



Stockpiling

Photo by Jan Eldredge

Area residents are stockpiling wood with winter right around the corner. Winter officially starts on Saturday, Dec. 22. The Mt. Hood and Sandy area had a warning of what's to come with freezing weather this past week.

Gardening tools can be very good Christmas gifts

People generally don't think about gardening in the winter, but don't overlook the possibility of giving gardening gifts this Christmas.

"Almost every spring I buy something for my garden that I could have dropped some hints for at Christmas," says Ray McNeilan, OSU Extension agent.

One important consideration in selecting a gift for the gardener is to be sure it is really needed and will be used to advantage. Buying a new hoe before the old one is worn out is wasteful, unless the new tool is more efficient or versatile than the old one.

Gardening tools offer many gift possibilities. Improved hand pruning tools with better blades are now on the market. They are easier to use, but still leave the

baffling decision about which branches to prune up to the individual.

More expensive items include mechanized weed trimmers and compost grinders. Drip irrigation kits are available in various sizes and price ranges.

For the indoor gardener, meters that indicate when a houseplant needs water can eliminate the guessing game many people use to wither or inundate their plants.

Gardening books, which are becoming as numerous as cookbooks, are another possibility. "Before buying a gardening book, check to see if it gives advice based on local conditions rather than being generalized for the whole United States," McNeilan says.

Oregon has four distinct

gardening regions, points out McNeilan. They are the coast; the western valleys, including Grants Pass and Medford; the high elevations of the Coast Range and eastern Oregon; and the Columbia and Snake River Valleys. A gardening book that pertains to western Oregon won't be of much use in Bend, he observes.

And for someone who wants to get a jump on next year's gardening season, seed starter kits are an ideal gift. These kits are miniature greenhouse arrangements that can be used indoors to grow vegetable transplants or flower seedlings.

"These are just a few possibilities. Browsing through a garden store will uncover many more," McNeilan says.

History class views films to study Depression

Using films such as "The Grapes of Wrath" and "All the King's Men," the history course The Depression Years: Hard and Good Times will be taught winter term at Clackamas Community College.

Instructors Fred DeWolfe and Richard Rampsberger will use the films of and about the 1930s as a starting point to examine various aspects of the depression years.

The course will be offered on Thursday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. in the McLoughlin Hall Theater on the college campus. The first session is Jan. 4.

The schedule of films for the class is:

January 3 — Newsreels of life in the 1930's

January 10 — "Grapes of Wrath," starring Henry Fonda, tells the story of a family forced to leave its Oklahoma dustbowl farm and how it survives in California as migrant workers

January 17 — "Night at the Opera," starring the Marx Brothers, is one of the funniest films ever made and is a classic example of the crazy comedies made during the 1930's.

January 24 — "Gold Diggers" is one of the best of Busby Berkeley's lavish musicals. Ginger Rogers and Dick Powell star.

January 31 — "King

Kong" has excellent special effects which still rank among the best ever. The 1933 version of this tale of Beauty (Fay Wray) and Beast was a landmark film for its time.

February 7 — "Lost Horizon" tells the story of a group of survivors of a plane crash who stumble upon Shangri-la. Considered a classic film, the movie stars Ronald Coleman.

February 14 — "All the King's Men" Broderick Crawford won an Academy Award for his portrayal of a Southern governor who used his political machine for his personal gain. A fine treatment of the black side of

politics during the 1930's.

February 21 — "Fury," starring Spencer Tracy, deals with mob hysteria, a frequent problem of the turbulent '30's. Tracy is a man falsely accused of kidnapping who escapes a lynch mob and then returns to seek revenge on members of the mob.

February 28 — "Bonnie and Clyde," this film from the 1960's portrayed the lives of two of the most infamous of the 1930's bank robbers. Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway star as Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker. The film's use of violence created great controversy

when it was first released.

March 6 — "All Through the Night," starring Humphrey Bogart, is set just before Pearl Harbor and tells the story of a plot by Nazi spies to harm an American battleship in New York harbor. The plot is crushed by the work of a big-shot Broadway promoter who stumbles upon some random clues.

The course is worth three credits and there is a \$10 lab fee to cover the film rental. For more information about the course contact the Clackamas Community College history department, 656-2631, ext. 328.

Happy Valley fire department seeks help

The Happy Valley fire department is looking for a few good volunteers.

As many as 30 or 40, to be precise, says Fire Chief H. George Allen.

Happy Valley Rural Fire District No. 65 is now staffed by only seven paid personnel,

six volunteers and 12 student trainees, he said.

"We have a shortage of manpower," Allen said. "We have many calls right now where we only have our student firefighters and two paid people on duty."

Although insurance

requirements call for five persons to operate a fire engine pumper, Allen says the department has had to settle at times for three.

"It is a serious problem. We need more manpower. If people won't augment the fire department with

volunteers, we're going to need more tax money to hire paid people," he said.

Persons interested in becoming volunteers would be required to take training classes for about 6 months to become certified as firefighters. The department

has recently expanded its training program to offer the classes three times a week instead of one. Classes are held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Trainees attend one session per week.

Unique class designed to help small businesses

The Small Business reports that approximately 440,000 small businesses begin operating each year. But, each year another 400,000 small businesses close their doors for one reason or another.

To help those businesses survive and keep their doors open, Mt. Hood Community College is initiating a small business management program beginning in January.

The program is designed to assist the owners and managers of small businesses improve the effectiveness of their total business operation and enable them to reach their business goals.

The emphasis of the program will be placed on business management instruction. The classroom activities will center around business records and accounts, business analysis, and business organization. The program will take a "hands on" approach in presenting the instructional material.

Participants will find this approach different from the

traditional educational curriculum in that the business operator's own business becomes his textbook and laboratory. Achievement of business and family goals is the main assignment for the continuing course.

Instruction begins in the classroom with the study of management and business principles. These principles are then coupled with on-going at-the-business instructional visits. The cycle is completed and begun again with the analysis and evaluation of the year's business activity.

The entire instructional program is broken down to meet the needs of the individual business as well as the needs of the entire program. Classroom instruction is offered once a month following a

predetermined sequence of business topics that have application to all program members.

Small group instruction will be available for participants with like kinds of businesses so that additional instruction can be tailored to fit a specific business type.

At-the-business individual instruction is planned with each participant once each month. This activity allows the instructor an opportunity to relate the classroom instruction directly to the student's business and to deal with problems that are unique to that specific business.

The program sequence will continue over a three year period and take each business through several cycles of operation, record keeping and analysis.

For further information

regarding the new small business management program at MHCC, contact Dave Polito at the college's

Maywood Park Education Center, 102nd and Prescott streets in Portland, telephone 256-3433.

'Jazzle' band to perform concert

The versatile band Jazzle will perform for the annual Christmas Dance at Clackamas Community College on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Jazzle, a Vancouver-based group, plays a variety of standard tunes ranging from soft rock to jazz, with disco and hard rock included.

The dance will be held in

the Community Center Mall on the college campus. There will be refreshments served. Tickets are priced at \$1 for Clackamas Community

College students and \$2 for non-students. Tickets are available at the college Student Activities Office and will be on sale at the door.

Gift wrap at Fred Meyer

Gresham Court No. 15, Order of the Amaranth, is conducting gift wrapping at the Gresham Fred Meyer

store through Dec. 24. They will be there from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. each day.

After hours information provided for fed parks

The Forest Service-Park Service information office in Portland is now using a telephone recorded message to give out general information when the interagency information office is closed.

The number for the office in the Multnomah Building is 221-2877. It is listed under U.S. Government, Agriculture Department, Forest Service, and under Interior Department, Park Service.

Office hours are 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. When the information office is closed,

general information can be obtained by dialing the same telephone number.

Types of information available include seasonal recreation opportunities such as camping, hiking, skiing, berry picking and other National Forest and National Park activities.

Persons needing specific information or map-folders need to call during working hours or stop by the office at 319 S.W. Pine Street.

"Use of these recorded messages is one more effort on the part of the federal

agencies to better meet the needs of the public," said

R.E. (Dick) Worthington, regional forester.

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Part-time farmers subject of seminar

The part-time farmer faces many problems that are much different from his full-time counterpart. Some of those problems will be discussed in a winter term course at Clackamas Community College.

"Seminars for the Part-Time Farmer" will be taught by experts from education, business and government each Tuesday from 7 to 10 p.m. in Clairmont Hall, room 134, on the college campus.

Among the topics to be examined will be the health and care of farm animals, the purchasing and maintenance of farm machinery and the studying of soils and fertilizers.

Persons need only attend those seminars of interest to them. For more information about the seminars contact the CCC agriculture department, 656-2631, ext. 331.