

OSU garden class sign-up still available

Josephine County residents are reminded that there is still space and time to sign up for the 2003 Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service Master Gardener Program, scheduled to start in early January.

"With the onset of holidays and family gatherings, time tends to slip away," said George Tiger, of OSU Extension. "Therefore, residents are encouraged to not delay and sign up as soon as possible for the Master Gardener Program."

"Besides learning more about gardening, the training program is a great place to meet fellow garden enthusiasts," he said.

Tiger noted that, "Meeting other gardeners from across the area has to be one of the major benefits of the program. Nevertheless, if you are thinking about joining the class now is a good time to sign up. Classes will start Jan. 9."

"The Master Gardener Program," he said, "is intended to give home gardeners basic instruction in horticulture and then to use the trainees to help Extension staff members answer gardening questions from the public."

The course of study will include vegetable garden management, landscaping, plant disease, insects, and management of soil and water. Also lawn and turf maintenance, fruit, nut and berry cultivation, growing herbs, and other related topics.

Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays for 12 successive weeks. The classes are to be held at the Extension Auditorium at 215 Ringuette St., Grants Pass. Except for a \$65 materials fee, there is no charge for the training, which is provided in exchange for volunteer educational activities.



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THURSDAY, DEC. 5 Crispy beef tacos, cheeseburger, pepperoni pizza or ham and cheese sandwich
FRIDAY, DEC. 6 Pretzel with cheese sauce, hamburger, Hawaiian pizza or turkey and cheese roll
MONDAY, DEC. 9 Macaroni and cheese, hamburger, pepperoni pizza or peanut butter and jelly sandwich
TUESDAY, DEC. 10 Chicken nuggets, cheeseburger, chicken pizza or ham and cheese roll
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11 Teriyaki beef bites, hamburger, cheese pizza, chicken pita and chocolate chip cookie

Answers to Crossword Puzzle grid with solutions like CAN, SERE, PEACE, URGENT, TRIP, RAGED, etc.



ILLINOIS RIVER ROAD WARNING - In the wake of the 500,000-acre Biscuit Fire, it's possible to see the kind of wildland damage that occurred, as out Illinois River Road. This view, approximately 4 miles out, also includes a warning sign to those who might go for a look.

Cleaning may be hazardous to your health

Brisk winds and fewer daylight hours have hailed the arrival of autumn, and many home owners are doing seasonal cleaning and fix-ups on their homes and yards in advance of winter weather.

Pacific Power wants to remind people working on home repair and cleaning projects to pay close attention to their surroundings and stay out of danger's way.

"Fall tends to bring people outside for one final burst of activity around their homes and yards before the cold weather sets in," said Amy Eschete, Pacific Power's public safety consultant. "We encourage people to stay safe around electricity and take some extra precautions when tackling outdoor repair and clean-up projects."

"The best way to stay safe from electrical hazards is to be alert and aware," Eschete said. "People should keep safety in mind as part of the task at hand. Power lines are put on top of poles and buried underground to help keep our customers away from danger, so

plan your work to stay as far away from these as possible."

Pacific Power offers the following safety tips on common home and yard clean-up projects:

*When cleaning roofs and gutters from leaves and other debris, note where power lines connect to the house, and keep ladders, scaffolding and other equipment away. Note the location of overhead electrical wires both while working and when moving equipment when installing, removing, cleaning or repairing gutters.

*If moving, adjusting or installing an antenna or satellite dish on your roof, keep well away from live wires.

*If using electrical tools while mowing, trimming or edging, do so only in dry weather after inspecting the cords and any extension cords. And, do not allow the electrical cords to lay in water. Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) available from most hardware stores. Also, be sure to wear eye and hearing protection while working with and around electrical tools.

*If building a fence or digging a hole for planting, phone 48 hours in advance for utility locating service before digging to be sure not to hit underground power, gas, water, cable or telecommunication lines. If you don't know the number for your area, phone Pacific Power at (888) 221-7070. Contacting underground electric cables can be just as dangerous as contacting overhead lines.

*Check for power lines in or near trees before trimming or pruning branches. Don't use pruning tools or ladders near power lines. Never try to remove a branch that is tangled or lying across a power line. Instead, phone (888)221-7070. "We'll be happy to remove it for you," said Pacific Power.

*If planting trees near overhead lines, choose species that grow no higher than 25 feet at maturity. Pacific Power has a free "Small Trees for Small Places" booklet. Phone (888) 221-7070 to order. To order free Pacific Power safety education materials, phone (800)791-6093 or visit

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TOP VIDEO RENTALS list including Spiderman, Mr. Deeds, Adam Sandler, Insomnia, and others with rental ratings.

Advertisement for Clouser Calling, a water well and pump sales service. Includes contact info: 592-6777, 1470 Caves Hwy., Cave Junction.

Advertisement for Country Breakfast I.V. Senior Center. Lists menu items like Biscuits & Gravy, Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage Links, Coffee, Milk, Juice. Price: \$4.00 - Adults, \$2.50 - Kids Under 12. Saturday, Dec. 7 - 8 to 11 a.m.

Large table listing TV and radio programs for Sunday Morning/Afternoon and December 8, 2002. Columns include time slots (6:00-5:30) and program titles with network logos.