

4-H club holds roundup

Rocking 4-H Club families gathered at Sidwalter corral on November 19, 1983 for the annual fall roundup. The Ray Wells family was in charge of rounding up the cattle.

Buford Johnson, Joseph Culps, Jeffrey Sanders, Club leader, and Otis Johnson put up two main gates into the new corral facility before the cattle arrived. The remainder of the day was spent working cattle. Harry Histake replaced wire on the "head catch" making it safer to operate.

Steer calves were separated and hauled to the Tenino feedlot to await sale in either Madras or The Dalles. Cows were pregnancy tested. Dr. Mark McFarland was on hand to pregnancy test and vaccinate animals. Open cows are ordinarily sold, however, this year all cows were pregnant. Heifer calves received a brucellosis vaccination. Both cows and heifers received an IBR and Vibrio vaccination.

Cows were then turned back onto the range.

In spite of the rain and sometimes sleet and the wind the day was successful due to the 30 members and their families who turned out to help.

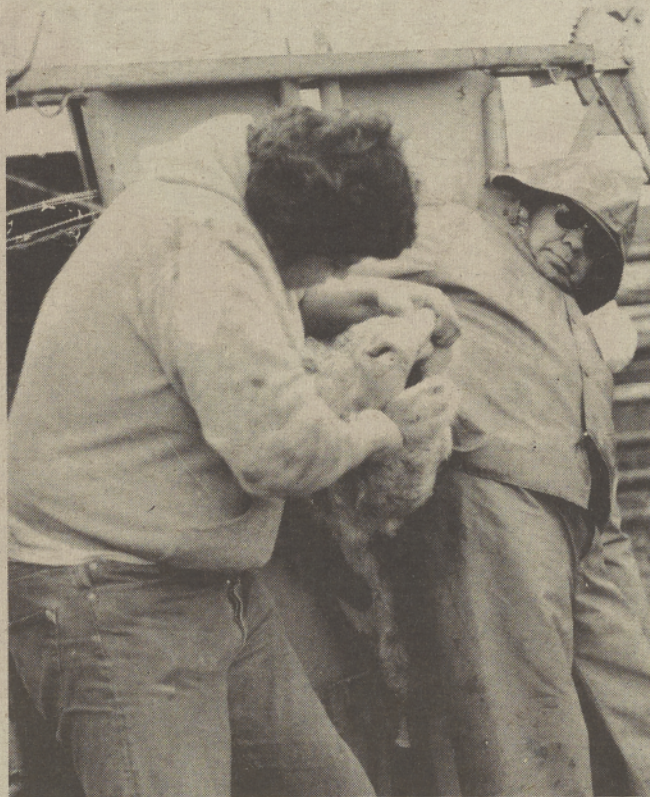
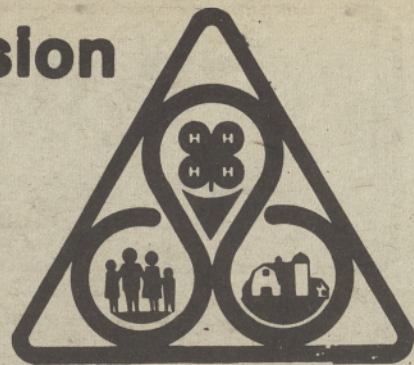


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Jeff Sanders (right) pulls cow's head back while Travis Wells (left) places a tube down the animal's throat into its stomach, a worm bolus is placed in the tube and travels to the cow's stomach. The procedure is known as tubing.

Extension Notes



From Lee Hamilton and Molly Driscoll

Computers may change lifestyle completely

The use of home computers and video technology may soon replace one of America's favorite past times—watching television.

The TV set will be used for more than just viewing and will provide greater entertainment and educational opportunities, especially for children.

Rather than watch TV after school, kids may use the television set for video games or computer activities. In the future, they may be able to

select a video program similar to the way we select books from a library.

These leisure-time activities allow children to think and become actively involved. It is important for today's children to be exposed to the new technologies and to develop computer literacy.

Parental involvement and encouragement will help ensure that children gain the most from the newest concepts in home video and computers.

Gifts for elders

If you're trying to find a meaningful gift for an older family member or friend, first think of the person as an individual with special needs.

For example, the person with limited vision—perhaps large print publications or pre-recorded books may be useful. Something that I have found with some people on very limited income is a gift certificate to make long

distance telephone calls. Or perhaps paying the person's utility bills for a few months. One of the best gifts we can give to the older person is an invitation to spend the holiday with us. Loneliness is perhaps the ultimate poverty and each of us may be in a position to brighten someone else's life during the holiday by including them in our celebrations and activities.

Tips for poinsettias

Poinsettias for Christmas come in a variety of looks but no matter what the size, shape or color, selection and care guidelines for poinsettias are the same.

You can buy tall poinsettias for display in large tubs, low ones for a table centerpiece, and any size in between that fits your decorating scheme.

Selection guidelines—Green foliage all the way to the soil line indicates a disease-free plant with active roots. Look also at the flower. If it is tight and green rather than expanded and yellow, the plant will last longer. If the buttons

have turned yellow and the flower has opened, the plant's life will be shorter.

Care guidelines—on the trip home, wrap the plant in paper to protect it from cold temperatures. Once home, submerge the entire pot in water until air bubbles stop rising. Then water again only when the surface of the soil seems dry. The best room temperature for poinsettias is 65 to 70 degrees F by day, 55 to 60 degrees F at night. They need sunlight, if available, but if placing the plant near a window don't let the leaves touch the windowpane or they will shrivel and drop.

Clay useful for ornaments

Inexpensive play clay is a versatile and non-toxic clay medium. Just follow the basic recipe and let your imagination soar to create Christmas ornaments. Here's the recipe:

The Basic Play Clay Recipe

- 2 cups arm and hammer pure baking soda (1 1-lb package)
- 1 cup cornstarch
- 1 1/4 cus cold water

1. Mix dry ingredients in a saucepan and add water, stir constantly while cooking over medium heat. When the mixture is the consistency of wet mashed potatoes, turn out on a plate and cover with a damp cloth.

2. When the play clay is cooked, knead the dough until smooth. Seal unused portions in a plastic bag and keep in the refrigerator.

Play Clay Holiday ornament tips

*For flat ornaments, use cookie cutters or cut your own cardboard forms to make christmas trees, santa clauses, snowman, stockings, angels or wreaths.

*Mold play clay free hand or, for thinner designs, role out to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut into desired shapes. Insert wire in soft clay for hanging.

*Let the designs harden overnight; thick designs may

need more time. Drying time can be shortened by heating objects in a preheated 250 F oven for 15 minutes. If not fully dry, continue to heat in 5-minute increments.

*If desired, paint after they have hardened with water colors, poster paints, nail polish or colored felt tip pens. *Coat painted pieces with clear varnish or clear nail polish so they'll last for years.

Three-dimensional ornaments

* For three-dimensional ornaments, start with a hunk of

clay and mold freehand into a ball or teardrips two inches in diameter. Roll in glitter or press colored string into the soft ornament.

*To make candlesticks, insert a candle in the soft clay to form a hold. Remove and let clay dry before finishing. For more play clay ideas on how to make vases, jewelry, etc., send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelop to:

Play Clay
Arm and Hammer
PO Box 369
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

Laundry Blues

Ever wonder what went wrong when the white pillow cases turned beige or your jeans came out polk-a-dotted after you washed them?

Well there could be a variety of explanations for these and many wash-day problems.

For example, have you ever laundered your favorite permanent press shirt or blouse only to discover wrinkles galore? Some possible causes may have been: 1. improper sorting, 2. too many items in the washer, 3. too little water in the washer, 4. washed in too hot of water, 5. incorrect

washing, rinsing or drying cycle, 6. leaving items in the dryer after tumbling, 7. too many items in the dryer and 8. too few items in the dryer.

Sound complicated? The Association of Home Appliance Manufactures has a guide to help you. The guide identifies several common laundry problems and suggests causes and solutions for each.

This guide is available at the Warm Springs Cooperative Extension Office. Just drop by and pick one up. While you are in the office feel free to take any other free publications on our information rack.

Perk up family history for young members

To kids, history may be a boring school subject about people living "a long time ago." But you can make history come alive for children by starting an oral history of your family.

With young and old gathering together, the holiday season can be a good time to begin the project. All it takes is a tape recorder, audio cassettes and little prompting to get your on-the-spot young reporter started recording

stories of your family's past and present.

First, teach your youngster how to operate the machine. Many tape recorders are fairly easy for even a five or six year-old child to operate. To make it easy for a young child to know which buttons to push, put a green sticker or tape on the record button. Put a red marker on the stop control.

The child might need some help deciding who to interview

and what questions to ask. Grandparents and other older relatives are good sources for young historians. The interviews can help build a special relationship between young and old. It is also fun, and a rewarding learning experience for both generations.

Suggest to the child what would find interesting. What was it like when you went to school? How much did an ice

cream cone, movie, or car cost when you were my age? How old were you when you first saw TV? What games did you play as a child? These are just a few ideas.

A child can learn how people lived in the past, discover how life has changed for older people, and learn about others' lives.

Not all history is the past. History is also in the making. To maintain the flow of family

history, recording the child's own history—the dinner conversation after the first day of school, a birthday party or a special celebration. Those voices will be just as priceless as pictures in the coming years.

To be sure these family records do not get accidentally erased, remove the tabs in the back of the cassette after the recording is completed.