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Morrow County could become Oregon's dairy capitol

Morrow County could become the dairy capital of Oregon following construction of a new cheese plant at Boardman, local cattlemen, farmers and others were told at a meeting last Thursday in Heppner.

Up to 40,000 head of dairy cows could be brought into the county to support Tillamook Cheese's new plant at the Port of Morrow near Boardman, said Harold Schild, president and CEO of Tillamook County Creamery Assn.

Schild was part of a panel of dairy experts who spoke at a meeting of the Morrow County Soil and Water District last week.

Most of the dairies will probably be located within 15 miles of the new plant.

Workers at the dairies will number in the hundreds as it takes about 22 workers for each 1,000 cows. Wages average in the \$2,000 to \$2,500 per month.

The wide open spaces of Morrow County is one of the reasons Tillamook Cheese decided to locate in Morrow County. Five dairymen from Chino, California, are moving their operations here because of increased conflicts with neighbors there.

Three of the dairies will be locating on the Offet property (formerly Taggares Farms) near

the Boardman Coal plant. A total of six dairies will initially set up in Morrow County to support the Tillamook operation, and there could be more later.

In response to questions from the crowd it was said that 30 percent of the milking herd will be cull cows, which will cause "some blips" in the market. It was pointed out, however, that more buyers will be attracted to the area, and that in the long run will help the local market.

In respect to feed it was stated that there will be "lots" of direct sales with the growers for the feed, but that \$6 to \$7 million a year could be injected into the county economy for all types of buying by the dairymen, the processing plant and the employees.

The dairies in Morrow County will be different than those in Tillamook. The average dairy in Tillamook is about 150 cows with some as large as 500. The dairies here will much larger and more efficient. The dairy industry is the backbone of the Tillamook economy.

The average dairy cow has a production life of about three years and is about 5 years old when done. Most of the calves will be born on the dairies and then raised somewhere close by until about two years old and ready for milking.

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service station in 1968. In addition to providing trustworthy engine repair and complete service for over 30 years, Cal is noted for his contribution in keeping the spirit of the Easter Bunny alive in Heppner and plowing snow for downtown businesses and the elderly.

The Shermans' children and grandchildren have also worked at the business.

Devin's Oil first incorporated in 1980, but started business long before. In the last three years, Devin's Oil has expanded its business as an oil distributor to acquire and remodel or construct new service stations in Heppner, Boardman and Arlington, all of which include convenience stores.

Devin's Oil also emphasizes family, with Devin's parents establishing the business, which now includes Dick's wife, Denise, and his children, Rene and Richard.

Jerry Healy, representing the Port of Morrow, introduced the CEO of the wheat straw particle board company which plans to open a business in Heppner, initially creating approximately 60 jobs. It was noted that a year ago during the community got the bad news that the Kinzua Mill in Heppner would close, putting over 100 people out of work.

Also at the awards presentation, Heppner Chamber Executive Director Claudia Hughes was presented the Elks Distinguished Citizen award, and Tom Sly, Tom Wolff and Tom Rawlins were honored with the Chamber's Hats Off awards.

1998-99 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen Bobbie Rankin crowned this year's court, Queen Tracy Rankin and Princesses Rachel Faber and Salli McElligott.

The program, "1900-2000...Then & Now," was narrated and the music provided by Ed Dailey, singer and DJ with KORD Radio. A video of the past 100 years was created by the Town & Country Committee and Tom Rawlins and presented by the Chamber of Commerce with assistance from the Port of Morrow, the Morrow County Museum, the Gazette-Times and others who loaned photographs.

A gem was donated by Peterson's Jewelers. The Heppner High School senior class served and cleared tables and the Heppner Garden Club provided table decorations.

Master of ceremonies was Larry Mills.

Social hour was hosted by the Morrow County Grain Growers.



Chamber of Commerce board members (left to right) Tom Sly, Jerry Breazeale, David Sykes, Chris Meyer, Sharon Harrison, Tricia Sweeney and Barbara Hayes are installed during the Chamber luncheon last Tuesday, Jan. 11.



2000 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court (left to right) Princess Salli McElligott, Princess Rachel Faber, and Queen Tracy Rankin.



1999 Chamber President Bob Kahl passes the gavel to incoming president Sharon Harrison at the annual chamber luncheon.



Tom Sly (left) Claudie Hughes and Tom Wolff

Parents invited to math night at HES

Parents of Heppner Elementary School students will be provided

with the opportunity to learn about "math open-ended problem solving" on Thursday, January 27.

The evening will begin at 7 p.m. in the elementary library with a group presentation by HES Principal Phyllis Danielson and teacher Linda Shaw. At that time everyone will be looking at the state standards for math open ended problem solving.

Following will be three-30-minute focus groups provided for parents. One presentation is planned for grades kindergarten-one-two; one for the benchmark years of grades three and five; and one for off-year benchmark assessments of grades four and six.

Since there is only time for a parent to attend an individual session, the school suggests that if families have more than one child in school, perhaps one parent could go to the

kindergarten-one-two session while the other parent goes to the three-five session.

Packets of information will be handed out in each focus group, with information regarding scoring guides, the five mathematical strands, sample problems, etc., for parents to have at home to aid them in helping their children with math.

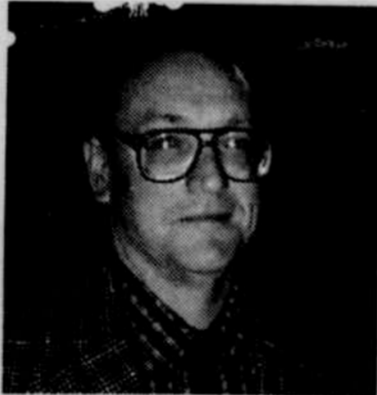
After the focus groups, those attending will meet back in the library for a closing time and refreshments.

"This event for parents will help us take a big step together in helping our children be successful in math," said the HES staff. "We hope to see you on the 27th."

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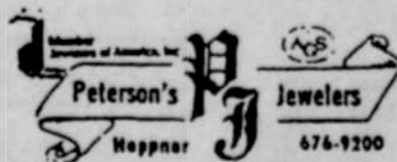
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Tom Rawlins



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- 1997 Dodge, extra cab, 1/2 ton, 4x4
- 1998 Chevrolet K20, ext. cab, 3/4 ton, 4x4

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- 1997 Ford Explorer, 4-door, 4x4, AWD
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