

Not too early to think about fair

"It's not too early to be thinking about the 1995 Morrow County Fair," says LaRae Kindle, Morrow County Fair secretary. "Before Jack Frost comes and nips at your garden and trees, go out and pick the last of your fruits and

vegetables and do some canning."

Kindle suggests that canners put aside one jar of each item for the 1995 fair.

For more information or suggestions, call the fair office, 676-9474.

National 4-H week celebrated

By Anne Morter

National 4-H Week, with the theme "Come Join Us", was celebrated in Ione with a colorful window at Bristow's Market. The window featured items made and entered in the Morrow County Fair by 4-H members in the Ione area.

Pictures of members doing demonstrations or working with animals, as well as scrapbooks and other 4-H projects are also displayed. Areas represented were fiber arts, clothing, foods and nutrition, livestock and horsemanship. National 4-H week was celebrated October 2-9.

Meeting set to discuss farm bill

A local "listening session", co-sponsored by the Gilliam and Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, ASCS, the Oregon Wheat Growers League, and Livestock Growers, will be held Thursday, Oct. 13 from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner. The group will hear from farmers and their organizations and others with interests or concerns in the 1995 Farm Bill.

"The Morrow and Gilliam County SWCDs are seeking reactions and gathering input from local people and agencies on the potential impacts of the 1995 Farm Bill," said Chris

Rauch, chairman of the Morrow SWCD. "We are going to present this information to the National Association of Conservation districts. They will use this grass-roots input to influence the formulation of the conservation title of the 1995 Farm Bill," added Rich Harper, Gilliam SWCD chair.

Representatives from the local agricultural associations will discuss major changes brought about by the 1985 and 1990 Farm bills. Their positions on practical, cost-effective programs that should be incorporated into the 1995 Farm Bill will also be presented. Pie and coffee will be served at the conclusion of the forum.

Weddings



Stehr — Tucker

Leigh Ann Stehr of Spokane, WA, and Kevin Rekiuchi Tucker of Heppner were married June 19, 1994 in a double-ring ceremony at The Fairview Church of God in Seattle, WA.

Pastor Gary Madsen of Seattle performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Lee and Marlene Stehr of Spokane, WA. The bridegroom's parents are Brok and Janet Tucker of Heppner.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore her mother's wedding dress. The dress had a fitted sleeveless bodice, with a lace covering that extended into a straight neck and full-length sleeves that came to a point at the wrists. Three layers of differing lengths formed the long, full skirt, which was accented by sequined beads designed into floral patterns. Her head-piece was an arch of silk flowers with a finger-tip length veil. She carried a cascade bouquet of Casablanca lilies and Astromeria orchids. Maid of honor was Celeste Kaylor of Cheney, WA. Bridesmaids were Patricia Stehr of Bellingham, WA, sister of the bride, and Tracy Johnson of Gold Beach, OR.

Best man was Brian Brazell of Salegn. Groomsmen were Bryce Tucker, Heppner, brother of the groom and David Netz of Seattle. Ushers were the bride's brothers, Alex Stehr of Moses Lake, WA and Erich Stehr of Seattle.

The flower girl was Crystal Brais and ring bearer was Jamison Bratcher, both of Seattle.

Nina Tucker of Heppner, sister of the groom and Sneha Mathan of Seattle doubled as the candle lighters and vocalists. Ms. Mathan was accompanied by Kirk Shoop of Seattle. Candy Bratcher of Seattle was the pianist for the ceremony.

A reception in the church's gymnasium followed the ceremony. The bride graduated in 1990 from Shadle Park High School in Spokane and Seattle Pacific University in 1994. She is employed with Eastside Christian Counseling Center in Kirkland, WA.

The bridegroom graduate from Heppner High School in 1990 and Seattle Pacific University in 1994. He works as a software engineer for DuVoice Corporation in Kirkland.

Following a wedding trip to Curacao, a small island in the Caribbean, the couple makes their home in Kirkland.

Woman selected as fire chief



Don Adams (l) retiring fire chief and Brenda Newport

Brenda Newport, Irrigon, has joined an exclusive club. Sept. 1, Newport was appointed fire chief for the Irrigon Volunteer Fire Department. Newport says that, as far as she knows, there is only one other woman fire chief in the state, at Warm Springs.

Yet, Newport considers the paperwork more of a challenge than her being a woman. "Ever since I've joined the department," says Newport, "they've given me respect and support. They (the other members of the department) said they didn't even think about gender. I'm just one of the guys."

Newport has been a volunteer with the department for the past three years and does "everything the guys do. You have to keep in shape," adds Newport. "It does take a lot out of you."

Since her appointment as fire chief, Newport will take on the additional duties of "all the paperwork", maintaining the equipment and making sure that everything is ready to go.

In addition to her new position, Newport has been a school bus driver for the past eight years and is a homemaker. She says that her family, husband John, and daughters, Sarah, 11, and Betsy, 3, are "pretty excited" about the job, although it will mean more time away from Sarah. "Betsy's second home is

the fire station," laughs Newport. Being a homemaker has an advantage in that she is available to go out on calls when others cannot because of work. "If they need me, I'm there," she says.

Newport, 30, has lived in Irrigon nearly 20 years and graduated from Riverside High School. Her parents are Bob and Betty Gillett, also of Irrigon.

Newport said that the station has handled around 35 calls so far this year, most of them motor vehicle accidents. "That's quite a few more than we want," she adds. Newport says that one of her more difficult calls was on a trailer house with a house built around it. The department was called out around 7 a.m. and believed that they had extinguished the fire by 9:30 a.m. But the fire rekindled by 10:30 a.m. and they were unable to put out the fire until around 9 or 9:30 p.m. The house and trailer burned to the ground. "It's a good thing that kind of thing doesn't happen more often," said Newport.

Newport follows in the footsteps of former fire chief Don Adams, who retired after 46 years in the department, with 43 of those years as chief. Adams also drove school bus for 35 years and worked as a custodian for 24 years. "He believes in sticking with it," says Newport. "I hope to do as good a job as Don did."

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Emergency booklet mailed

The Morrow and Umatilla County Offices of Emergency Mangement are mailing over 14,000 "Emergency Public Information and Instruction" booklets to county residences and businesses in the vicinity of the Umatilla Army Depot.

This 12-page booklet identifies the potential disasters in the area, tells residents how to prepare for disasters, and provides instructions on what to do during and after disaster.

Because the booklet is funded by the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP), the booklet primarily provides instructions on what to do in the unlikely event of a chemical agent accident at the Umatilla Army Depot.

But preparing for a CSEPP emergency is just one part of the booklet. The publication also tells residents how to prepare for flash floods, wildfire, severe winter

weather, earthquakes and Hanford emergencies. The northern part of the counties in the Hanford 50 mile planning zone.

Irrigon residents received a draft copy of the booklet in August. Some minor changes were made, based on feedback from Irrigon residents and the revised version has been mailed to all residences and businesses in Boardman, Echo, Hermiston, Stanfield and Umatilla.

Funding for this publication was provided entirely by the United States Government as part of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program.

Emergency Management officials say they hope residents will use this booklet to prepare for disasters and deal with any major emergency in their community.

For more information, call Geoff Tyree, CSEPP Public Information Officer, (503)-922-4437.

Court application deadline extended

The Morrow County Fair Board has decided to extend the deadline to apply for the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court to Friday Oct. 21 at noon. No late entries will be accepted.

The new date of the tryouts for the 1995 court will be Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. at the fairgrounds in Heppner. Girls must be 16 years old before Aug. 1, 1995, to try out. Competition will be in horsemanship and speaking. Applications and rules may be picked up at the fair office in Heppner, 676-9474, or from the Heppner, Ione or Riverside high school.

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