

Extention Events... with Birdine Tullis



New Fact Sheets available on consumer topics

Summer sales encourage many to purchase new small appliances, so before you buy, consider stopping by the Extension Office and picking up a copy of new consumer fact sheets prepared by Jan Weber, OSU Extension Home Management specialist.

New fact sheets available include Slow Cookers, Blenders, and Drip Coffee Makers. All available at no cost.

Another new publication that should be in each home is the Consumer Services Directory, prepared by Debra Slater, OSU Extension family and consumer economics specialist. The directory tells you where to get help on all sorts of consumer concerns and problems, listing consumer areas and addresses of agencies which handle the concern.

And don't overlook all the excellent bulletins available to help with food preservation! Apricots are now ripening, as well as many other fruits, and you'll want to safely put some by for future good eating.

4-H. Alive and Well

There is much activity afoot in the 4-H program, in spite of the recent departure of agent Mike Howell. So in answer to the often asked question "What will we do without Mike?"... here are some answers. For the time being, Harold Kerr and Birdine Tullis will continue the program.

Many decisions were made by leaders at a recent meeting relating to fair, summer activities such as horse shows, and other topics relating to the well being of the youth program in the county, as well as discussion of fall recruiting and plans to carry over to the new 4-H year. An exciting new idea accepted was a leaders appreciation breakfast on Thursday morning during fair. All leaders will want to note this date on their calendars. Louis Carlson, Ione, will be in charge of arrangements for the breakfast. Home Ec pre-fair training events will be Thursday evening, July 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Heppner, followed by the annual 4-H Horse Show on August 7. Since most 4-H activity at this time of year points to fair, many ideas and suggestions were discussed. Plans are underway for regular leader meetings to resume in the fall.

"4-H...Gives you room to grow" is the theme for the 4-H year...and Morrow County 4-H will grow, with the help of dedicated leaders.

Visitor from Greece to arrive July 16

Reminder to groups, 4-H clubs, and others interested, the PRYLE from Greece will arrive in Morrow County, Saturday, July 16, and will be at the home of the Roger Palmer family until July 28. The Gooseberry Livestock club will meet at the Palmer home on Sunday afternoon, July 17, and anyone interested in meeting her is invited.

Teen Staff for State Fair...

There are still openings for teen age 4-H members who wish to assist as staff at Oregon State Fair. Members are provided room and board, with housing in the dormitory at the fair. Janet McElligott, Ione, has volunteered her services, and will be working as a commentator with the swine program.

Other 4-H members are needed to share their skills and 4-H experiences in the Action Booth at the State event. Leaders are also needed to serve as volunteer hostesses or hosts in the 4-H building. Any older member or leader interested should contact Birdine at once.

Food drying workshop

For all the answers on drying foods, plan to be at the 4-H Annex, fairgrounds, Heppner, Tuesday evening 7:30 p.m., July 19. Molly Saul will present a program on drying of fruits and vegetables. No charge, everyone welcome!

The same program will be repeated Thursday evening, 7:30 p.m., July 21, A.C. Houghton School, Irrigon.

We receive many requests for help on drying foods...so here are the answers. The food dryer made from Extension plans will be on hand for those interested in building their own dehydrator. Commercially made dryers will also be on display. Drying food is easy and fun.

Erosion control planned

The Heppner Critical Area Treatment Project is continuing into a second phase this summer according to Al Osmun, Chairman of the Heppner Water Control District. The project provides for erosion control and sedimentation reduction for the Heppner community. This particular phase will include Hinton Creek and Willow Creek.

Construction is planned for 50 debris basins and 50,000 feet of diversion sitches. Bert Corbin was the successful low bidder for this phase with actual work expected to begin in approximately two weeks.

The current phase covers about 15 square miles of the total project involving 100 square miles. The project is 75 per cent financed by a federal grant with the remaining funds provided by the Water Control District.

4-H'ers ready for Far East

Two Morrow County 4-H'ers are busy making final preparations for a month-long trip to the Far East where they will live with their Japanese 4-H counterparts.

Debbie Paustian and Tim Jones, both upcoming sophomores at Heppner High school, will leave from Portland on July 19 bound for Tokyo and a month's immersions into the Japanese culture. Debbie and Tim will be staying with the families of the 4-H'ers, there known as Labo, who visited them on a similar exchange last summer.

After a few days at Tokyo's Olympic Center to get acclimated and exchange their dollars for yen, Debbie will move in with the family of Miki Murari in Osaka and Tim will meet the family of Uishy Harada in Toyota.

Being selected for the trip to Japan was as simple as

putting their names in the hat and since they were notified earlier this year, the two have been studying tapes and books provided by 4-H to pick up the basics of the language. Both feel that the language barrier represents their biggest problem in the cross-cultural experience but at this point Tim said, "I'll get by," while Debbie said, "I'll speak a little" of the foreign parlance.

Aside from the language, Debbie said the many formal Japanese customs are another aspect that takes some getting use to.

"The Japanese are big on gift giving," she said. Both she and Tim have been gathering gifts to present to each of the family members on their arrival. When Uishy and Miki visited here last year, they came bearing dolls, fans, silk scarves and other tokens of

the culture. The American visitors plan to return the favor this year with gifts like miniature racing cars and home-made slippers.

Debbie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Paustian, Heppner, has been involved in 4-H for two years and said she most enjoys tole painting crafts. Tim, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Lexington, has also spent two years in 4-H and has been mainly involved in leathercraft and outdoor survival.

Other than vacation trips to Canada, the trip to Japan will be the first excursion out of the country for both. They have been writing letters to stay in touch with their Japanese friends and are looking forward to a rare opportunity for a first hand look at the people, places and sights of Japan.



Debbie Paustian and Tim Jones make like a couple hitch-hikers trying to thumb a ride to Japan. Actually the two 4-H'ers will be traveling to the Far East via better accommodations.

Good chance for payments to wheat farmers

Unless there is an increase in wheat prices over the next four months, area wheat farmers will receive federal payments this fall, according to David McLeod, Director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office.

"Under the current wheat program deficiency payments are to be made to producers if the national average market price for the first five months of the marketing year is less than the target price of \$2.47 per bushel," McLeod said.

The preliminary national average wheat price for all

farmers was \$2 per bushel in June, compared with \$2.19 in May. June is for the first month of the five-month period used to determine deficiency payments and the June price average offers an early indicator that payments will be made to farmers this fall.

"Because many wheat farmers are faced with serious economic problems due to low market prices, it's important that the provisions for this additional income source be reviewed for area wheat farmers," McLeod said. "This is the first time such pay-

ments would be made to wheat farmers under the 1973 Farm Act."

The deficiency payment rate is determined by subtracting from the \$2.47 target price the higher of the June-October national average wheat loan rate of \$2.25 per bushel as an example, the deficiency payment rate would be 22 cents per bushel.

Deficiency payments to farmers are calculated by multiplying the farm's established yield times the farm's allotment acreage, and multiplying the result times the deficiency payment rate.

"All farmers having wheat allotments are automatically eligible for deficiency payments, regardless of the disposition of their wheat. Whether the wheat has been sold, placed under loan with the Commodity Credit Corporation, or is stored on or off the farm, does not have any bearing on a farmer's eligibility for the payment," McLeod said.

Under farm program legislation currently being considered in both the Senate and the House of Representatives this deficiency payment provision is being continued.

Wheat farmers who would like to have further information on the wheat deficiency payment provisions of the current program relative to their farm should contact the County ASCS Office.

Rietmann gains honor roll

An lone student at Eastern Washington State College, John R. Rietmann, has been named to the EWSC spring quarter honor roll.

Rietmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rietmann, is a senior majoring in industrial education and technology at EWSC.

Wages, Welfare---or What?



Question: Is public welfare a right...or a privilege?

Answer:

Question: Should the Federal Government redistribute personal income so that all Americans receive an equal income?

Answer:

Question: Should the Federal Government get out of the welfare business?

Answer:

YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS IN A PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY WHICH WILL BE SENT TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND CONGRESS.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Multipurpose Room

Heppner Elementary School

6:30 P.M.

July 14, 1977

THIS MESSAGE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

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