

Survey to provide economic information

Heppner has some new neighbors this summer--some very nosy neighbors.

The new neighbors actually are four students from Oregon State University who will be conducting a survey in Morrow County and their "nosy" questions are for a good reason.

The Morrow County Court has commissioned Oregon State University to do a special \$16,000 Extension Service study evaluating the economic structure of the county. In order to do so, the surveyors need to collect information on pattern of sales, payrolls and purchases among the government, households, businesses, farms and ranches in Morrow County and the economic interaction between them and with other entities outside the county. The county government hopes to use the information to analyze the impact of changes in economic activity in Morrow County, such as the loss of a business, grazing, or irrigation, for example. The information could also assist present and prospective businesses in determining their goals and identifying opportunities for diversification. "Morrow County is at a hell of a crossroads," said Morrow County Commissioner Don McElligott, who believes the



L-R: Suzanne Sutherby, Heidi Wardinger, Suzanne Jesely, Johnna

study is vital for a county facing potentially devastating changes. "What happens if we lose grazing?" said McElligott.

The surveyors will visit homes, businesses, farms and ranches and government offices and will conduct quite lengthy and detailed interviews. They hope to contact every business in the county. The surveying team stresses that it is important to be prepared and to be patient. Questions range from the structure of the business to the amount of sales, purchases and payroll to taxes paid. While the questions can be very personal, the surveyors stress that the information collected will be strictly confidential and will be tabulated to yield results for the county as a whole, not for any one firm or individual. Those interviewed will be assigned a number for confidentiality. The project is scheduled for completion in July of 1995.

The Morrow County Survey Team consists of Heidi Wurdinger, 22, of Mt. Angel, and Johnna Glascock, 21, Lakeview, both of whom have

a bachelor of science degree in ag-business management; Suzanne Vesely, 28, Dallas, who has a B.S. in biology and is doing post-baccalaureate studies in wildlife; and Suzanne Sutherby, 23, Portland, who is an undergraduate studying ag-business management. Project leader, Fred Obermiller, Extension resource policy economist and professor of agricultural and resource economics at OSU, says the members of the survey team have rural backgrounds. The women have all been students of Obermiller.

The four will be staying in Heppner for around six weeks at the Monahan house. They will also commute from Heppner to survey Lexington, lone, Boardman and Irrigon. So far, they say everyone has been really helpful. The women plan to do a little fishing and swimming during their off time. Wurdinger, who recently became engaged, got instructions from her fiancé to scope out some hunting spots for the fall.

Class of '31 holds reunion

By Anne Morter

The Lone High School Class of 1931 held its 63rd class reunion in Lone recently with the nine living members all present. Class members enjoyed socializing over dinner at Beecher's Restaurant and have decided to make the reunion an annual event.

Class members in attendance were: Geneva Palmer, Milton and Margaret Morgan of Lone, Barton Clark of Heppner, John Eubanks of Hardman, Veda Brenner and Norman Swanson of Portland, Ordie Farrern of Idaho, and Helen Martin of Moro.

The class was joined by guests Dena Swanson, Orlow Martin, Mildred Eubanks, Jean Nelson, Helen Crawford, Kenneth and Kenny Lynn Smouse and Joe Engleman.

Register for Creative Preschool

By Anne Morter

Creative Care Preschool of Lone is currently accepting registrations for the 1994-95 school year. "Creative Care offers a developmentally appropriate program stressing a "hands-on" approach for three and four-year-old children," said a preschool spokesperson.

Classes are held on Mondays and Wednesdays for two and a half hours per session for the three-year-olds and Tuesdays and Thursdays for three hours a session for the four-year-olds. In the event of over-enrollment, morning and afternoon sessions will be held.

Tuition is \$40 per month for three-year-olds and \$45 per month for four-year-olds.

Registrations should be turned in no later than August 5, for further information, contact Michelle Raible, Creative Care teacher, 422-7037.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the Courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Michael West, 20, Milton-Freewater-Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, (stop sign), \$95 fine;

Donna Marie Roy, 33, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$95 fine;

Lee Jay Gaede, 26, Stanfield-Failure to Properly Wear Safety Belt, \$47 fine;

Coeur d'Alene couple manage motel



L-R: Nathan, Bill, Becky and Tim Morris

Bill and Becky Morris are the new managers of the Northwest Motel in Heppner.

The Morrises started work at the motel July 10. They and their sons, Nathan, 17, and Tim, 10, moved from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where Bill

was a nurse's aide and Becky worked at an ammunition factory.

The Morrises learned through Lynda Crane, pastor of the Heppner Christian Missionary Fellowship, that the manager's position was open.

Stokes Landing plans picnic

An indoor air conditioned picnic dinner will be served at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon on July 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. Families and young people are given a special invitation to come and join the grandparents. The price is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for children 12 years old and

under. The menu includes hamburgers or hotdogs, potato salad, cake and ice cream, juice or coffee.

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One round, two aces

Gene Sonstegard, Ed Hiemstra and Howard Bryant, three of Willow Creek Country Clubs four left-handed golfers were golfing Tuesday, July 19 when Sonstegard and Hiemstra both scored aces. Randy Lott is the clubs fourth lefty.

Sonstegard, Hiemstra and Bryant, were playing in a threesome. On the par three seventh hole, teeing from the 170-yard red tees, Gene used a five iron and scored his first ace.

The trio continued playing a third round, when on the same seventh hole, Ed, using the 185-yard white tees, scored a hole-in-one using a four iron. This was Ed's first hole-in-one since turning left handed three summers ago, due to a back injury, said a spokesperson. Previously, while playing right handed, Hiemstra has scored four holes-in-one, one each from the third tee, seventh tee and ninth tee. The fourth one occurred while playing in a foursome with a brother-in-law at Hoyt Golf course in Portland.

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