

County farmers attend NAWG meeting



Jerry Myers (left), Craig Miles, Keith Rea, Judy Rea, Geri Grieb and Monty Crum. Not pictured are Tawny Miles and Bev Crum.

Several Morrow County farmers and Oregon Wheat League members recently attended the 46th Annual Convention of the National

Association of Wheat Growers held Feb. 7-10 in Reno, Nevada. Of interest to the Morrow County delegation was hearing Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman speak.

Income tax aid offered until April 15

Income tax aid for senior citizens and low-income citizens will be provided Thursday and Friday of each week until Monday, April 15.

Call 676-9030 for reservations. Those seeking assistance are asked to be sure to bring their 1994 tax forms, said Rose Marie Buschke, tax coordinator.

HHS Drama Club to present the play "Arsenic and Old Lace"

The Heppner High School Drama Club is once again working on another production. "Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring, will be performed on Friday and Saturday, March 7-8, at the high school.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is set in the home of spinster sisters, Abby and Martha Brewster, played by Beth Cookston and Brandi Marshall. They are joined by their nephews, Mortimer (Josh Coiner), who is a dramatic critic and Teddy (Lonnie Rill), who thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt. Other parts are played by Rob-

by Schultz, Josh Roy, Tina Kemp, Traci Dickenson, Phillip Spicerkuhn, Tim Dickenson, Dave Michael, Becca Ward and Adam Doherty. The director is Kristina Grant, advised by Nancy Swarat.

Friday's production will be dinner theatre and will begin at 6 p.m. The fare will include lasagna, fresh bread, salad and dessert. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

Saturday will not be a dinner production and will begin at 7 p.m. On this night, National Honor Society will serve refreshments. Prices on Saturday will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

Dale Holland Jr. honored by EOSC

Dale Holland, Jr., a high school math and science teacher from Ione has been honored by Eastern Oregon State College for inspiring local 1995 high school graduates to attain high academic achievements in their first term at Eastern.

Holland was named by Lynde Minster. Minster is the daughter of Rick and Pam Minster. The Minsters, formerly of Ione, are currently attending Eastern.

Holland is one of only 20 teachers in four western states to achieve Eastern's 1995 "In-

spirational Teacher Award." The teachers were named by valley freshman on Eastern's fall 1995 dean's list as the one teacher most responsible for motivating them in their studies.

Eastern president Dave Gilbert said, "We at Eastern believe it is important to recognize first-year students who demonstrate high academic excellence and the teachers who inspire them. The students who participate in this program have achieved success that is shared by less than five percent of Eastern's incoming freshmen."

"Roses" Garden Club topic March 4

"How to Grow Roses" will be the program topic for the Monday, March 4 meeting of the Heppner Garden Club at 7 p.m. at St. Pat's Senior Center. Betsy Kaiser will be the program presenter. The meeting will also include

planning for placement of a Blue Star byway marker presented as a living memorial to all service men and women who have served the county.

Vonnie Lovgren and Merlyn Robinson will host the meeting. Guests are welcome to attend.

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Off the Wall By Meryn Robinson

Okay, you lovers of springtime; it's time to start your motors. The buttercups and grass lilies are in bloom and the ground squirrels are popping out of their winter burrows.

Perhaps you've spent hours in your recliner surrounded by stacks of colorful garden catalogs. Remember that it takes more physical than mental ability to implement great garden plans. Unlike the farmer who can rev up the tractor and get on with soil cultivation, yards still demand that green thumb approach. It's time to start walking around bent over and crawling about the floor on hands and knees. That inevitable pain in the back usually results from overindulgence in cleaning up the environment in a frenzy.

Gardening weather surely can't be far off, regardless of the groundhog's prediction of six more weeks of winter. Maybe that fat little woodchuck's forecast isn't anymore reliable than some other weather predictions.

Disastrous storms have been a common occurrence in many parts of the United States in recent months. Like a child's building blocks, homes have slid down steep hillsides. Only the risktakers should opt for an esthetic view from a home perched on steep land where stabilizing vegetation has been removed. But then windstorms have raised havoc, storm drains have failed to handle excess water and development along rivers is always vulnerable.

Meanwhile, people strive to implement conservation plans and everyone is caught up in the controversy on environmental issues. Yet it's easy to see how some people have strong opinions based on erroneous and non-scientific information.

According to the Farm Bureau News, Peter Sparber, a Washington D.C. lobbyist, confirmed that many people are misled into believing that agriculture is the root of an environmental crisis.

Sparber mailed letters to people who support banning all pesticides. In his letter he said, "You have been identified as a person who cares deeply about the future of our fragile planet and the health of our nation. You have also read that the production of dihydrogen oxide has been found to be a major threat." Sparber went on to identify polluted lakes, rivers and oceans that are known to contain large quantities of dihydrogen oxide. And he asked that concerned people should demand an end to the production and use of dihydrogen oxide.

From Maine to Oregon replies poured into the fictitious Dihydrogen Oxide Institute demanding that this practice be stopped. Writers stated, among other things, Americans died from excessive doses and that the pollution must stop. Distorted concepts without full knowledge can be almost as dangerous as H₂O in the form of rain, snow or ice. Every year, many people suffer injuries from weather-related automobile accidents, just as people receive major burns from boiling water as well as the people who drown.

So be careful when rearranging topsoil with a shovel and don't spend too much time in the shower with dihydrogen oxide running, or you'll be accused of wasting our natural resources.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 100 people present for the senior dinner Feb. 21 and six meals were home delivered. Members of the Christian Life Center served. John Wood received the free meal ticket and Lynn Bibby, the bingo ticket. Blood pressures were taken before the meal.

The menu for March 6 will be tuna melt, beef and vegetable soup, carrot and raisin salad, fruit, cookies, milk, tea and coffee. Members of the Seventh-day Adventist and Nazarene churches will serve.

The seniors have lost another member. Their deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Camilla Samples. She will be missed.

Quilt raffle tickets will be sold at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Friday, March 1. Hearing aid assistance will be given at the center Wednesday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to noon. Blood pressure clinic will be held from 11 a.m. to noon.

Dates to remember: Tuesday and Thursday exercise, 10 a.m.; Wednesday hearing aid assistance, 10 a.m., blood pressure clinic, 11 a.m., senior meal, noon; Friday cards, 2 p.m.; Sunday movie 6 p.m.

Remember to sign up to bake pies for the St. Patrick's Celebration and to work a shift. Sign up sheets are in the senior center office.