

## Extension Events .... with Birdine Tullis



### 4-H'er Does Well in National Contest

Lori Witt, Irrigon, returned home from the National Sew With Wool Contest in Denver, reporting good times, and carrying home the honor of placing third in the nation in the junior division of the contest! Lori, a sophomore at Riverside High School, represented Oregon at the contest, and competed with girls from all over the United States. Her reward for placing is a \$500 scholarship which will be held for Lori to use at the college of her choice...as well as the trip to Denver, with all expenses paid!

Looking ahead to next fall, Carlene West tells me that the district Sew With Wool contest will be held in Heppner again, and the state competition will be in Pendleton! As a national winner, Lori will not be allowed to compete again in the junior division, but she looks forward to reaching the age to compete again as a senior. Congratulations go to Lori...as well as encouragement to other local girls to compete in the contest!

### Fashion Group Career Day Rescheduled

In a recent column I mentioned the Portland Fashion Group Career Day which is held annually at the Portland Art Museum. Date for this event has been changed to April 8. The career day is a real eye-opener for any youth interested in a career related to the fashion industry, as many who have made it "tell it like it is" to be working and involved in a highly competitive field. Cost for the day runs about \$8, which includes lunch. The Fashion Group share information on educational requirements, and other valuable tips for high school and college age youth. The event usually ends with inside looks at current fashions, to made the day complete! We hope to have complete information and pre-registration forms available soon.

### Eastern Oregon Leaders Forum, March 11, LaGrande

Local 4-H Leaders and Teen Leaders are invited to join with other leaders from Eastern Oregon at an event for leaders on the campus of Eastern Oregon State College, LaGrande. Scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m., March 11, the program includes special guest speakers, as well as workshops by project areas. A \$3 fee includes lunch and coffee break goodies. The Oregon 4-H Community Pride awards, sponsored by Standard Oil Company, will be announced, along with more information on the program.

Leaders always enjoy the opportunity to meet and share ideas, and the Eastern Oregon Forum will provide this opportunity to exchange among leaders from similar areas! If you have not been on campus of EOOSC lately, you'll enjoy a look at the new buildings and other improvements at the college, too!

### Special Program at Pine City Study Group, March 8

Members and guests of Pine City Study Group will have a double-header program at the Broderick home on March 8...with the popular "Soup" lesson in the morning, and "T-Shirts by Jan" at 1 p.m.! Jan Peterson, Ione, will share her skills and creative ideas for making your own knit shirts, repeating her outstanding 4-H presentation. Hostesses, Laura Broderick and Vicki Wagonblast, invite all interested women to attend the study group meeting...get acquainted with Extension, and enjoy both T-shirts, and soup!

### Cowbelles Cook-Off Information

Did you read about the Oregon Cowbelles Cook-Off in this paper last week? Betty Carlson, Ione, is local chairman for that contest, so for entry forms and more information, call Betty, 422-7282. Try calling in the evening...

Betty works at school in Ione all day. The contest is easy to enter...and we have so many super good cooks in our county that we should have lots of entries! Prizes are well worth trying for!

### National Awards

A reminder to older 4-H members, and leaders, that I will soon be nagging members to complete project summary forms to submit for consideration of a National Award. This program offers members an opportunity to win a paid trip to National 4-H Congress, Chicago, as well as consideration for some state scholarships at the same time! We will be asking members to have completed forms returned to Extension office by April 21. As changes have been made in the awards program this year, I hope that any 4-H member who chooses to participate, will come to the office and visit with me...I'd like to give each one all the help I can!

## Ray French named to NCA tax committee

Raymond French, Heppner, was recently appointed a member of the taxation committee of the National Cattlemen's Association (NCA), according to NCA President Richard A. McDougal. French and other committee members from across the nation will be responsible for the development and implementation of policy in the tax area.

"One objective of NCA," said McDougal, "is to accurately reflect the interests and concerns of cattlemen throughout the country. One way this is done is through committees. French and other committee members who serve on NCA's 13 standing committees are the eyes and ears of the association. And this is as it should be. Working cattlemen, who best understand industry problems, are most qualified to develop and articulate the proper solutions to industry problems."

French, who operates a cattle ranch business, is active in the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, where he was elected first vice president last November.

The main thrust of NCA is in government affairs at the national level. McDougal has encouraged cattlemen to serve on industry association committees at the local, state and national level. He has suggested that cattlemen get more involved in the legislative process.

## Grain reserve plan expected to bolster market prices

"The grain reserve program gives farmers a chance to get their grain off the market and wait for better prices," Stewart Smith, associate administrator of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) said. "It's a good method for farmers to help themselves get the price of grain up, and it also gives us the reserve in times of scarcity."

Farmers can extend their matured grain loans for three years and receive storage payments of 20 cents per bushel for wheat, corn, sorghum and barley, and 15 cents per bushel for oats. Grain may be stored on the farm or in commercial warehouses for the three years or until the release level is reached. The release mechanism insulates the reserve grain from the market, Smith said.

For wheat, the release level is attained when the national average market price reaches 140 per cent of the loan level. At this time, the farmer is free

to sell his grain without penalty.

When the national market price is 175 per cent of the loan level, the government will call in the wheat. In the case of feed grains, the release level is 125 per cent of the loan, and will be called in when the national average market price reaches 140 per cent of the loan level. "We will notify farmers when these levels are reached," Smith said.

To keep their grain in good condition during storage, farmers are allowed to rotate stock.

"If the farmer wants to take

out the old grain and put in new grain, he's free to do that, as long as he puts in the same quantity and quality," said Smith adding that this is primarily a farmer-held reserve.

About 17 million metric tons of feed grains and eight or nine million metric tons of wheat will be held in the grain reserve program. Farmers are eligible to enter the program when their loan matures.

For additional information on the program, farmers should contact the local ASCS office.

## Senior Menu

### Tuesday, Feb. 7

Chops with mushroom gravy  
Mashed potatoes  
Peas and Carrots  
Bisquits and jam  
Fruit salad  
Butterscotch pudding with topping

### Wednesday, Feb. 8

Hamburger, veg., macaroni casserole with cheese top.  
Cabbage and carrot molded salad  
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Tapioca pudding with topping



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