

Extention Events... with Birdine Tullis



Conservation in the News
We're getting some information that reminds us not only that winter is on the way, but that there is still a need for energy conservation...as well as some that will be of interest to those wanting to know about solar energy.

One booklet that had some excellent information on "Burning Wood"; efficiency of a variety of wood burning stoves, fireplaces and furnaces, should be especially interesting to the many people who are considering this as an alternate heat source. This is a special issue bulletin NE-191, which will cost you 75 cents if you wish to order a copy through our office.

A few copies of informative bulletins from Oregon Department of Energy are available, at no cost, "Something New", 1977 weatherization incentives for Oregon Homeowners, and "The Oregon Sunbook" a solar perspective, are two recently received.

All the above mentioned are topics about which we have inquiries.

4-H Thanks
As the 4-H Camp facility was checked out and made ready for winter, we were reminded of two people that deserve a special word of thanks from the 4-H program...

John Jepsen, of Jepsen Pest Control, who each year checks the camp regularly for little strangers who wish to make it their home, placing bait boxes, and in general trying to diminish the rodent population of the camp. His kind services and help are appreciated!

And Bob Lowe, who keeps his eye on the camp, reporting any unusual happenings that should be investigated throughout the winter, as well

as during the summer months! A special thank you to both friends of 4-H.

Reminder...Leaders Training for 4-H Leaders

Training session for 4-H leaders from Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties...Special program for all leaders and junior leaders. Lunch on the Extension staff of the four counties, and a special program by Lois Redman, OSU Extension 4-H Youth Specialist. We welcome Lois' visit to the county...she is a very special person, and we hope all leaders will be present to meet her, and benefit from her knowledge on 4-H awards programs.

Be there at 10 a.m., Saturday, November 12, Epistopal Parish Hall, Heppner.

Sew With Wool District Contest and Style Show

You'll see many of our 4-H girls modeling lovely garments made of wool, at a special public style show Saturday, November 5, 12:30 p.m. at West of Willow restaurant, Heppner. There's no charge for the style show, and the models from Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties will appreciate having an audience.

The girls will be judged at the Catholic Parish Hall that morning, with winners announced at the style show. Winners of junior and senior divisions will participate in a state style contest later in the year, with opportunity to win many valuable prizes, or possibly a trip to a national wool contest.

This will be the first time the district contest has been held in Heppner...and we welcome the event.

Everyone is invited to attend!

Disaster loan deadline extended

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has extended to December 2, the deadline for accepting applications for the Farmer Home Administration's disaster emergency loans. All counties in Oregon have been declared drought emergency impact areas making farmers and ranchers eligible to apply for the FmHA emergency loans.

Farmers and ranchers lacking other sources of necessary credit may apply to the FmHA county office for loans to compensate for physical and production losses sustained as a result of the drought.

Individuals desiring information on this emergency loan program should contact their county FmHA Office.

Potluck draws 4-H families

Four-H families gathered Sunday evening for a potluck dinner, and saw members receive awards and recognition for achievements of the past year. Record book contest winners included: Junior book, Trisha Mahoney; Intermediate agriculture, Paula Palmer; Intermediate Home Ec, Diann Morter; Senior agriculture, Kryn Robinson; Senior Home Ec., Jan Peterson; and best secretary book, Kryn Robinson.

County medal winners, selected from record books submitted and recommendation of 4-H leaders were: Achievement, Todd Harrison; Agriculture, Larry Palmer, Anne Van Schoiack; Leadership, Pat Clark, Kryn Robinson; Horse, Marie Van Schoiack, Kathleen Van Schoiack; Public Speaking, Jan Peterson; Sheep, Paula Palmer, Patti Devine; Swine, Coleman Devine; Foods and Nutrition, Becky Hobbs; Home Environment, Jyl Hobbs; Clothing, Diann Morter; Style Revue, Erin Evans, Natalie Tews, Kate Evans, Lori Witt, Becky Hobbs, Anita Palmer.

Members can receive a county medal in each category only once in their 4-H years, but may receive various medals during their 4-H career. Morrow county maintains high standards for selection and awarding of county medals, believing the county medal program should be considered an honor, and something to be awarded only to outstanding 4-H members.

Library board drops petition plan

At their meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 26, members of the Heppner Library Board decided that they would not petition for a boundary commission to create a library district.

Myrna Johnson, chairman

of the board, said they are presently exploring other revenue sources to finance library operation. She indicated the board would talk to both the county court and the city council to discuss other options.



"I know it's there someplace."

Bob Jepsen (l) and County Extension Agent Harold Kerr inspect a field being seeded. Even though farmers are left up

in the air concerning set-aside programs, fall work is going along at a normal pace in Morrow County.

Seed sowers seek solace in soil

It seems like Morrow County hardly had a chance to climb down from their combines and brush off the dust before they were back in the drivers seats again.

Now the diesels are chugging once more—this time moving the steel-tired tractors which pull the seeding and fertilizing rigs over the tilled fields. Activity has picked up throughout the county with rain variations dictating the planting patterns of many wheat farmers.

On a few farms, small plots have been set aside for the experimental agriculture trials that take place each year in the county, but for most of the dryland wheat farmers it's business as usual—sowing the crop, while hoping the weather will be a bit more cooperative.

The drought of 1977 has left many unanswered questions in the minds of the farmers...how much time will it take for the rangeland to recover...how much moisture will be needed to restore the soil moisture upon which next season's crops will depend...how much moisture will be needed to assure that groundwater supplies will remain normal.

Still, there is not much to be done besides carry on and hope for the best. A recent tour with County Agent Harold Kerr revealed farmers doing just that—seeding their fields

and leaving the year's disappointments behind them in a cloud of dust.

Cruising the county back roads, Kerr specializes in spotting a dust swirl on the horizon and identifying the perpetrator from a substantial distance—a talent unique to County Agents. Kerr then manages to conveniently arrive at the field as the farmer is making his turn near the roadside, and the familiar field chat ensues.

Kerr says County Agents tend to spend a lot of their time undoing the efforts of the farmers—trooping into the fields and scooping up handfuls of soil to ferret out the buried seed. The farmers like to take part in the search themselves—making sure all those long, bumpy trips down the rows haven't gone for naught.

What kind, how many, when to, how far apart, how deep—all are seeding decisions depending on individual preferences and time-tested approaches. The approaches vary but the intentions are mutual—a successful harvest next summer.

As long as there is more than one farmer, there will be more than one view of farming, but the methods all come together in the same picture puzzle—agriculture in Morrow County.

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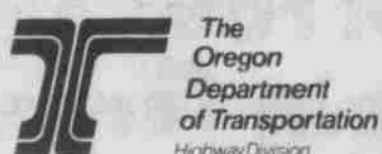
HEPPNER

**Tuesday, November 8
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

**Morrow County Courthouse
Court and May Streets
Circuit Court Room**

and let the Oregon Transportation Commission know what YOU think!

- Key Oregon Transportation officials will discuss repairs and improvements being planned in your area.
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