

State Wheat League wants ban lifted on fungicide

Oregon wheat growers have suffered an estimated \$5 million loss due to "foot rot" disease, according to John Cuthbert, La Grande farmer and president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League.

"Foot rot causes the plant to break off right at the soil level", said Cuthbert, "and this places the grain down at the soil level often spoiling it and making it difficult or impossible to harvest."

A fungicide, called Benlate, is available that will prevent foot rot, he said. However, it was not cleared by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) soon enough last year to have an effect on this year's crop, he said.

"Benlate is the only spray that helps us with this disease," said Cuthbert. "It is not cleared for permanent use on wheat, yet the EPA has approved this same solution for permanent registration that allows a peach to be dipped in the solution, dried, and then the peach can go directly into human consumption. If a person can eat this peach, we don't understand why this same solution can't be sprayed on our wheat for harvest several months later."

Oregon State University scientists have been working with foot rot problems for the

last several years. Robert L. Powelson, OSU plant pathologist, reports that early seeding of wheat promotes foot rot. Powelson has presented an application to the EPA through the Oregon Department of Agriculture for early approval of the fungicide.

Powelson said that many Oregon growers will want to seed early in order to give better control to soil and water erosion even though it increases the chance of losses to foot rot.

One bright spot is that OSU has developed a wheat variety, Stephens, that is "mildly

resistant" to foot rot. Dr. Warren Kronstad, OSU plant breeder, said that his staff has been working with the problems of foot rot for several years and that the Stephens variety appears to weather the disease much better than others.

"We hope the EPA clears Benlate before September 15" said Cuthbert. "We have received clearance for the last three years...but we had to travel to Washington, D.C. to obtain the clearance and it has been generally too late in the spring for much effectiveness."

Fair dates incorrect on some posters

Contrary to dates printed on posters and painted on windows the official dates for the Morrow County Fair are August 19 through 22. Exhibits will begin arriving at 11 a.m. on Friday Aug. 18. Exhibitors have until 8 p.m. to enter their exhibits. All livestock, poultry and small animals and adult open class fruit, vegetable and flower exhibits will be accepted from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday.

Committee people have been busy the past week putting the grounds in shape for the show. Birdine Tullis and her 4-H Leaders have

turned the Annex into its usual festive display to show off the work of 4-H members. Phyllis Piper, Marlene Gray and Micky Mollahan have been decorating the open class section of the pavilion. Extension Agents John Nordheim and Harold Kerr, FFA Advisor Hal Whitaker and the Gary Griebs along with many other volunteers have set up the livestock area of the fair grounds.

HHS Stock judging team first at Umatilla Fair

Heppner High School's FFA livestock judging team placed first in advanced competition and third in the beginners category at the Umatilla County Fair.

Members of the advanced team, which topped a field of eight, were Ken, Julie and Geri Grieb, Kryn Robinson

and Marie Van Schoiack. Making up the beginners team were Ann Van Schoiack, Nancy Miller and JoLyn Daly.

Last week, the HHS FFA judging team members placed third in competition at the Wallowa County Fair in Enterprise.

V.A. hospital to offer short courses to area RN's

Walla Walla Veterans Administration Hospital is sponsoring an extension course through the University of Washington for Registered Nurses and Graduate Nurse Technicians. The course will emphasize beginning skills in history-taking and physiological assessment. There will be independent study as well as in-class participation.

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Senior Citizen News

by Justine Weatherford

As you read this it is hoped that you are all set to really enjoy the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. If you have studied the official program you know that your exhibits need to be taken to the fair tomorrow. All seniors have pass cards and do not need to pay any admission (Any over 62 who haven't received their fair passes may pick them up at the Neighborhood Center.)

On Saturday, August 19, there will be a full day of action. Seniors may especially enjoy the horseshoe pitching, the butchering service demonstration and the tobacco spitting contest. Everyone in every family will enjoy the fun night dinner and evening show.

Sunday will bring more horseshoe pitching, the pet show, a sack sewing exhibition, adult livestock showmanship and the kid's coin hunt. Monday evening the public 4-H Style Review is set for the stage in front of the new grandstand. The popular 4-H and FFA livestock auction comes Tuesday evening, and the fair closes on Wednesday, Aug. 23, making Thursday a quiet day with no activities scheduled.

The Morrow County Rodeo will take place Friday evening and will be followed by a dance. Saturday, Aug. 26, the annual morning parade will occupy Heppner's downtown. That afternoon the Open Rodeo performance will begin at 1:30 p.m., and a Saturday night rodeo dance at the fairground. Sunday afternoon the concluding open Rodeo action begins at 1:30 p.m.

This year's fair premium books and program are dedicated to the memory of Bernard J. Doherty who served on the fair committee

and was a long-time, staunch supporter of the county fair.

Some senior citizens are still upset about the possibility of having a change in the location of their meals together. The majority made it quite clear that they hope to stay at the Elks Club or at some other downtown site. Many spoke out against the idea of moving the meals out to the fairgrounds after the committee on a Senior Citizen Center Site selection had approached the fair board and been warmly received.

Those who attended the meeting conducted by Rollin H. Reynolds, human resource planner and aging specialist, however, heard him assure

the group that no definite commitment to change the site would be made "unless the majority of the seniors approved." Reynolds also declared that there would be no change in the director of the senior program in Morrow County, that Pat Brindle of the Heppner Neighborhood Center is a person "we just couldn't be without."

A significant meeting of the AAA (Area Agency on Aging) will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 22 in the vicinity of Meacham at the Rollin Reynolds' residence. It is expected that four or five seniors from Morrow County will attend and will be able to report any decisions to the group here.

PUBLIC NOTICE HEPPNER RESIDENTS

The water shortage is over! The need for water rationing due to line breaks and pump failures has been corrected and residents of Heppner are hereby informed that restrictions on irrigation are lifted.

We thank you for your patience these past weeks and for maximum conservation of water, we urge you to irrigate in the early mornings or late evenings, however, there are no restrictions.

Mayor Jerry Sweeney

Elks Calendar

Thursday, August 17
No Lodge
Happy Hour 5-6
Hot Hors d'ouvers 6-7

Friday, August 18
Happy Hour 5-6
Dinner 6:30-8:30
Hot Hors d'ouvers 6-7
Live Music

Saturday, August 19
Dinner 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fair Celebration Dance

Tuesday, August 22
Senior Citizens 4:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 5-7

Wednesday, August 23
Senior Citizens 4:30 p.m.
Happy Hour 5-7

Thursday, August 24
No Lodge
Happy Hour 5-6
Hot Hors d'ouvers 6-7

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