

Extension Events... with Birdine Tullis



Horse Christmas Party

4-H leaders always impress us with their creative ideas for club activities, and this one has to top the list! The Two-Trackers 4-H Horse Club, with leader Marilyn Robinson, are planning a "Horse Christmas Party" Sunday afternoon, December 11, 1 p.m. The barn at the fairgrounds will be gaily decorated following the Christmas theme, and horses are to come in costume suitable to the season! The club invites other local 4-H horse groups to come join the fun, and I believe they will let anyone in to watch, as they have planned games on horseback, prizes, and fun, plus a gift exchange and refreshments. (Any gifts for the exchange should not be valued over \$2.) What a jolly holiday idea... hats off to the Two-Trackers!

Sharing... A Part of Christmas

A special pat on the back to a new clothing club! Members Jennifer, Carolyn, Kimberly Hughes, and Trish Mahoney, the 4-H "Super Sewers", have completed a delightful sewing project, a gift of hand sewn stuffed Christmas ornaments for the state hospital. (Super-Sewers leader is Gail Hughes.) Community service, caring and sharing are important lessons we hope all 4-H'ers learn in their clubs, and this group of beginning sewers re-inforce our belief! We know their precious gifts will be enjoyed by those who receive them!

LABO Exchange Coordinator

Shirley Palmer, Heppner, has agreed to serve again as coordinator for the exchange program which offers our kids the opportunity to travel to Japan next summer, and at the same time, for local residents to act as host families for incoming Japanese students.

The Palmer family are believers in the value of international exchanges, having served as host family for two Japanese students, and also for an exchange from Greece last summer. Shirley was coordinator for the Morrow County-Japanese exchange in 1976. Daughter, Kathy, traveled to Japan as one of the first Oregon and Morrow County 4-H members to be involved in the cultural exchange. Any member of the Palmer family would be happy to share their enthusiasm concerning the exchange.

Right now is the time to

indicate interest in traveling to Japan... or having an international visitor in your home next summer.

Local 4-H'er to Participate in State Sew with Wool

Lori Witt, Irrigon, will be traveling to Portland next week to carry the honors for our county in the state "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest, which will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, December 12. We offer our congratulations to Lori, and hope that her fashionable beige and plaid wool jacket and pants suit, along with her modeling skills, will take her on to further honors! Lori will compete in the junior division, along with other district winners from all of Oregon, with hopes of winning a trip to the national contest, or other valuable awards.

Christmas Shopping Advice

Jan Weber, OSU Extension Home Management specialist tells us that manufacturers have spread a mind boggling array of small appliances before this year's Christmas shopper, and urges all shoppers to consider two questions before buying. Do you, or your prospective gift recipient, need it, and how much do you have to spend on such a purchase?

She also urges shoppers to compare prices on small appliances, as Christmas is one of the biggest sales periods for small appliances, and competition for the consumer dollar is great. More importantly, the purchaser needs to decide if the appliance is really needed and just what jobs need to be done. Many appliances, such as an electric fry pan can do many jobs in the kitchen, actually replacing a wide variety of other small appliances.

Other factors to be considered are where the appliance will be stored for convenient use, and size of the household... what works well for a two-person family may be totally impractical for the family of six.

Ms. Weber has recently completed fact sheets which give complete information about electric fry pans, slow cookers, mixers, blenders, drip coffee makers, toaster, and toaster ovens, and vacuum cleaners. All are available, free, at your local extension office, and all contain valuable thoughts to be considered before you buy!

County road levy needed by 1978

At the Wednesday, Nov. 30, meeting of Morrow County Court, members discussed the expiration of the present five-year Road Serial Levy on June 30, 1978 and agreed that a special election will be needed in early 1978. Discussion of the levy was planned to be continued at future meetings. State Highway Division representatives met with the court to discuss complaints received about conditions caused by construction on the Alpine-Nelson Section of the Bombing Range Road. They

went with Commissioner McCoy and Roadmaster Doc Sherer to inspect the site and agreed that hazardous conditions existed. Later in the week some conditions were corrected but complaints were still being received.

The court signed an order stating that no employee of the county shall be given special rates on tires, batteries, gas, oil or any other property of the County of Morrow.

A request by Sabre Farms for a 40 mile speed limit on the

Homestead Road in northern Morrow County was discussed by the court, Judge Nelson agreed to contact them to talk over the problem.

Don Burns of ECOAC and Sheriff Larry Fetsch reviewed with the court the still uncertain status of the "911" emergency telephone system.

Planners David Moon and Deane Seeger met with the court and reviewed plans for courthouse basement remodeling, a detailed transportation study to be funded by LDCD and a tentative plan for a building inspector.

Natalie Tews receives Merit honors at Ione

Chuck Starr, Ione Principal, announced last week that Natalie Tews, a senior at Ione High School, has achieved Commended student status in the twenty-third annual (1978) National Merit Scholarship Program. The honor is the result of her outstanding performance on the Preliminary

Scholastic Aptitude Test—National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT—NMSQT) which was administered nation wide to high school juniors in October of last year.

More than 35,000 Commended students throughout the United States are being

honored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) which administers the yearly scholarship competition. Students in this group represent less than two percent of the total of graduating secondary school seniors in the country.

Brand fees higher for ensuing year

Nearly half the 17,500 livestock brands in Oregon have not been rerecorded as required by a law passed by the 1977 Oregon Legislature.

The new law shortened the time a brand remains recorded from five years to two years and requires the rerecording of all livestock brands before December 31. The law supersedes the old law which did not require rerecording until December 31, 1979.

All brands not recorded before the end of the year will be treated as new brands and the fee for recording of new brands is \$25 per location of brand. The fee for rerecording on or before December 31 is \$10 per location. Location refers to where the animal is branded, as the hip, side or shoulder. If an animal is branded in more than one of these locations, each location is treated as a separate brand and a fee is charged for each.

If a brand is used on both cattle and horses, it also is treated as two brands and fees are charged for each.

Approximately 800 notices to rerecord have been returned to the Livestock Division as undeliverable mail.

Anyone who has not received a notice is asked to call the Livestock Division in Salem collect. The number is 378-3779.

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Hospital Notes

Only six patients were admitted to Pioneer Memorial Hospital between Tuesday, Nov. 29, and Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Admitted and dismissed during that period of time were James Query, Vernon Gilman and Romona Rountree, all of Heppner. Still patients on Tuesday, were Earl Morgan, Ione; Hazel Rice, Condon; and Darlene Arrington, Heppner.

The Morrow County stork took the week off.

Thanksgiving dinner shared by family

Thanksgiving dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Magill, Pendleton, were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Creston Robinson, her grandmother, Mrs. Lena Kelly, her aunt and uncle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Saling, Patti and Michele, all of Heppner; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hevener and Brian, McMinnville.

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Heppner attorney takes City of Umatilla post

Last week, Ann Spicer, a new member of the Abrams and Kuhn law firm in Heppner, was hired by the Umatilla City Council to work three days a week as city attorney for Umatilla.

"It's just the kind of job I've been looking for," she said, adding that it would be some time before her position with the law firm would be more than part time.

Spicer will prosecute justice court cases, advise the city on comprehensive planning and update city ordinances. She commented that in the past an attorney has come in on an irregular basis but growth in the Umatilla area made the three-day-a-week position necessary.

Spicer serves as a consultant for the East Central Oregon Association of Coun-

ties on zoning and land-use planning ordinances for small cities. Additional experience includes a stint as an intern for Clark County, Wash. during law school defending misdemeanor cases and also as an intern with the city attorney for Chehalis, Wash., revising and researching ordi-

stances. She received her doctorate of jurisprudence from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

Spicer moved to Morrow County after she married Heppner attorney Bill Kuhn last summer.

Vesta Kilkenny wins Realtor honors

Vesta Kilkenny, a sales associate at the Portland Center branch office of Stan Wiley, Inc., Realtors, has been named to the President's Million Dollar Club.

To qualify for the distinction, she completed \$1,155,675 in closed transactions during

the year. Kilkenny, a native of Heppner, joined the company in February, 1975. Prior to that, she was in the life insurance business for nine years.

In July, August and September of this year, she was the top sales associate of the month at her branch office.

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