

Area postal customers satisfied

More than nine out of 10 postal customers in the Portland district, which includes Oregon and southwest Washington, are pleased with postal service performance, said a press release from the United States Postal Service.

An independent poll conducted by Opinion Research Corporation covering the last three months shows 91 percent of Portland-area customers rated their overall mail service as "excellent", "very good", or "good", according to customer service district manager William G. Jackson, who oversees post office operations in the Portland area.

Mike McGuire, postmaster, Heppner, points out that the survey is just one way the Postal Service has become more

customer-driven. The postmaster noted that the extension of retail hours at many post offices in the district was one of the reasons customers gave them high marks. "Through these surveys, we learned more about what our customers wanted, and were then able to respond with improvements such as more convenient business hours," said McGuire.

"While we are pleased with these results, we have no intention of taking this level of satisfaction for granted, especially as the busy holiday season approaches," McGuire said. "We will continue to listen to our customers and to provide top quality service at every opportunity."

Ione students present 'Miracle Worker'



Anne Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher, was the "miracle worker" in the moving play presented by Ione High School students on Dec. 5, under the direction of Jim Raible.

Helen, who was blind and deaf from the age of two, was portrayed by Lyndee Minster, who did "an excellent job in a difficult role that demanded strong emotional expression without words," said Lea Mathieu.

Heidi Orem was very convincing as Anne, a young and inexperienced teacher haunted by her own difficult youth, who nonetheless was determined to unlock Helen's great potential.

The play closed with Helen's first realization of language. She went on to become a world-famous author and lecturer, with the life-long help of Anne Sullivan.

Other cast members included Laurel Temple and Jim Logan as Helen's devoted parents; Jeremy Ashbeck as her older stepbrother; and John Doherty, Angie Ball, Briquet McElligott, Jessica Stefani, Becky Wagenblast, Marie Tworek and Dawn Sheirbon in supporting roles.

The play, written by William Gibson, has been popular both on stage and in film since it was first produced in 1955.

Gladys Hobbs honored by OSU

Gladys Hobbs, Irrigon, was among the individuals, businesses and associations who were saluted by the OSU Extension Association for their involvement as volunteer leaders, advisors and cooperators.

Jan Pahl, Astoria, out-going association president, presented the awards during the association's annual banquet Dec. 9 in Corvallis.

"It's the help of individuals, businesses and others that make it possible for Extension to be a part of the life of many Oregonians," she stressed.

Other individuals honored by the association as outstanding cooperators were Wilma Kerr, Creswell; Bill and Marilyn Nicks, Monmouth; Sharon Morgan, Newport; and Austin Abrams, The Dalles.

Businesses honored were Safeway, Inc., and Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative. Also honored was the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts.

Hobbs, a long-time Morrow County 4-H volunteer leader, first became involved with Extension in Kansas. During her 28 years with the Oregon 4-H program, she has led a variety of projects while also working as a teacher. Some of her latest 4-H projects involve consumer education and cultural heritage. She is a past president of the county 4-H leaders council. Hobbs is involv-

ed with many activities in the Irrigon area.

Kerr is present of the Lane County Extension Advisory Council and a leader in the Family Community Leadership program. She is also a master food preserver volunteer. She recently became president of the family business, Kerr Builders.

Bill and Marilyn Nicks have been Polk County 4-H leaders for 20 years, leading the Moonriders 4-H Horse Club. In addition, they have been active in 4-H international exchange programs and serve on both the Polk County Extension Advisory Council and the state 4-H advisory Council. In addition to their Extension activities and work with the Morgan Horse Association, the couple are foster parents.

Morgan, executive director of

the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts, has been a major supporter of Extension's Kid Connection program for at-risk youth. She has helped build links between Extension youth programs and the arts community in Lincoln County and beyond. She is a past chair of the county's Children and Youth Services Commission.

Abrams, who retired this year after 20 years with The Dalles Chronicle newspaper, has been an advisory, teacher and counselor to many Wasco County Extension agents. He has been supportive of agriculture and Extension programs in the county.

Safeway was cited for the company's willingness to share educational materials; for long-time support of the 4-H youth development program and for ongoing support of extension food and nutritional educational programs for limited income families. The company is helping introduce the new "Brown Bag Fat Game" during a HeartFest nutrition education program this year. The game was developed by Marjorie Braker, Extension home economist in the Portland Metro area.

Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, nominated by the Curry County Extension staff, has supported 4-H for nearly 35 years through leader recognition banquets, fair awards and other ways. The utility is working with 4-H leaders and members to distribute low-flow shower heads to home in the county. In addition, Coos-Curry sponsors an annual Community Home Fair, helps identify seniors who need assistance and supports other community organizations as needed.

The Oregon Coast Council for the Arts was honored for its support of the Kid Connection program in Lincoln County. Young people in the program learn circus-type skills as a way to increase their self-esteem. OCCA provides office space and accounting services for the program and arranges for performance space. Kid Connection, funded by the Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, is considered a pilot program in coalition-building to provide educational programs for at-risk youth.

Engagements



Lankford — Moffit

Bob and Betty Lankford of Heppner announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi L. Lankford, to John C. Moffit, both of Arlington.

The bride-elect graduated from Heppner High School. She is employed with the Arlington School District.

Moffit is the son of Larry and Janice Moffit, Condon. He graduated from Condon High School and from Linfield College in McMinnville in 1991. He is employed at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Arlington branch.

The couple plan a Feb. 12, 1994 wedding at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.



Shine — McElligott

Terry McElligott, Salem, and Pat Shine, McMinnville, announce their engagement to be married.

Terry is the daughter of Jerry McElligott, Ione, and the late Maryann McElligott. She graduated from Ione High School in 1976, Carroll College in 1980 and received her master's degree from Lewis and Clark College in 1992. She is employed with Newberg Public Schools.

Pat is the son of John and Laura Shine, Adel. He graduated from Lakeview High School in 1977 and from Oregon State University in 1982. He is employed with Yarnell Bark and Nursery at Salem.

The couple plan a December 31, 1993, wedding at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



There were 104 people present for the senior meal Dec. 8, including four guests. Four meals were sent out. Members of the Episcopal church served. Ed Hunt won the free meal ticket, Julia Hill, the door prize, and Charlotte the guest gift. The Senior Center board met following the meal.

The menu for the Christmas dinner Dec. 22 will be baked ham with raisin sauce, sweet potatoes, whipped potatoes, gravy, jello salad with pears and cherry dessert.

Due to illness the Willoughby Hearing Aid representative was unable to be in Heppner last week.

Ralph Walker brought a beautiful Christmas tree to the senior center. He set it up in the sitting room and helped the tenants with the trimming. He has been bringing a tree every year and it is much appreciated.

Eight tenants enjoyed the movie "Free Willie" Sunday evening.

Happy
40th
Gary

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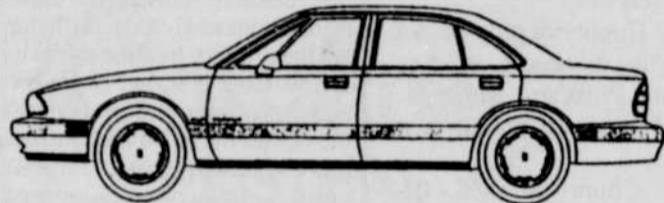
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