

Patterson to speak about experiences in Hollywood

Growing up in Hollywood, a young Pat McCall auditioned with many other child actors for the chance to make a few bucks as an extra in the picture business.

That's the way long-time Cottage Grove resident and former

city councilor Pat Patterson sums up his experiences as an extra in Hollywood — a way to make a few bucks.

Using his mother's name, he was billed as Pat McCall.

"If you showed up you'd get a buck-and-a-half, but if you were picked to stay, you'd get \$5.50,"



Pat McCall worked as an extra on many film sets.

Patterson recalls.

Peggy McCall was a studio publicist. In 1938, times were tough in America — even in Hollywood. For both she and her son, a job opportunity was serious business. Pat enjoyed the work, and he was proud to be able to help out. It was a great experience "except for all the bus changes we had to make to get to the studio or to wardrobe," Patterson recalls.

Like many child actors, Hollywood has little need for you when you lose your freckles or get too big. Both of these happened to Patterson. But

for about 10 years, young Pat McCall worked as an extra on many sets, in many films and with many stars including Jimmie Stewart, Shirley Temple, Judy Garland, Mickie Rooney and many more. He also worked in kid-features such as "The Little Rascals," "Our Gang" and "Dead End Kids."

The presentation is a part of the Cottage Grove Historical Society's monthly program and takes place Saturday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center, 700 East Gibbs Avenue. Everyone is welcome, and light refreshments will be served.

Tips to keep chickens in a laying mood

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Care for chickens correctly and they'll reward you with cartons full of fresh eggs. Get it wrong and the eggs stop coming.

The good news is that getting it right isn't difficult, said Jim Hermes, a poultry specialist for Oregon State University Extension Service. Give them appropriate feed, water and shelter from the worst weather of winter and you've covered the bases.

Make bagged feed from feed stores the food of choice. It's formulated for each stage of life — baby, adolescent and adults — with the correct nutrient requirements. Starter feeds are for chicks from hatching to about six weeks old; grower and developer mixes go to chickens from 6 to 17 weeks; and layer or breeder feed is made for those producing eggs.

If you can't keep your variously aged chickens separated, there are feed mixes labeled "general purpose" that are appropriate for all ages. For laying hens, though, you'll need to add calcium in the form of oyster shell or egg production drops.

The biggest mistake chicken owners make is to supplement too much, Hermes said. Don't consider leftovers from the kitchen or vegetable garden an important part of their diet. They'll eat those treats first and not as much as the chicken feed, which dilutes the amount of nutrients in their diet. When that happens, chickens are more susceptible to disease and will produce fewer eggs.

"If it's a high-fiber, leafy green vegetable, it sounds good, but it just has water, sugar and fiber," said Hermes, author of Extension's newly revised publication *How to Feed Your Laying Hens*. "The fiber goes through them, they already have water and they don't need sugar."

"If you're going to supplement, a little bit is OK," he added. "It's just like with kids, give them a little snack. What they can finish in 10 to 15 minutes."

Scratch — a mixture of grains, usually wheat and corn — is an acceptable supplement as long as it's not overused. A little tossed on the ground encourages chickens to scratch, which gives them exercise. In the process, they'll find nutrient-filled insects.

Chickens will eat little pebbles called grit if they need them to grind up wheat, corn or insects. It's available at feed stores, but often they'll find what they need on the ground. Unlike people, layer chickens don't overeat, so feed should be left out continuously.

"You'll rarely see a fat layer chicken," Hermes said. "They eat to satisfy their energy requirements. If they go without feed for a day, they'll go out of production. So keep feed in front of them all the time."

As winter approaches, be sure to have a place for your chickens to get out of bad weather. Though they have excellent down jackets, chickens suffer if their combs or feet get too cold. The tips of combs can freeze if temperatures dip to 10 degrees or lower. If they do, there's the chance of gangrene, which causes damage, pain and fewer eggs.

Hermes noted that hens need to nest in places that are a foot or more above the ground as protection against dogs, raccoons and other predators.

Be sure to keep water available. If it freezes, put out fresh water or break the ice. There are water pan heaters available or you can even put a light bulb in a coffee can and place the dish on top.

There's no need for heat lamps to warm adult chickens, but to keep hens laying you'll need to supply artificial light from about 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. The light needs to be just bright enough to read a newspaper; the type of bulb doesn't matter. Once started, the light program must be continued, Hermes said. Even a one-day lapse can cut down or eliminate egg production. He suggests using a timer to keep things on schedule.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Historical Library 912 Project grand opening

On Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to about noon, the Cottage Grove Historical Society will host a grand opening and dedication ceremony at its new location in the former Boots and Sandals Square Dance Barn on 10th Street. Its library will be opened as the Marcia E Allen Historic Research Library. The Society announced the name change last year, but the event will serve as a formal dedication. The public is welcome, and refreshments and a chance for everyone to see the new library will be offered.

The library's hours will be: Thursday-Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and it will be staffed by volunteer librarians including Lois Fix, Genevieve Rowles, Frieda Williams and Holli Turpin.

Grange potluck

The London Grange Open House and Thanksgiving Potluck will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m. The Grange is located at 72746 London Road (MP 10). The Grange will furnish the meat and potatoes and guests are asked to bring a dish to share. Call 541-942-6148 for information.

912 Project

The next meeting of the Cottage Grove 912 Project will be Monday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E. Main St. The guest speaker will be the John Birch Society's Chuck Beck, who will provide an overview of the organization and discuss their support of law enforcement across the country.

Summer hiring in the Umpqua National Forest

Application Period Runs Nov. 15-21

The Umpqua National Forest is looking to fill up to 60 temporary job openings in firefighting and another 25 positions in recreation and natural resources for the 2017 field season.

Applications for summer temporary employment will need to be submitted online at www.usajobs.gov between Nov. 15 and Nov. 21. Interested applicants are encouraged to create their USAjobs profile now to begin developing their application and compiling the required documents.

Temporary positions are available in Roseburg and in Glide, Cottage Grove, Tiller and Toketee (listed as Idleyd Park in USAjobs.gov). Specialties

include fire, trails, botany, recreation, wildlife, fisheries and archaeology.

Position descriptions, duty locations, grade levels and hiring manager contact information for the 2017 temporary positions are posted on the Umpqua National Forest's website at: www.fs.usda.gov/main/umpqua/about-forest/jobs.

For more information about temporary hiring, please contact any Umpqua National Forest Supervisor's Office, (541) 957-3200

North Umpqua Ranger District, (541) 496-3532

Diamond Lake Ranger District, (541) 498-2531

Cottage Grove Ranger District, (541) 767-5000

Tiller Ranger District, (541) 825-3100

Information for potential Forest Service job applicants to any of the more than 1,000 summer jobs being offered in Oregon and Washington can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/main/r6/jobs. The web page includes reference links on how to apply, application and outreach sites and benefits.

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