

Extension Events... with Birdine Tullis



Homemaker's Day...Is For Everyone!

A mini-history of Morrow County, including Extension's involvement through home economics programs, will be the highlight of the annual spring women's day, scheduled for April 27, Lion's Club, Irrigon.

An action packed day is planned, starting at 10 a.m. with coffee and a get re-acquainted session. Following will be a slide show by Dorris Graves, with narration by Jean Nelson, showing developments and people involved. Former agent, Maud Caswell, now of Bremerton, Wash. will be guest speaker for the afternoon, with special entertainment during the day provided by Gladys Hobbs and Ruth Bentley, as well as a mini-style show of fashions of past years, modeled by 4-H members.

Luncheon will be putluck, with main dish furnished by Irrigon Study Group, the hostesses for the day. Program and arrangements are under direction of the Homemaker's Advisory Committee. The annual event is for all interested, and the Advisory Committee extends their special invitation to all women of the county to attend. It is their day. No charge!

April 16-22 National Volunteer Week

Hats to Volunteers...and that includes almost everyone in Morrow County! Of course, we think first of those who volunteer their time as 4-H leaders, and the study group program, but others in this area donate hours and years of time to other worthwhile causes. This week has been designated National Volunteer Week, and it seems appropriate at this time to say that we feel those who donate time to all causes are very special people...the people who are involved in making our communities great places to live. We salute you during this special week, and the other 51 weeks of the year!

Reports from Oregon 4-H Conference, Salem

An exciting, beneficial experience at the Know Your State Government Conference, Salem, was the report coming back to me from Erin Evans and Janet McElligott, Morrow delegates. Housing for the event was at the Oregon 4-H Center near Salem with classes and events at the State Capitol. Meeting the governor, and other elected officials, and time to question and visit, is a big experience for 4-H members. The two girls will develop a slide program on the event, which they are very willing to share with 4-H clubs, or any interested group.

Due Now...

Leaders and members are reminded that this is the week that records for National Awards, applications to attend Summer Week, and counselor applications are due in the Morrow County Extension office. Due date is coming up soon for 4-H posters.

Japan-Labo Exchange News...

Thanks, Tim Jones
Tim attended and assisted with an orientation in Corval-

lis recently, for 4-H members who will be traveling to Japan under the Oregon 4-H Japan-Labo exchange program this summer. Tim showed slides taken last summer as a visitor to Japan under the same program, as well as sharing other information he felt would be helpful to boys traveling this summer.

Monica Swanson, Ione, chaperone for the group also attended the orientation program, in preparation for her role. Monica, along with about twenty five 4-H members will leave for Japan in late July.

Helping with Funds for Boardman Clinic X-Ray

The Irrigon Study Group members, as well as everyone in north Morrow, are interested in the new clinic at Boardman. Irrigon girls got in the act by baking many, many cakes for the fund raising project, recently. That's typical of volunteers involved in Extension programs...always ready and willing to help with worthwhile projects!

Judges Training in Pendleton

Five local women will be traveling to Pendleton next week to attend the Clothing Judges training in preparation for serving as judges at fairs.

A total of about 160 women will be involved in the training sessions, offered in Corvallis and Pendleton, so there should be many new judges available in the future. Ardis Koester, OSU Extension textile and clothing specialist, Barb Sawyer, 4-H specialist, and H. Joe Myers, assistant director, will be involved in the training event, which will include philosophy of judging, textile

update, and other items pertinent to working as judges with boys and girls in 4-H program. Those attending are Donna Bergstrom, Francine Evans, Ann Witt, Ruth McCabe, and Birdine Tullis.

Textile Update

For anyone interested in the latest news about textiles and clothing, Ardis Koester, OSU Extension textiles and clothing specialist, will present a

"textile update" at the fair grounds, Condon, April 28, 1 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

4-H Salute

As a special for volunteer week our 4-H salute to leaders this week will be a feature story by Gazette-Times. Featured is Francine Evans: 4-H leader, involved community leader, and parent.

4-H Leader Salute

Francine Evans

The mother of seven daughters, ages 4-18, Francine Evans of Irrigon had plenty of motivation when she organized her first 4-H club, the Needlethreaders, nine years ago. "I wanted my children involved, so I involved myself," she explained.

The Needlethreaders are still going strong and so is Francine. This year she formed a new group known as the Happy Cookers for girls in grades four through six. In



addition to learning basic cooking and food preparation skills, the eight members are presently rehearsing a "Sue Kangaroo" puppet show to explain the basic food groups, scheduled to be presented before 11 different A.C. Houghton classes on April 26.

Around Mother's Day, the Happy Cookers plan to host a tea honoring their mothers, including, appropriately enough, Francine, whose daughter Ann Marie is a member of the club.

In the Needlethreaders, Francine now deals with an older group of girls, junior high and high school age, since Gladys Hobbs has formed a sewing group for the younger seamstresses this year. The eight, including two daughters, are presently working on entry projects for the National Grange Sewing Contest, meeting once a week at the Riverside High School Home Economics room under Francine's tutelage. Their efforts each fall go into creating outfits for the Make It With Wool competition, and this year one member, Lori Witt, walked away from Heppner a district winner in the junior division, and went on to place third on the national level.

In addition to putting in their time at the sewing machine, the Needlethreaders recently cooperated with groups led by Gladys Hobbs and Marylou Daloso to present a fashion show at Riverside High School, modeling fashions by Simplicity

Pattern Co. as well as their own.

Last summer, Francine held an "extracurricular" 4-H macrame class in the park for youngsters not active in other 4-H programs. She said proudly that each of her students completed their project, and she hoped to hold the class again this summer.

Francine, with a seemingly endless store of energy, found time last fall to demonstrate making straw Christmas wreaths at the Artfactory, and enjoys oil painting as a sideline.

On the state level, Francine represents five Eastern Oregon Counties on the Oregon 4-H Advisory Council.

In addition to her work with young people—in leadership and creative endeavors—Francine plays an active part in church and community affairs. She is a member of the St. Patrick's Altar Society and is a catechism instructor in the church. As a mother she is very interested in education and was recently elected to her second term on the Morrow County Irrigon's Morrow County School District Advisory Committee.

This week Francine demonstrated crepe making for the Food Fair co-sponsored by the Extension Service, Oregon Wheat Commission, and Blue Mountain Potato Growers. "I'm not sure how I got talked into it," the volunteer extraordinaire commented.

And, last but not least, Francine milks a cow twice a day.

Crop storage info sought by ASCS

Morrow County Farm operators will soon receive a questionnaire asking for information on the amount of storage space available on their farms for grain and oilseed crops, according to Judy Buschke, county Executive Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

The mail survey is being conducted to determine whether or not sufficient storage space will be available for grain placed in the reserve and the 1978 harvest.

"The success of the reserve program is dependent upon adequate storage space," Buschke said. "Increased grain production and carry-

over stocks have necessitated more space both on and off the farm.

Commercial facilities will be surveyed jointly by ASCS and the Economics, statistics and cooperatives service (ESCS).

According to Buschke, U.S. off-farm storage is estimated at 6.6 billion bushels, and on-farm storage ranges between 7.5 and 8.5 billion bushels. The survey will give more precise figures on the facilities available for storage of all commodities.

"With this information, we will attempt to determine where the handling and storage problems could show up during harvest," Buschke said. "We must insure that

grain currently under loan or in the reserve, plus that stored on the farm, does not clog distribution channels to users."

She indicated that a large 1978 crop could place considerable pressure on storage facilities, particularly in areas where tight storage conditions existed last fall.

By conducting the survey, ASCS and ESCS will determine the amount of usable storage space currently located in the county, the space occupied, the number of wet storage facilities used for high moisture grain, and the amount of permanent ear corn storage space.

1978 wheat program sign-ups due by May 1

The Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) is accepting applications for the 1978 feed grain and wheat program. Farmers planting feed grain and, or wheat are eligible to participate in the voluntary program.

Judy Buschke, of the ASC committee, said farmers who are still undecided about the

program should sign up because there is no penalty if

they decide not to comply.

"By signing up, farmers who decide to stay within the permitted acres of the set-aside crops are assured of program benefits," she said.

Program benefits include price support loans, target price and disaster payment

protection. Farmers who participate agree to take out of production one acre for every 10 planted to barley, corn, or grain sorghum, and two acres for every 10 planted to wheat for grain.

For more details on the 1978 programs, contact the local ASCS office in Heppner. The sign-up period ends May 1.

4-H News Two-Trackers

The Two-Trackers 4-H Horse Club held their April business meeting at the fairgrounds dorm on April 11.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Van Schoiack. Minutes were read and approved.

Plans were finalized for a bake sale to be held at the cow-cutting show May 6. The overnight ride is scheduled for July 29-30. Record keeping was explained for the benefit of new members.

Further business meetings will not be scheduled. Practice sessions for April and May will be held Fridays after school. Members planning on attending are to notify their leader.

Tara Mahoney, Reporter

Rock Crushers

The 4-H Rock Crushers Geology Club went to the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, April 10. The group started at their leader's house, Liz Curtis. They stopped out of Kimberly to look at Cathedral Rock. They kept on going until they got to the Cant Ranch. A guide showed the members the rock and fossil exhibits at the house. Then she took them to Sheep Rock to see the different geologic periods, and land formations.

She took the group on a hike into the Fossil Beds where the club members saw many interesting rocks although they could not take any. After having lunch at the Cant Ranch the club members stopped at Goose Rock, the oldest rock in the area to collect rock samples and try out their rock hammers for the first time. Myrtle McMillian accompanied the club members and their leader.

Ken Curtis, Club Reporter

Garden & Flower

The 4-H Garden and Flower Club rendezvoused at the Episcopal Church at 4 p.m., April 17. Our Prez, Ken Curtis and us talked. We could not think of a name so we decided to wait on our name. The Garden Club will meet at the Jame's house May 8.

The 4-H Garden Club will be giving reports on special things. The 4-H Garden Club will meet at, Barb's Plant Seller (Time unknown). Present were: Reporter, Thomas, James, Sec. Kathy Smith, Vice-Prez. Mike Smith, Prez, Ken Curtis, Game chairman, Ron Klaus, Mardel James and Ken Miller, Jr. leaders and Barb James and Father Miller leaders.

Tom, James, Reporter

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