

Extention Events... with Birdine Tullis



About 4-H Leaders

This is our week to make Morrow County more aware of the 4-H youth program, and the volunteers who make the program possible through their leadership. Right now, I want to say a great big "thank you" to each leader who has worked in the program this past year.

You'll see 4-H in other sections of this newspaper, around the town, as well as seeing the 4-H story on Oregon television channels, and hearing about it on radio. We join with other Oregon counties to recruit for leaders and members, and to make every one aware of the 4-H programs available.

Last year, 40 of the 5,000 adult Oregonians who gave their time and talents to help young people find "room to grow in 4-H" were from Morrow County. Even though this sounds like a lot of volunteers, there weren't enough to work with the boys and girls who want to be members. Currently, we are reaching one out of four eligible young people, with many more wanting to participate when leadership is available. In addition to the traditional leadership role where a leader works with a small group of boys and girls on a single project, we are looking for resource leaders...a person to share his or her expertise with other leaders, or by working with a club on a specific topic.

Many leaders claim they get as much or more back than they give in leadership, citing the satisfaction of helping young people grow and develop...to know that you have been a part of the change that has made them more confident and able to do things." Some leaders are sure that "working with young people keeps you young." Each leader has his or her own unique reason for volunteering their skills and time to the program. If you're an adult, and if you like kids, there's a place for you in 4-H. Ask any of our 40 leaders...they'll recommend it!

Oregon's theme for the coming year is "Room to Grow"...and we invite you to join with our leaders in making it possible.

About Members

We think there is "Room to

Grow in 4-H" for every youth fourth through 12th grade. The famous "learn by doing" theory is alive and well, and is currently applied to at least 60 written projects, plus any that we might want to develop locally. Most young people know or have heard about the traditional clubs and projects, but many do not know of the new ideas that have been introduced, including creative arts, outdoorsman, gardening, pet care, and geology, just to name a few. Others may not know that as 4-H members they are offered many activities and opportunities outside the club membership, such as camps, tour, exchanges, junior and teen leadership, special interest activities such as marine science and conservation workshops, as well as scholarships, and trips to Salem, Chicago, Washington, D.C., or opportunities to travel to other countries.

Members from our county have all such opportunities, if they wish to take advantage of what is offered as they progress in the 4-H program.

There is a world of opportunity for the 4-H member... Come by the Extension Office any time and visit with me about 5-H membership for your boy or girl.

4-H Sign Up Night, Irrigon

New members and leaders will be learning first hand what 4-H is all about at this evening's "4-H Night" potluck and program. Current members and leaders will be showing and sharing 4-H news with the community beginning at 6:30 p.m. at A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon.

Every one in the community is invited to attend the event which is planned by leaders as both a recognition night for present members, and a special time for those who wish to enroll. New leaders will be present to get acquainted with the prospective members. Project areas new to the north Morrow area will be offered this year, as leaders have been recruited for tole painting and ceramics, as well as additional clothing and other project leaders.

I would like to add my own special invitation to all in the northern area of Morrow County to attend, learn what 4-H is all about, and meet the leaders and members!

Drought Information

Damages to wheat, cattle and other crops in millions

Fresh surveys of Oregon agriculture have revealed clearer figures on the economic impact on Oregon's greatest industry.

The heaviest losses are in wheat and cattle in Eastern Oregon, where 11 key counties have reported losses of \$50.75 million.

Recent surveys of bankers in Oregon indicate a projected 25 per cent of ranchers and farmers forced out of business. The heaviest impact will be on younger operators fighting adverse market and climatic factors in trying to establish new operations.

The wheat losses this year will be 30 per cent with economic losses at current low market prices projected at \$50 million. If one were to add the \$1 drop in the per-bushel price this year, the total loss would easily reach \$150 million.

Cattle losses already have been tagged at 300,000 head sold off because of drought, with no specific dollar figure established. Of greatest concern is the forced sale of breeding cows and replacement heifers—each of which represents \$1,700 in lost future income to a rancher.

In other crops, drought losses also are apparent. Lost production in perennial ryegrass seed is 30 per cent. Orchardgrass and tall fescue show a 25 per cent drop, and fine fescue, comes in at 20 per cent.

Losses in other grass seed crops as well as fruits, vegetables and berries have not yet been computed.

Losses in next year's crops also are being projected, even if the drought ends this fall with a normal moisture pattern.

WATER TROUGHS: Air Force slams door to more tanks

The search for more stock-water troughs—one which took a hard setback in recent weeks because of Air Force refusals to release surplus containers—is now reaching into the private sector. The Agricultural Drought Office is making arrangements to purchase the best-quality commercial watering troughs from manufacturers and suppliers—to supply an ever-growing demand for emergency water troughs.

Ranchers who now have a need for troughs—or who soon will need them—are urged to contact their county Extension Agent to be placed on a waiting list for troughs.

Ranchers who now have surplus military containers on hand and who may not need them soon, should also consider the plight of fellow ranchers and contact their county agent so that the troughs can be returned and loaned to others with an immediate need.

DOMESTIC WATER

A new state service when the well goes dry

Recent additions to the state's drought-relief efforts in the area of domestic water supplies have been refined and there now is a new level of service to homeowners and other non-agricultural recipients who suddenly encounter water problems.

The State Department of Water Resources and the Department of Emergency Services have joined to gether to form a Domestic Drought Office to assist Oregonians with domestic water problems. The toll-free number for assistance and referral is 1-800-452-2826.

The Agricultural Drought Office will continue its services to agriculture under its existing Hotline service at 1-800-452-9102.

Federal assistance extended

Extremely significant changes have developed in recent days in several federal agencies offering drought assistance to Oregon agriculture.

In the Emergency Livestock Feed Program, recent efforts by state representatives and the Congressional Delegation

have resulted in an open extension with no "catches" to April 15, 1978.

The change in the extension means that a rancher who is short of feed because of drought conditions can compute his needs beyond feed on hand and apply for cost-sharing on high-protein blocks

so that their cattle on poor-quality range grass can remain healthy on the range until their grazing allotment expires. Spokesmen for those ranchers have stressed that early removal of cattle from range to dusty "feed-lot" acreages results in serious health problems in the stock.

Heppner FFA team second at Condon

Twelve members of the Heppner FFA Chapter traveled to Condon Sept. 15 to participate in the judging contest at the Gilliam County Fair.

Condon was first in the advanced team contest, and Heppner was second with 852 out of 900 points. Pat Lovgren was second high individual and Colman Devine was fourth. Also on the team were

Krynn Robinson, Marie Van Schoiack, and Anne Van Schoiack.

Hermiston was first in the greenhand judging contest. The Heppner team was second with 823 points. Tony Currin was second high individual and Pat Clark was fifth. Other members on the team were Brian Thompson, Joe Mollahan, and Nancy Miller.

Heppner Happenings

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gunderson Jr. and Doug Gunderson, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocom, Millie, Jack and Marie Yocom, Lexington; Debbie Jones and daughter, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. David Gunderson, Roseburg; Mrs. Shirley Otto, Reedsport and daughters Shirena, Sarah Mae and her two children, Springfield, attended the 97th birthday party of their grandfather Sam Brock, known as "Daddy Sam", at the home of his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell, Portland.

Also attending were former Heppner residents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doherty and daughter, Portland. Many other family members and friends were present—48 well-wishers in all enjoying the day.

Mrs. Tom (Joann) Hughes, former Heppner resident, is at her home in Newberg recuperating from a serious illness. She would appreciate hearing from old friends in the area. Her address is 815 River Street, Newberg, 97132.

Irene Anhorn, Heppner, was very pleased to have two of her former FFA students from Central Point visit her in Heppner over the weekend.

Marc Stauffer and Randy Green went to Pendleton with Irene on Friday to enjoy the Westward Ho Parade and the Pendleton Round-Up. On Saturday the threesome viewed areas of Morrow and Umatilla counties. The young men were very impressed with the irrigation circles the corporate farms use.

Forest seedlings on sale

until the seedling supplies are gone.

Order blanks will be available Sept. 19 from the nursery or local State Department of Forestry offices. Order blanks will be mailed to persons on the nursery mailing list.

The price of Douglas fir seedlings has increased \$5 per thousand this year. Two-year-old seedlings will sell for \$53 per thousand if the customer

picks up the seedlings at the nursery, and for \$61 per thousand if the seedlings are shipped. Hybrid poplar will

cost \$89 per thousand picked up and \$107 per thousand shipped.

The department encourages persons to pick up their orders, rather than have them shipped. To encourage customer pick-up, the nursery will

remain open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All orders must be picked up or shipped between Dec. 10 and March 31. The minimum order of Douglas fir is for 3000 seedlings. There is no maximum on the number of seedlings to be ordered.

\$500⁰⁰ REWARD

For the arrest and conviction of persons who took wood-burning cook stove from Don Bennett cabin near Arbuttle corrals. 676-9771 or P.O. Box 466, Heppner, Oregon 97836

Homes needed for wild horses

Many wild horses will survive this drought year because private individuals from all the United States have volunteered to adopt them, according to Larry Lee, wild horse coordinator for the Bureau of Land Management in Oregon and Washington. BLM has gathered over 900 wild horses with special drought funds in eastern Oregon so far this year, but there are still so many wild horses on the range, they cannot find adequate feed and water, he said. BLM plans to gather hundreds more in coming months, and homes for them are needed.

To qualify for BLM's Adopt-A-Horse program, a person must have the facilities to keep a horse, the means to feed it, and the desire to care for it. BLM evaluates each applicant to be sure the horse will be in good hands. Lee says it costs about \$600 a year to care for a horse.

Wild horses, once broken, are really no different from other horses and adopters are usually enthusiastic, Lee reports.

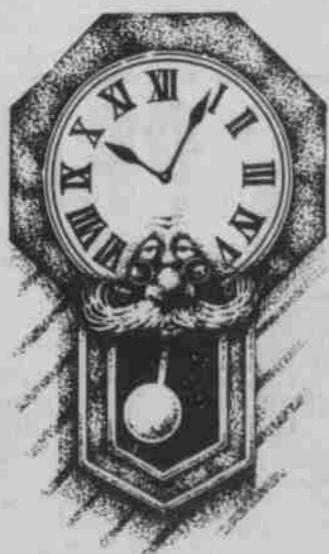
Presently there are about 120 studs and 90 mares in

corrals at Vale and Burns. Many have been undernourished, but older horses are available now.

For further information, contact the District Manager, Box 700, Vale, Oregon 97918 (Telephone 503-473-3144) or

the District Manager, 74 S. Alford Street, Burns, Oregon 97720 (Telephone 503-573-2071).

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