

Kimberly George named Intracorp district manager

Kimberly George, formerly of Heppner, was named as the new district manager for field case management for the state of Illinois for the Intracorp Company, a health management company. She started in her new position on May 3.

George was formerly a senior field case manager. Prior to her employment with Intracorp she

founded and managed a managed care consulting company in Oregon. In addition to her extensive catastrophic and trauma case management background, she has experience in both management and sales.

George, who lives in Willmette, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, is the daughter of Kit and Shirley George of Heppner.

Robinsons earn Boardman yard of the month

The Boardman Garden Club has announced the choices for May's yards of the month.

Ray Robinson's yard at 316 Boardman Ave., N.W., was chosen as yard of the month. "This serene setting has cement pagodas, animals and a bench. It invites you to pause and enjoy the lilacs, roses, columbines and color spot plants," said a Boardman Garden Club spokesperson. "The yard has a brown fence that graces the area. Birds sing in this well-manicured garden of beauty."

"Robinson is retired and loves to spend a little time in his yard each day," they said.

Millie Baker received honorable mention yard of the month. She has used a balance of retired farm implements with stones

and plants. "Her new addition of bulb annuals and hedge add to the beauty of this groomed yard," said the spokesperson. "The light pedestals placed amidst the rockery enhance the balance of her creation. She, like Mr. Robinson, have as beautiful back yards as in the front." Baker is a retired school teacher.

The Garden Club gave a plant and card to Mrs. Killingbeck at city hall for secretary's day. "The club feels she does a great job for the citizens of our community."

The club donated trees to Sam Boardman Elementary and Riverside High School for Arbor Day.

The club still has plants for sale. Those who wish a certain one may call and ask if the club has it, 481-5223.

Auction to benefit Pioneer Humane Soc.

A fund-raising auction for the benefit of Pioneer Humane Society will be held at Thompson Hall in Hermiston on Saturday, June 12.

An all-you-can-eat spaghetti luncheon, sponsored by the Umatilla County Grange youth, will be served beginning at 11 a.m.

The auction will start at 11:30 a.m. New or antique items for the auction will be accepted until Friday, June 11. Donations are tax-deductible and receipts are available upon request.

For more information, or for anyone wishing to donate items, call 567-2961 or 276-0181.

American Legion officers elected

Several local members of American Legion have been elected to serve as officers of Oregon District 6 American Legion for the 1999-2000 term.

Those elected include: Ed Baker, sergeant at arms, and Grace Baker, chaplain, both Lexington; Bob Daniel, first vice-commander, and Gene

Hughs, service officer, both Hermiston; Bob Flanery, commander, and Art Ritchey, adjutant, both LaGrande; and Mike Teece, second vice-commander, Joseph.

There are 13 American Legion Posts in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Baker counties.

UofW lists honor student

Eric Schonbachler, Heppner, is one of four University of Wyoming students from Oregon listed on the 1999 spring semester academic dean's and freshman honor rolls.

The dean's honor roll consists of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman

standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade point average.

Freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average are named to the dean's freshman honor roll.

To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

WOU announces Phi Kappa initiates

A total of 51 students and 11 faculty members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi for 1999 at Western Oregon University.

Student recipients of Phi Kappa Phi status are chosen

based on good character, a cumulative grade point average of 3.7 or above, and a class standing within the top ten percent.

Local initiates include Betsy Hernandez, Boardman.

Gun Club to hold shoot

The Morrow County Gun Club will hold their monthly shoot at the shooting range at TKO in Ruggs this Sunday, June 13, beginning at 9 a.m.

A barbecue lunch will be

served at noon.

For more information on cost or to preregister, call 676-5275 or 676-5042.

This shoot is open to the public.

CSEPP gets table cards

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) of Morrow and Umatilla counties has developed a new public education tool that will be on display in local restaurants. The CSEPP Table Card is a three-fold card that provides emergency preparedness information.

On the card is information about what types of weapons are stored at the Umatilla Chemical Depot, what CSEPP is, how people will be warned in the event of a chemical release, how to shelter in place and what should be included in a shelter in place kit. The card also displays a map that shows the Immediate Response Zone (IRZ) and the Protective Action Zone.

CSEPP representatives hope people will read the information, share the information with family members and develop their own emergency preparedness plan. The table cards will also help educate people new to the area and those who are just passing through.

"We really appreciate the restaurants giving us the opportunity to provide this important information," said Dan Knoll, public information officer for Morrow County Emergency Management.

Any restaurant that would like to display the information on their tables may call Knoll at 541-922-4437.

Boardman wellness walk planned July 4

Looking for an activity that promotes physical exercise, fitness, family unity, enjoyment of the outdoors and a positive sense of accomplishment?

Hit the walking trail for health at the Boardman 5+K (almost four mile) Wellness Walk 8 - 10 a.m., Sunday, July 4, on the edge of the Columbia River. The noncompetitive event begins at 8 a.m. next to Indian Petroglyph Rock at the Boardman Marina Park picnic area.

Walkers will head out on the Sunset Loop Trail, a new trail segment added in 1998. Most of the route will utilize the paved walking path through the marina campground, past Sailboard Beach, continuing beyond the Captain Al James tug, looping through the shady grove on Port of Morrow land before returning to the marina area. The route is level and totally paved. Strollers and wheelchairs are okay, as are pets on leash.

There is no charge to participate in the Wellness Walk. All participants must sign a waiver/registration form. Registration forms are available at Boardman Chamber of Commerce, Boardman Pharmacy and Boardman Health Care Center.

Registration forms will also be available at the Wellness Walk.

For Wellness Walk information, call (541) 481-3014.

Oregon reports more, but smaller farms

The number of farms in Oregon has increased seven percent in the past five years. The amount of land in farms has decreased slightly. So it is no surprise that the average size of farms in Oregon has decreased about seven percent, according to a news release from the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Simply put, there are more farms in Oregon and they are smaller.

But a closer look behind the numbers reveals a more complex situation.

"You must remember that Oregon agriculture is not a single-faceted industry and that the Ag Census definition of farm needs to be taken into account," says Jim Johnson, land use specialist with the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Statistics from this spring's release of the U.S. Census of Agriculture-- which is done every five years-- show the number of farms in Oregon increased from 31,892 in 1992 to 34,030 in 1997. The amount of land in farms decreased slightly from 17,609,497 acres to 17,449,293 acres. The average size of farms decreased from 552 acres to 513.

But average in a state so diverse in geography and in the type of agriculture that is produced can be a bit misleading.

"Oregon agriculture and its landscape are very diverse," says Johnson. "The industry produces more than 250 different commodities. Only California and Florida produce more. Valuable agricultural lands can be found on river valley floodplains, marine terraces and high desert plateaus. When using a tool like the Census, you need to understand that Oregon ag is really a bundle of agricultures. Eastern Oregon agriculture includes more extensive operations such as cattle and wheat ranches. Western Oregon agriculture tends to be more intensive in nature."

A look at individual counties explains some differences between east and west.

Western Oregon-- with its tremendous diversity in agriculture-- tends to have more farms and smaller ones. Clackamas County reports the most farms at 3,745 and also reports the smallest average size per farm at just 48 acres. Meanwhile, Wheeler County has the fewest farms with 157 and trails only another Eastern Oregon County-- Gilliam-- in the largest average size per farm at 4,474. Most of that land is either in wheat or pasture for cattle.

There's another factor-- the increase in the number of farms can be attributed in no small way to a change in the official definition of what constitutes a farm.

The income threshold remains the same-- any operation that grosses or has the potential to gross a thousand dollars in ag sales during the year is considered a farm. But the latest census began counting Christmas tree operations as farms for the first time. Oregon leads the nation in Christmas

tree production and many smaller operators have planted Christmas trees in recent years. Owing pleasure horses with a value of more than a thousand dollars would qualify someone as a farmer. For the first time, an operation of short-rotation woody crops-- including hybrid poplars or cottonwoods-- is considered a farm. There's one more new definition of "farm": "An operation that is a conservation reserve farm only-- CRP--is now counted as a farm if it is 100 percent CRP," says Homer Rowley, state statistician with the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. "Some of that is taking place in Eastern Oregon."

The additional acreage counted as agriculture in the 1997 census has kept the decrease in the amount of land in farms from being much greater.

Other indicators from the census that Oregon is a state of smaller farms-- most operators have other jobs and most operations don't make that much money.

"About 62 percent of our farms gross less than \$10,000 a year," says Rowley. "This also is reflected in what owners of these small operations consider their primary source of income. About 54 percent of them generate most of their income from off-the-farm jobs."

Oregon is higher than the national average in both the percentage of farms grossing less than \$10,000 a year and the percentage of farmers who make most of their money doing something else.

However, larger operations remain vital to the state. ODA's Johnson points to another set of numbers that may better reflect the character of Oregon agriculture. More than 98 percent of the total production receipts comes from farms producing \$10,000 or more and over 88 percent of the land area involves farms producing \$10,000 or more. These farms are substantially larger in area, averaging 1,193 acres in size and producing an average of \$223,796 in total sales per farm. One thing has remained a constant in Oregon. Big or small, more or fewer, an overwhelming majority of farms in the state are family-owned.

"A big misconception is if it's a large farm, it's a corporate farm," says Rowley. "That isn't the case. About 95 percent of Oregon farms are considered family farms that are mostly either a sole proprietorship or a family partnership."

It may be easy to say that Oregon is continuing its trend of more farms, smaller farms. But it also may be too simplistic. Johnson maintains the most important statistic to monitor is how much of the state's prime and other high-value ag land-- much of it residing in the populous Willamette Valley-- could be lost to development.

"Oregon is doing a good job in protecting farmland, especially when one looks at the total acreage lost," says Johnson. "Growth is and will continue to

occur in the state. However, where it takes place is of great concern. Growth issues are both regional and state issues. Regional growth should be planned for on a regional basis with regional solutions that steer growth away from valuable farmland as much as possible. Case by case, city by city, individual solutions can only lead to an incremental loss of some of the state's most valuable farmland."

That's the trend that might be most important to Oregon agriculture.

Golf tourney earns \$8,500

The "Second Annual Tee Off To End Violence Golf Tournament", held May 15, was successful in raising \$8,500," said Cricket Nicholson, executive director for Domestic Violence Services.

The fund raising event was a collaborative effort between Domestic Violence Services, which serves Umatilla and Morrow counties, and The STOP Violence Program, which serves the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Together, the two programs provide services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"Services include shelter, 24-hour crisis line, crisis counseling, support groups, and community education," said Art McConville, program coordinator for CTUIR's STOP Violence program.

Day care plans workshops

Heppner Day Care has planned a Summer Craft Workshop for June and July.

The first program will be held June 14-July 1 and the second, July 5-29. The workshops are scheduled from 9-11:30 a.m.

Creative activities will be organized around the themes, "Surprises for Daddy", "Stars and Stripes", "Junior Gardeners" and "Ooey Gooey Bugs".

Children four to 11 years old will be accepted and class size is limited to 12 children. Children must be signed up in advance at the day care center. Rates are the same as child care rates at \$2 an hour.

Call 676-5429 to register as soon as possible.

VBS planned in July

Vacation Bible school, sponsored by Heppner First Christian Church for ages three through six, will be held July 12-16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

"Spy" stories from the Bible will be used to teach the children about God's program and barbecue will be held Friday night for children and their families.

For more information call Chandra at 676-5424 or CJ at 676-9209.

Wedding Tables

Jennifer Currin & Shane Gutridge
June 12th

Michelle Alldritt & Brian Holts
June 19th

Tanya Robinson & Dwayne Dunaway
June 25th

Jessica Sumner & Jonathan Lehman
July 24th

Lynde Minster & Ezra Perkins
August 7th

 Murray's Drug
217 North Main Heppner 676-9128

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SUNDAY, JUNE 13 at 1:30 p.m.

From Hermiston 395 South to WalMart Distribution Center
left on Feedville Rd. Go straight about 15 miles
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FEATURES:
2 FULL FUNCTIONING WINDMILLS

280 gallon fuel tank, yard bench, fence, hospital bed with mattress, table, Datsun pickup shell, edger, oil pump tank, chicken box (20 (2 stage)), 5-55 gal. drum, rider mower (parts), feeder tank (for cows), old 4-wheel wagon, A.C. welder, corner cabinet, anvil, rocker, Kitchen Aid dishwasher, small freezer, microwave, round table w/4 chairs (maple), 1976 Chevy pickup, kitchen table w/2 wood chairs, misc. glassware, TV cabinet, 4-drawer dresser, chair, end table, TV tray, 2 stuff chairs, sofa, maple hutch 7-drawer, maple coffee table, round end table, Rocker 2 - 4 poster single bed complete, 5-drawer dresser, 2 Royal Hickman peacock vases, 5-drawer dresser, one single complete bed, w/nightstand, 2 mirrors bevel edge, one king-size bed complete maple w/2 nightstands, lamp, 11-drawer dresser w/mirror, old oak sec. desk, washer, dryer, metal locker, 2 saddles, chest-type toolbox, tools, dishes, depression glass items, air compressor, wagon wheel, old crocks 5 gal. and up, old dresser w/mirror, old cameras, old pocket watches, 30' electric range, 2 TVs, VCR, old metal table, frying pans, 2 cross-cut saws 6 ft., Breyer horses, Smitty truck (metal), Senco saddle.

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

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