

Wheatland Pomona holds meeting

By Delpha Jones

Wheatland Pomona Grange met at the Spray Grange Hall on Sunday, with the master Barton Clark presiding. The meeting began at 10:30 a.m. with minutes of the previous meeting read for approval. Honored guests Verla Larson, GWA chairman from District #4 and her husband Palmer were introduced and welcomed. The meeting was lowered to the fourth degree for the business of the day.

Reports were heard from the subordinate Grange masters, starting with Willard French from Willows. They have held all their meetings and had good programs. They have been busy serving dinners, and due to the cold winter and snow they all did a lot of snow shoveling which is unusual. Roger Scharon of Lexington Grange reported that they had held all their meetings with the exception of one due to a cold and stormy night. They also held programs and held a booster night. Bob Hammack of Spray told the group that they held their annual auction and did well, taking in several new members. They have had county officers visiting and have kept busy with their grange work.

Under committee reports Ken Smouse told of the measures in the legislature and of several interesting bills and suggestions that should be watched, such as the debate between the sales tax, income tax and property tax. The agriculture chairman Wilma Martin gave an interesting report on a meeting recently held in Fossil concerning a good water supply, and how to protect the river and stream banks from erosion, concerning animal grazing and ways to combat this. Martin reported that Mother nature, with an assist from mankind, can help control this and in cases there is a need for tree and shrub growth to help hold this precious soil. Beavers working on trees can cause much damage to stream banks and high waters this year have done some damage.

Grange week report was given with some granges holding meetings. It was reported that there were some good articles in the local papers as well as programs, posters, etc. Lexington held a Booster night and awarded certificates.

Verla Larson spoke to the

group concerning the work of the GWA and the many contests and prizes awarded at the state and national level. She reported that there are some lovely pins for this year's session on sale with the money going to support these projects. Larson asked that Wheatland furnish 10 dozen cookies for the reception on Sunday evening. The group voted to do this with each Grange furnishing three dozen. State Grange will be held this year at Pilot Rock. There is a need from adjoining counties to assist Umatilla in this project. Wheatland members were asked to help serve dinners in the dining room on Friday, the last day. This group may also bring a few pies. State Grange starts on Sunday with the reception June 20, Wednesday, June 23 there will be the memorial in the afternoon, followed by the fifth degree at 4:30 p.m. and the sixth degree at 8:30 p.m. As state session is so near this year it would be a fine time to attend some of the sessions and to receive these degrees which are beautiful and interesting. The resolution committee Roger Scharon, Mike Medlock and Clarence Buchanan reported on the following resolutions: better dates for reports to the state grange committee chairman; federal agencies; limiting campaign funds; justice courts; thanks to Spray Grange for a fine dinner and hospitality. All resolutions were favorable and the body accepted the report. Following a lovely dinner and cake walk with 11 cakes won, there were readings in honor of grandparents and mothers. A reading "Grandpa and I" was given by Dot Halvorsen. Palmer Larson received the prize for the man with the most grandchildren. Jean Nelson read "Mothers". The prize for the woman with the most grandchildren went to Katie Waggoner with 14.

The group voted to buy tickets for the "goodie baskets" for the youth travel fund and pay expenses to the state session for the master. The roll call of granges was: Willows, five; Pleasant Valley two; Columbia two; Spray 14 and Lexington nine. The meeting adjourned early so members could attend the memorial service of Clara Jenkins. The next meeting will be at the Anson Wright Park near Hardman for the yearly picnic and memorial.

New 4-H program introduced

A new 4-H natural science program to teach young people about interrelationships in the environment and human responsibility will be introduced this fall by the Oregon State University Extension Service.

The 4-H environmental stewardship program builds on young people's interest in the environment while giving them facts so they can make informed choices about environment, lifestyle and consumer product choices.

The wide approach to environmental stewardship will involve existing 4-H projects as forestry, geology, marine science and entomology.

As 4-H members progress, they can choose to specialize in one of the existing 4-H natural

science tracks.

A program on biodegradable polymers is being tested in schools in Morrow County this spring.

Biodegradable polymers, made primarily from renewable agricultural resources, such as starch from corn and potatoes, are used to make such items as packaging materials and golf tees, the products dissolve in water.

OSU extension agent in Gilliam County is working on a statewide summer tour for about 40 4-H members to introduce them to different geographic regions of the state and their environmental characteristics.

An environmental stewardship team of extension agents and 4-H volunteers including Morrow County agent Bill Broderick is implementing the new natural science program.

CAPECO to open Heppner office

The Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) is expected to open a part-time office in Heppner by May 1. An office sharing arrangement with the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Commission (GEODC) on Main Street in Heppner is near finalization.

CAPECO has also announced that they have closed their former office in Pendleton and moved all personnel to their permanent Pendleton service center in the old John Murray Jr. High School, 721 S.E. Third St. The move became necessary because of the expansion from 12 employees in January 1992 to 74 employees in four counties today. This growth has made it necessary to vacate the classic Victorian home which has been home for CAPECO since April of 1989.

The "Murphy House" will be placed on the market in the near future and the proceeds from the sale will be used to support CAPECO development. CAPECO officials expressed their fondness for the 1886 historic home, which is one of only two remaining Italianate Victorian style buildings left in the Pendleton area. Stan Foster, executive director, stated that "We have reluctantly concluded that CAPECO will not be able to reoccupy the home for our business needs in the future, so it is our belief that we can best serve our clients by selling the facility."

Clients can still reach the Pendleton office by phone 276-1926. CAPECO operates offices in Milton-Freewater, Hermiston, Irrigon and Fossil.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

Joyce Buchanan, who recently underwent major surgery at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland is reported to be recuperating at the home of her sister.

Holly Rebekah Lodge will hold the initiation and installation of officers on Thursday at the Rebekah Hall in Lexington. Assisting with the degree work will be the ladies from Sunbeam Lodge and the DDP Donna

Blades. Refreshments will be served.

Several students from Lexington attended the exchange program to Portland where they all report a fine and educational week. These students are from the Heppner Middle School.

The last of the series of card parties will be Saturday evening, May 1 at the Rebekah Hall. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments served.

Garden club members attend meeting

Members of the Ione and Heppner Garden Clubs attended the Blue Mountain District #10 meeting at Milton-Freewater on April 8. Those attending from Heppner were Jane Rawlins, Pat Brindle and Irene Swanson. Those from Ione included Pat Pettyjohn, Birdine Tullis, Jean Nelson, Helen Martin and Delta Huber.

Elaine Belts, state president of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs was crowned as "Queen for a day". A special show of floral arrangements, one from each club in the district, was

presented with Elaine's theme, "Let Beauty Abound". Cake was served after lunch in Belt's honor.

Officers for District #10 the next two years, installed by Sharon Hamner of Condon, were president Elaine Belts of Pendleton; vice president Connie Tellefson of Milton-Freewater; and secretary-treasurer, Cece Chapman, Hermiston.

The group agreed to host the 1995 OSFGC convention in June in Pendleton. Charlotte Rausch and Evelyn Reese of the Echo club will act as co-chairmen.

Wheat commission plans meeting

The 1993 Oregon Wheat Commission research review has been rescheduled for April 30 at the Sizzler restaurant in Pendleton. The review was previously canceled due to poor weather.

This year's review begins at 9 a.m. and besides hearing reports from Oregon State University researchers, will cover a number of other topics. Pendleton Flour Mills President Tony Flagg will

discuss the importance of wheat quality in overseas markets and US Wheat Associates west coast director John Oades will comment on the growing importance overseas wheat importers are placing on monitoring chemical residues in wheat shipments.

All interested wheat producers in Oregon are invited to attend the review. Lunch will be provided by the commission for all attendees.

Spring burning to begin in forests

The Heppner and North Fork John Day Ranger Districts of the Umatilla National Forest are preparing for their 1993 spring prescribed burning program.

Timber harvest units with large amounts of limbs and other non-useable materials generated from past logging activities will be burned to prepare the site for planting, and to reduce fire hazard. The North Fork John Day and Heppner Ranger Districts are scheduled to burn roughly 1,250 total acres in timber harvest units.

An additional 25,000 total

acres outside harvest units on these districts are scheduled to be "landscaped underburned".

These lower-intensity fires are designed to reduce excess fuels and improve forage for wildlife and livestock.

Burning will begin as soon as weather conditions permit and will continue until mid-June. Heavy smoke can be expected in and around units being burned, but should dissipate quickly. Prescribed Burning Plans comply with state air quality and smoke dispersal guidelines to reduce the impacts of smoke on the public and forest visitors.

Proposed farm programs could hurt

President Clinton's proposed farm program reductions, taxes and user fee increases coupled with state fuel taxes and taxes to replace revenue lost under Measure 5 could well provide the "final straw" that will break the back of many Oregon wheat producers, according to a recently completed study commissioned by the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

"Making a profit in wheat production is a major challenge under current conditions," stated Bob Johns, OWGL president, "the impact of eliminating 0/92, increasing the percentage of flex acres, imposition of the BTU tax and waterway users fee, not to mention state proposals, could be devastating for our growers."

The study shows that wheat producers can expect to experience a loss of approximately 38 cents per bushel due to federal proposals and if the Export Enhancement Program funding is reduced that impact could increase to 63 cents per bushel.

EMT workshop set at BMCC

An Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) Recertification Workshop will be offered by Blue Mountain Community College, Friday and Saturday May 7 and 8. Up to 11 hours of instruction will be offered during the two days and while the classes apply toward recertification for all Oregon EMT's they are meant to address patient care at the basic level.

A tuition fee of \$35 includes lunch on Saturday. Registrants may attend as many or as few classes as they wish. Registration

and sign-in on Friday is from 6 to 7 p.m. with classes running 7-10 p.m. On Saturday, registration and sign-in will begin at 7:30 a.m. with classes starting at 8 a.m. and running until 5 p.m. All classes will be held at BMCC in Pendleton in the Health Education Building.

Pre-registration is due by May 3. Students may register on the day of the workshop but the course is limited to the first 100 registrants. For more information or to register contact the BMCC Continuing Education Office at 276-1260 ext 207.

Rhea Creek study group has meeting

By Delpha Jones

The Rhea Creek Study Group met at the home of Norma Craber with co-hostess Leila Palmer.

The lesson was on keeping medical records. The group enjoyed a lengthy question and answer period. One of the main concerns of people seems to be the billing process, the time it seems to take before all the billings are all completed from medical and doctor facilities, medicare and supplement insurance companies. Many other things were discussed such as admittance to the hospital facilities, etc. A potluck dinner was enjoyed with guest Carol Michael Bennett.

A short business meeting was held under the direction of president Judy Stevens. It was announced that plans are going along fine for the 'Homemakers Day'. The evening will begin with a coffee hour at the museum. Dinner will be served at the Hardman hall, after a visit to Anson Wright Park, Heppner dam, Valby church and other places of interest. A booth for the fair was discussed and ideas suggested.

Those present were Freida Slocum, Mary Wright, Beverly Wright, Creth Harris, Judy Stevens, Verna Brinda, Ruth McCabe, Delpha Jones, and the hostesses Leila and Norma.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, April 27, 1993	
Soft	White
April	\$3.71
May	\$3.72/\$3.68
June	\$3.60/\$3.50
July	\$3.42/\$3.36
Aug.	\$3.34
Sept.	\$3.35

Barley	
April	\$99
May	\$99/\$97
June	\$96
July	\$95
Aug.	\$96
Sept.	\$97

BOWLING

Thursday Night Ladies		
April 1, 1993		
	W	L
Kinzua	27 1/2	12 1/2
MCGG	25 1/2	14 1/2
B & C Repair	23	17
Tazmo's	16	24
Bedrock Bowlers	11	29
High game: Cindi Doherty 195.		
High series: Cindi Doherty 503.		
Splits converted: Phyllis Piper 3-9-10.		

April 8		
	W	L
Kinzua	30 1/2	13 1/2
MCGG	28 1/2	15 1/2
B & C Repair	27	17
Tazmo's	16	28
Bedrock Bowlers	12	32
High game: Cindi Doherty 201.		
High series: Cindi Doherty 522.		
Splits converted: George Nairns 5-7; Monique Devin 2-7; Phyllis Piper 5-7.		

April 15		
	W	L
Kinzua	34 1/2	13 1/2
MCGG	32 1/2	15 1/2
B & C Repair	27	21
Tazmo's	19	29
Bedrock Bowlers	13	35
High game: Fran Barnett 207.		
High series: Marie Rudisill 502.		
Splits converted: Cindi Doherty 5-10; Arlynda Gates 5-10; Kathy Cutsforth 3-10.		

Property rights meeting planned

As the anti-property rights movement increases its stranglehold on Americans through wetlands, endangered species, and the regulation of water rights, property owners across America are finding they have only one right left, "the right to pay taxes," says the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association.

How to cope with the current "land grab" in the United States will be addressed by key property rights experts May 14 at Heppner High School beginning at 7 p.m. The speakers, Wayne Hage, Cliff Gardner and Frank T. Duran, are all well versed in property rights as expressed in the U.S. Constitution, said the livestock growers.

Wayne Hage is the plaintiff in one of the foremost property right cases before the courts today, Hage v. United States. The case, filed in the U.S. Federal Court of Claims in Washington D.C. is considered to be highly winnable by court watchers, the Livestock Growers maintain. If successful, the precedents in the case could be a major setback to the anti-property rights agenda.

Hage is also the author of "Storm Over Rangelands:

Private Rights in Federal Lands", which can be found in the law libraries and in ranch houses across the west.

Cliff Gardner, a native of Ruby Valley, Nevada, has spent over 10 years gathering data on federal land management. His collection of studies, historical analysis and photos is one of the largest in the nation. Gardner demonstrates that "private land management is a successful system which effectively promotes healthy resources and wildlife." He has spoken to numerous groups across the nation and has developed a video and other information which summarizes the importance of private stewardship in protecting our nation's resources.

Frank Duran is a long time advocate of property rights and the resource industries. He is chairman of Stewards of the Range, an organization supporting property rights litigation. Duran will be addressing solutions and objectives that Americans can support to regain the principles this nation was founded on.

The meeting, sponsored by Morrow and Umatilla County Livestock Growers and the Morrow County Court is open to the public. Admission is \$3 single or \$5 couple.

Cattlemen's Assoc to discuss plan

Lynn Lundquist, president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, has announced the unveiling of the Cattlemen's Eco-Health Opportunities plan during their quarterly meeting in Klamath Falls on May 5 and 6. This program has been in the conceptual phase for several months and has had extensive input from agencies, OSU, environmental groups and cattle producers alike.

The goal of the program is to offer producers information on the management options available to them for their specific areas which may result in resource enhancement. Rob Gordon, of the National Wilderness Institute, will preface the program with a noon speech. Gordon will tie the philosophy of the NWI to the work being done in Oregon. NWI champions private sector stewardship which enhances the resource base without unnecessarily inhibiting economic growth. "It supports environmentally sound, site and situation specific practices which harness the creative forces of the private sector, protect or extend private property rights, and reduce the regulatory burden of government," said an Oregon Cattlemen's Association news release.

A wetlands panel will speak to

the issue of grazing on wetlands where applicable. Participants will include Dr. Ron Hathaway, OSU Extension, Dr. Harry Carlson, UC Davis Extension, and Dr. Robert Gearheart, senior engineer, Hydro Resources International.

The Cattlemen committees will also meet during the two-day gathering to discuss issues of policy and what is occurring at the legislature. In addition, Anthony Giacomini will address the participants about current liability for workman's comp and how it affects cattle operations. Klamath, Lake and Jackson counties are sponsoring this meeting and are putting on a barbecue for all involved. The Cattle Women will also be meeting and have arranged for a tour of the Klamath Basin Reclamation Project.

For further information, please call the Oregon Cattlemen's office at 731-3200.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

April 13 - 19, 1993		
	High	Low Prec
Tues.	51	35 .17
Weds.	61	38 .06
Thurs.	59	34 .04
Fri.	63	35 Tr
Sat.	59	37 .21
Sun.	57	34 .0
Mon.	67	37 .0