

4-H News

Oregon Trail Livestock Club
By Kyle Huddleston

The Ewes R Us 4-H sheep club and the Morrow County Cattle Kids Beef Club held a meeting on Jan. 10. The two clubs have joined together, becoming the "Oregon Trail Livestock" club.

The newly elected officers for this year are Jill Barber, president; Shelley Rietmann, vice-president; Jaci Hughes, secretary; Shanna Rietmann, assistant secretary; and Kyle Huddleston, reporter.

The topic of the evening was discussing the design of the logo for the new club name. They also discussed what they hope to learn in the upcoming year.

They ended the meeting with treats brought by the Rietmanns and drinks brought by the Huddlestons.

Club members said they look forward to the new beginning together.

Incredible Edible

By Shelby Krebs

The Incredible Edible 4-H club met January 9 at the Ione Fire Hall.

The first order of business was to elect officers. New officers are President Jeff Hunt, Vice-president Stephanie Holland, Treasurer Amy Jepsen and Sergeant at Arms Johnny Collin and Barbara Holland.

Members talked about harmful bacteria such as E. coli, Hepatitis A and Salmonella and how to prevent these bacteria. They also prepared thin Swedish pancakes and an omelet roll.

The next meeting will be in February when they will begin work on their community service project.

North Lex Livestock Club

By Shelby Krebs

The next meeting of the North Lex Livestock Club will be held Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. at the Ione Fire Hall.

Teen leaders Jeremiah McElligott and Shelby Krebs encourage new members to attend.

Critters With Attitude

By James Van Liew

Critters With Attitude had their first 4-H meeting of 1999 on January 17.

They elected the officers who are: President Sam Van Liew, Vice President Jessica Wainwright, Secretary Nicole Wilson, and newspaper reporter James Van Liew.

They also discussed sheep and animal health, such as what is the animal's normal temperature is and what to do when the animal is not eating.

Some other things they discussed were community projects, including errands, raking leaves, giving school supplies and helping elderly do chores.

Already time to think green

'Tis time to think green. The wearin' o' the green is less than two months away, which means that Heppner will soon be celebrating its Irish ancestry again. Friends and family from near and far will join Heppner for the St. Pat's Celebration, which is funded by the yearly auction.

Individuals and business owners are again encouraged by the St. Patrick's Committee to donate to the auction. The March 14 event, in addition to a live auction, will again feature a 'Country Store' and silent auction, so items large and small will be useful, said organizer Doris Brosnan.

Already the committee has accepted a hand-crocheted baby's ensemble, a collector's porcelain Irish Lass doll from Paradise Galleries and a set of dinnerware. "The members are eager to accept donations that will make this year's event the most successful ever," said

Brosnan. Money is needed to keep the celebration going and to help fund local projects.

Donors can arrange for pick up of their items by calling 676-5886 or 676-5382.

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Obituaries

Ellis Coxen

Ellis LeRoy Coxen, 80, of Richland, died Monday, January 18, 1999, at the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice House. A private family gathering will be held.

Mr. Coxen was born March 26, 1918, in Heppner and had lived in the Tri-Cities since 1962.

He was a chief warrant officer for the U. S. Navy, retired. He then went to work for Rockwell as an electrician until retiring in 1981.

Survivors include Mary Beth Sturgis, his companion and best friend; Sandra and Jack George of Richland and their family; Bob and Sandy Sturgis of Richland and their family; sisters-in-law, Bonnie Coxen of Hermiston, Florence Coxen of Yuma; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby and Albert, and brothers, Floyd and Gerald.

Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy Hospice House, 2108 W. Entiat, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Gerald Hugo Leyva

Gerald Hugo "Gar" Leyva, 85, of Palm Desert, CA, died Jan. 7, 1999, in Rancho Mirage.

Memorial services were at the FitzHenry Funeral Homes Palm Desert Chapel.

Mr. Leyva was born Dec. 22, 1913, to Hugo and Ora Mae Barnes Leyva of Walnut Creek.

He married Helen Gates Leyva on June 1, 1935, in Reno, Nev.

He served in the U.S. Air Force.

He was an aerial applicator and later served as a pilot for the U.S. Forest Service until his retirement.

He was a member of the Elks Lodge for 40 years and the Indio Men's Golf Association.

He is survived by his wife, Helen of Palm Desert; a son, Gregory of Washington State; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Hugo, in 1990.

Wheat seminar scheduled

The annual wheat seminar will be held on Thursday, February 4, at the Ione Grange from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Topics included in the workshop include pesticide safety, disease-pest management, selecting spray nozzles and equipment calibration. Pesticide recertification credits are available.

A \$7 charge will cover the cost of lunch and handouts.

For more information or to pre-register call the Extension office at 541-676-9642 or 1-800-342-3664.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the C-T office. The C-T reserves the right to edit.

Take school seriously

To the Editor:

In last week's Gazette, Meg Murray asked what parents and teachers could say to students who don't pass the CIM or CAM and who thus are not given job interviews. I have a few suggestions:

- 1) Take school seriously;

Open a book; 3) Study; 4) Learn responsibility; 5) Don't expect diplomas and jobs to be handed to you.

Does that help?

(s) Lea Mathieu Ione

Man arraigned for threats on FS workers

Robin Cochran, 50, of Hood River, was arraigned in U.S. Magistrates Court January 12, on federal felony charges for allegedly threatening two Umatilla National Forest employees, according to a Umatilla National Forest news release.

Cochran pled not guilty to two counts of "intimidation and interference with a dangerous weapon," said the release.

Charges stem from an incident occurring last November when Cochran was working for a

private contractor in the Ukiah area. He allegedly approached two North Fork John Day Ranger District employees while on duty and threatened them with a club. No one was injured.

Cochran was indicted December 15 by a federal grand jury. A federal warrant was issued and the Hood River County Sheriff's Department made the arrest January 11. The trial is set in U.S. District Court for later this spring.

Cochran was released pending trial.

Gun club holds shoot

The Morrow County Gun Club (MCGC) held a shoot on Jan. 10.

"The wind was cold but the fire and the chili were warm and so the shooters still came out to the MCGC on Saturday in Lexington," said a spokesperson.

Shoot winners include: 16 yard event-first Curt Day; second Jeff Cutsforth; tie for third, Kelwayne Haguewood and Dean Burnett.

Twenty yard handicap: first Jeff Cutsforth; second Kelwayne

Haguewood; tie for third, Curt Day and Harvey Childers.

Because of the wind, no Oakley shoots were held, but there was a 49 yard porch shot won by Harvey Childers.

The club expects to have the automatic thrower installed by next Saturday's shoot and they hope to see all members there to try it out.

The next shoot will be held at the gun club on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 12:00 noon.

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Off The Wall
By Merlyn Robinson

Like so many things that have been achieved in our community, it's said that "where there's a will, there's a way." Somehow my will seems to be fading away. The downsizing of brain and body must cause loose skin and a lack of "get up and go." Therefore it's impossible for me to get wrought up, like some folks, over a millennium bug in computers when we reach the year 2000-otherwise labeled Y2K, the year two kicker. I still have last year's problems to resolve and almost another whole year to get further behind.

Self-styled experts are advocating the stockpiling of a year's worth of food for survival when everything shuts down because computers will supposedly go belly up. All power grids are controlled by computers and if there is a glitch anywhere along a grid, it could have a domino effect and shut down power to the whole country. I just knew that advanced technology, which has left me behind, would come to no good.

However, a Washington State University Extension food specialist gal is taking issue with the idea. She says massive food storage is expensive and would result in much waste. Her article says 45 percent of families randomly sampled in Utah last year had a year's supply of food on hand. The poll takers who made that survey might be the same ones that are giving us statistics about our commander-in-chief's popularity. But if I lived in some of the remote areas of Utah, I'd stockpile stuff also. Undoubtedly, the peasants there did not receive any perks from the Olympic siting committee.

But there appears to be a run on purchasing generators because of all the gloom and doom. Where will they store enough fuel for same? Forget flushing toilets and taking baths, no one can live without a hair dryer. Can you imagine today's Americans beating clothes on a rock at a stream in this modern, push-button world?


I like my conveniences as well as anyone, yet some of us can remember when we used to buy food in quantities, especially for winter months, to supplement what had been grown and processed on ranches. Wood provided heat and fueled the cookstove. Windy days then were a blessing so the windmill would fill a reservoir.

However, the above mentioned article declares "that computer glitches will not result in major crop failures or for cows not to milk." Someone ought to clue this college-educated specialist to the fact that irrigation systems, machinery and even dairy farms are all computerized. Of course, if the milking machines are shut down, city folks would have time to lend a hand at hand-milking. The downside could be a lot of kicking going on by both cow jockeys and critters.

There are undoubtedly Gates-type minds that can solve this computer problem. One man said he set his computer back nine years until someone gets the bugs worked out. Since he figured it might take that long, he must work for the government. It could take that long for the government to study the situation before taking the wrong action. Never mind that the Earth was created in six days without screwdrivers, backhoes or my trusty problem solver, the lowly hair-pin.

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21 HAPPY 21st BIRTHDAY 21
21 CHRIS! 21
21 Love- Mom, Dad, Andy, Allison & Camille 21
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LORDY, LORDY!
Brother Wayno is 40!



As time passes by, look up to the sky; he may be flying low, or he may be flying high! He could be out chasing rabbits, as he's known to do- Just remember always that we love you Forever, Your Family

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Sue: Y'know, my biggest catering client before the expansion was the Nelson baby shower. Remember?

Pelican: With those oyster canapés shaped like booties? Mmm, how could I forget.

Sue: Thank goodness you guys at the bank saw my potential and gave me that loan.

Pelican: Uh, can we get back to those oysters?

Sue: Sorry, gotta fly. There's a chef in Seattle who's doing exciting things with pickled eel.

Pelican: Pickled eel? I'm right behind you, sister.

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