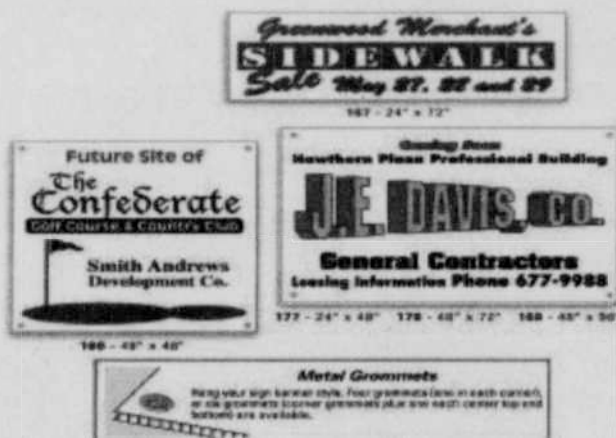


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## 4-H and Morrow County School Districts, working together

Morrow County Extension has been cooperating with schools in Morrow County - Boardman, Heppner and Ione - to provide educational opportunities for their students.

The schools in Morrow County are on a four-day school week. 4-H has been providing a Friday morning "4-H Fun Friday" for the Sam Boardman Elementary Students. Working with three school program assistants and planning with the principal, they decided to supplement math and reading skills in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. It includes pro-

viding a nutritional snack for the 40-50 students involved every Friday. The students also learn about the importance of good nutrition and exercise during the 4-H Fun Friday.

At Heppner High School, high school students have an opportunity to learn about GPS/GIS technology through a cooperative effort. 4-H received a grant to purchase GPS/GIS software and curriculum, which is used by a technology teacher in the high school for students interested in technology. Students using this curriculum will also be 4-H

members. Twelve GPS units were provided by Morrow County Court to help with this project. There is also an opportunity to cooperate with the OSU Range Department in the future to provide assistance to farmers or ranchers interested in having their property mapped.

The Ione School District is providing natural resource education in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

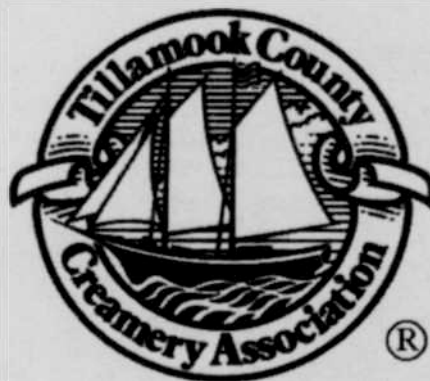
They had a greenhouse and some projects started, but were severely under funded. With a grant, 4-H was able to help Ione schools complete some of their projects so students could start receiving the 4-H model of "hands on education" in natural resources. The students involved in this project also become 4-H members as group in school participation. We are excited about the opportunity for participation at fair with many of the plants they are growing.

Both the Heppner and Ione projects have a large community service component in the programs. This is truly a win-win situation for 4-H, the schools and the communities.

Bill Broderick, 4-H faculty member in Morrow County, is working with the schools to provide 4-H educational programs for both high school and elementary students in Morrow County.

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