

## Local youth complete tractor training certification

Eighteen youth from the Morrow County area received a Certificate of Training for safe operation of farm equipment recently.

The training was sponsored in cooperation with Oregon State University Extension Service and Morrow County Grain Growers. Larry Lutzer and Bill Broderick of OSU Extension and Dustin Padberg and Ryan Munkers of MCGG were instructors.

Oregon State Law requires youth ages 14-17 to obtain a training certificate in order to operate tractors on farms not owned or operated by a member of your immediate family.

Members completing the course were: Luke Bradfield, Mason Bradfield, Dalton Campbell, Matt Coleman, Michael Covey, Bryce Doherty, Colton Hanson, Cody Keisling, Mindy Losacco, Clayton Morter, Quinn Peck, Cory Peterson, Brenna Rietmann, Keisha Schultz, Jason Wainwright, Heather Yocom, Kayla LaRue and Dan Long.

## Irrigon to hold annual watermelon festival

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Irrigon Watermelon Festival will be held Saturday, July 31 at the Irrigon Marina Park.

The event will open with a breakfast at 6:30 a.m., and a softball tournament at 7 a.m. The parade will be held at 10 a.m. Other events include arts and crafts, booths, a watermelon seed spitting contest, a dunk tank, a giant double slide, a hula hoop contest, a giant raffle, a duck race and music, music and more music. The day will also hold the Show-N-Shine Car Show.

Music includes: the Gorge Winds 50-piece Concert Band, which will perform at 1:30 p.m.; the Quetzacuate Hispanic Dancers, the Round-Up City Cloggers; INDirect Light; Tony Madrigal; and a street dance and light show with Dan Burns and 3D Productions from 9 p.m.-12 a.m.

Entertainment and advertising is funded by Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Melons are donated by Walchli Farms and Belinger Farms.

For more information about events contact Donna Eppenbach, 922-3196; LaVelle Partlow, 922-3386; Debi Stratton, 922-9685; or Glenna Hoffman, 922-9433.

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Brenna Rietmann of Ione, daughter of John and Kerry Rietmann.

## Camp Town comes to life at 4-H camp

"Let the shopping begin," shouted Mayor Tomas Elguezabal, 10 years old, as he officially opened Camp Town at 4-H Camp. 4-H campers rushed to the community bank to open a checking account and deposit their wages. Armed with cash and a checkbook, young consumers proceeded to the Camp Town stores. Opportunities existed to purchase a fresh baked pizza, to stamp a leather key ring, to try their skill at the sports arcade, and to purchase gifts for themselves or a friend. Shoppers could also spend their dollars on a slimy critter or two, send a candy gram, design a beaded bracelet, paint a pet rock and dedicate a song at the radio station.

Camp Town, a unique money-management program, was the educational component of Tri-County 4-H Camp held June 27-30 at Cutsforth Park near Heppner. Eighty-two campers and 27 teen counselors from Wheeler, Gilliam and Morrow counties participated in the program. Campers attended classes to learn the skills of writing a check, counting change and making good consumer choices. Anita Orem, guest instructor from the Bank of Eastern Oregon, demonstrated how a bank functions in the community.

Each tent group of campers was assigned a business to operate. Counselors took on the challenging role of store managers. Businesses applied for a license from Camp Town City Hall, created radio advertisements, completed an inventory, determined prices for items and services, and paid wages to employees. A grant of \$1300 from Trust Management Services provided the start-up inventory for each business.



The program objectives were: to provide a means for participants to practice money management skills; to strengthen their understanding of money management, supply and demand, roles of consumers and producers, and retail sales; and to provide leadership skill-building opportunities for counselors.

"Camp Town was such a fun program. All 105 youth were fully engaged for several hours each day the town was open," reported Cindy Osterlund, Gilliam County Extension Agent and camp co-director. "We designed most businesses to have an activity component. For example: the Photo Shop also furnished all the supplies to make your own frame. Camp Town took an

### Over the Tee Cup

Fifteen ladies gathered in hot weather at Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner for Over the Tee Cup play.

Pat Edmundson took low gross of the field; Juanita Martin took low net of the field; and Bernice Lott took least putts of the field.

In flight A, Eva Kilkenny took low gross; Loa Henderson took low net; Karen Thompson took least putts; Kilkenny took long drive; and Edmundson had a KP.

In flight B, Liz Orwick took low gross;

enormous amount of preparation and a lot of counselor energy, but the results were worth it."

Bill Broderick, Morrow County Extension Agent and camp co-director, explains that 4-H is able to offer a very inexpensive camp experience for local youth because of the generosity of our volunteer staff. Teen counselors not only supervise the young campers, but also set up and dismantle the tent camp. Glaya Baker, Boardman, has volunteered as the camp nurse for about 15 years. Kaedene Bailey and Darcy Coil, head cooks for over 10 years, purchase and prepare all the food for the hungry campers. Parent volunteers in the kitchen included Mary Haguwood, Susan Thompson and Mary Ann Elguezabal.

Betty Christman took low net; Lois Hunt took least putts; Luvilla Sonstegard took long drive; and Orwick had a KP.

In flight C, Joyce Dinkins took low gross; Pat Dougherty took low net; Dorris Graves took least putts; and Dinkins took long drive.

## Tickets on sale for Dinner at the Cemetery

Tickets are now on sale for the July 31 Dinner at the Cemetery, sponsored by the Morrow County Museum and Farm Foundation. Seating is limited to 100, and the \$25 dinner-theatre tickets will be available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the Heppner Chamber Office until sold out.

This third theatrical and dining experience at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery is a response to many requests from patrons of the first two productions. This year's event will celebrate the spirit of rebirth that moved Heppner citizens forward after the devastation and losses of the 1903 flood. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and is an integral part of the theatrical presentation.

Staged as a "Founders Day Celebration," this year's upbeat drama is set in the year 1904. The production will entertain diners with "people and events" from the year following the flood. Diners are encouraged, though not required, to dress in period clothing, to increase their participation in the event.

"What I especially liked about our other two productions," said Sharon Harrison, committee chair, "is that we and the audience all learned so much about our community and the people who lived here. That is true about this year's play, too. Hours spent at museum records have supplied us with wonderful material for another production. Also, our actors have done a fine job with our scripts, and I know this year's cast will be equally outstanding."

From the historic pages of the Heppner Gazette will step some of the people making local news in 1903 and 1904, and this year's drama will feature a national figure, as well. The committee and cast members are confident that the diners will be pleased with the two twists that "Celebration" will take.

The evening is a fundraising event. Proceeds this year will be used to help fund another representation of the area's past, the next mural on the Agricultural Museum. The previous two affairs helped fund the monument that honors individuals who died in the flood. Anyone with questions about the event are encouraged to call Sharon Harrison at 989-8496 in the evening or at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, 676-9125.

## Obituaries

### Judith Ann Kempas

Judith Ann Kempas, 62, died July 9, 2004, at Hearthsong Hospice in Medford.

A memorial service was held July 17 at First Christian Church in Heppner.

Kempas was born May 23, 1942, at Klamath Falls, to Harlen and Nellie Kline. She grew up in Roseburg where she graduated from Roseburg High School. While attending high school, she met her husband-to-be, Richard Kempas. They were married in January 1961.

Mr. Kempas died in February 2004.

It was said Mrs. Kempas loved her family and friends very much, particularly the children with whom she would spend hours watching cartoons, or playing whatever game the child chose to play.

Survivors include sons, Joe Kempas of Medford and Jim Kempas of Lexington; sister, Helen Mendenhall of Corvallis; and grandchildren, Nichole Kempas, Jesse Kempas-Cribbs, Taylor Kempas and Nicholas Kempas.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heppner First Christian Church, Heppner, OR 97836.

### Theodore F. Murrain

Theodore "Ted" F. Murrain, 48, of Boardman, a former resident of North Platte, NE, died Monday, July 12, 2004, at Boardman, after a one-and-a-half year long struggle with non-Hodgkin lymphoma cancer.

A memorial gathering will be held in Boardman later as well as a memorial luncheon at the Eagles Lodge in North Platte. Inurnment will be at Wellfleet Cemetery in Wellfleet, NE.

Murrain was born Feb. 27, 1956, at Denver, CO, to Roy "Jack" and Irene Elaine Cooper Murrain. He went to school at North Platte and at Curtis, NE.

Murrain was employed by Union Pacific Railroad, worked at Tomahawk Truck Stop until 1985, then moved to Chappell, NE to work at Leprino Foods Company until 1992, and recently moved to Boardman, to be with his mother and his family. He was employed by Oregon Potato.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing pool.

He was a member of the North Platte Eagles Lodge and played on several pool teams. Pool was one of his favorite pastimes. He also loved football and was a big fan of the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Kansas City Chiefs.

Survivors include his mother, Irene Hood of Boardman; his sister, Rogena Loving of Boardman; brother, Rodney Murrain of Greeley, CO; four nieces, a nephew and a great niece, as well as other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Murrain and a nephew, Terrance Ryun.

Contributions may be made to a memorial fund that has been established for Murrain at the Bank of Eastern Oregon to help pay expenses.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

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