which covers everything from Economic Development to planning events. Many chambers require this as a pre-requisite for employment.

Youth are the future and chamber encourages updates on the Morrow County School systems and working with the administration and staff on projects.

Members sold 260 dozen roses to supplement chamber income. Chamber appreciates the community's support of this project. Their other non-dues income is the St. Patrick's Auction. Chamber chairs this annual auction and realizes 25 percent of the proceeds. An event still in the planning is scheduled for July. Vintage Motorcycle Club from British Columbia will be welcomed and treated to a "steak out."

Chamber is a strong supporter of tourism. Heppner brochures are mailed to chambers and visitor centers in Oregon and, upon request, to other states. Included are fair and rodeo, St. Pat's weekend, museum, Oregon Trail.

Chamber members worked with the Morrow County Tourism committee to create and set up the booth at the State Fair held in Salem which took fourth place in 1991. Chamber also sets up a booth at the county fair.

Members and the manager are active with the Morrow County Tourism Committee which meets monthly. Placemats, booths, vacation guides and Morrow County brochures are projects of the tourism committee.

All Heppner community events are sent annually to the Department of Economic Development to be listed in the calendar of events as well as to Oregon Magazine, E.O. Vacation Guide, etc. Chamber has hosted two FAM tours, with tour operators from four states. The Americana Tour buses came St. Pat's weekend as a result of these fam tours.

When the manager attends Oregon Chamber Executive Board meetings and the OWIA (Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska) conferences she takes a basket of promo materials to introduce people to Heppner's offerings. Anyone going to conferences is encouraged to stop by the office for information packets.

A promotional article was published in the Oregon Magazine promoting St. Patrick's

Weekend in Heppner.

Two hundred thousand visitors are expected in Oregon during the Oregon Trail Sesquicentennial. Chamber will be working on this for '93.

The chamber office is also here to serve the community. The office gets lots of requests on relocating, real estate, tourist requests, students doing school projects, motels, schools, medical facilities, brochures to information centers. Requests have tripled in the past year.

Lots of questions are also answered concerning calendars of events, do you have a motel, when is St. Pat's, fair and rodeo, what banks are in Heppner, where would be a good place to hold a conference, to eat, where can you camp, when's the golf tournament, what is there to do in Heppner, what is your population, please send 100 brochures, and the list goes on. A list of churches and organizations is available at the office for the asking. Chairpersons and phone numbers are included.

Chamber encourages anyone with events and happenings to turn it in to the office so that it may be added to a mailing list.

Member of U.S. Chamber of Commerce is just a phone call away from answering any question. Lobbyist is available. Concern loans for students of all ages are available to all Chamber members through the U.S. Chamber.

One goal of the chamber is to promote good working relations among city and county government. Heppner Ranger District, HEDC, Heppner merchants, the school district, ICABO, Boardman and Irrigon Chambers, Port of Morrow, Senior Citizens, Park District, agriculture, and health services. Working together chamber can meet the challenges for the future of the community. "The past gives us history but it has to be put in perspective. Unless we can lay personal conflict aside there is no forward progress. Chamber would like to "work with you in '92" so Heppner will not be left behind as another ghost town of rural America," says Claudia Hughes, chamber manager. "Working for you in '92", we invite you to become a member. There is strength in numbers and we need your positive attitude and creative ideas for your community," concluded Hughes.

Summer Hands On Science classes begin

The Morrow County Children and Youth Services Commission is once again offering Hands On Science for younger children.

The first session will be held July 6-17 and will feature "All About Me." Children will learn the major body parts and their functions. They will experience, through movement, games, music and specific science activities how the parts and systems of their body work together.

The second session, "My Environment," will be July 20-31. The children will explore their environment through observation, classification and experimentation with things such as rocks, leaves and water.

Both sessions will meet at the Heppner Day Care facility from 9-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Any child four years old as of December 31, 1991; five years and six years old (entering first grade fall 1992) is eligible to participate in this program.

Registration is \$5 with the remaining costs provided through a grant from the Morrow County Children and Youth Services Commission. Registration deadline date is June 15. Forms are available at the Heppner Day Care or the Heppner Elementary School office. Enrollment is limited. For more information contact Sarah Carlson, Hands On Science coordinator 422-7245.

Summer program 'a go'

The Neighborhood Center summer program for area kids is "a go," with field trips to the PGE Coal Fire Plant, Taggares Farms, the Boise Cascade Tree Farm, the Navy Bombing Range, Finley Buttes, and a mountain location with the Forest Service. Sandra Van Liew will demonstrate spinning and weaving and Dr. Jerry Whitcomb of Morrow County Mental Health will also be on hand. The program will also include lunch.

Registration, medical and transportation forms are due by June 15. Forms may be obtained at the Neighborhood Center. Classes begin July 6.

Buses will depart from the United Methodist Church, the program's headquarters.

Some volunteers are still needed. Those wishing to volunteer should call the Neighborhood Center or Lea Calvert.

According to project director, Grace Drake, the Elks Club, the United Methodist Women and elementary teachers have donated funds to help support the program. A grant has been obtained, but additional donations are being sought. The Morrow County School District will supply buses and certified drivers.

Drake conceived of the summer program as a way to fill the void left with the closing of the Heppner pool. She said that she originally anticipated that around 30 children would participate in the program, but the response has been overwhelming, with around 70 indicating interest.

Lexington News By Delpha Jones

Visitors at the Bill Padberg home over the weekend were sons, Vic and Bill and wife, Bonnie, from Portland, a grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Klinger and family from Vancouver, WA. The Bill Klingers were enroute to their home in Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Irvin from Irrigon and Valda Smith and daughter, Delpha Jo and son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Taylor from Hermiston were Lexington callers Friday.

Mrs. Ed Baker has returned home after major surgery at Good

Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

Debra Jones and daughters have returned to Pasco after a week with her father Joe Yocom.

"Let's vote for Measure 25-3. We must have fire and police protection in Heppner."
Doug Dubuque

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