

Neighborhood Center needs help in spreading Christmas joy

A call from Pat Brindle tells me there is a great need for volunteers to make doll clothing for the dolls which are recycled each year to add cheer to many youngsters' Christmas. If you have time, and needle skills, your help would be greatly appreciated. For more information, call Pat at 676-5873. Fabric scraps and notions to add to the clothing would also be appreciated.

contests, with many valuable prizes awarded winners. The contest is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Wool Growers Association, with

creative package. Francine Evans demonstrated the beauty of woven wheat in angels and other small ornaments for the tree, as well as lovely wreaths and

known for her delicious, as well as lovely, candies; things for kids to make by Nancy Kessler, tree decorations by Linda Tullis, and many, many more.

Our special thanks to all who helped make it a very popular and successful get-ready-for Christmas event.

ARTIFACTORY COMING
My grapevine tells me there will be another popular annual event coming up in Heppner on Dec. 2—the AAUW sponsored "Artifactory." All local artists and crafts persons are welcome to exhibit and/or sell their handmade creations at this event.

A peek ahead for what will be demonstrated—special guest artists for the day will be well known weaver, Vera Simpson, and her husband, Tom, cartoonist. Vera will demonstrate spinning and weaving; Tom will be sketching cartoon characters all day. Tom is known locally for the personalized cartoons on store windows which he does annually before fair. And there will be more! Saturday, December 2 is the date to save. Watch for more information.

New club starts in Ione

A new 4-H club in the Ione area is the Basting Bakers. The club is for first and second year cooking and first year sewing.

The first meeting was Oct. 12, and the following officers were elected: President, Dawn Reed; Vice-president, Jackie Burres; Secretary, Deena Hams; Treasurer, Sandy Wright; and news reporter, Patty McElligott. Other members are Kim McCabe, Jana Marquardt, and Bonnie Buthrie.

The girls started making pin cushions to use at their sewing meetings.

The club will meet twice a month in the home economics room at Ione High School. The second Thursday of the month will be a sewing meeting, and the fourth Thursday will be cooking.

The leaders for the Basting Bakers are Pat Wright and Maryan McElligott.

Extension Events ... with Birdine Tullis



STUDY GROUP NEWS
Rhea Creek Study Group will meet at the Ruth Bergstrom home on Nov. 6, a change of date from its regular meeting. The group will have a special continuation of the "Christmas Potpourri", in addition to the study topic.

Pine City Study group will sew doll clothing to assist the neighborhood center project, as well as the monthly lesson. Members might want to bring sewing machines along to the meeting, if they have portables, as well as fabrics.

The evening group recently organized has chosen, "Willow Creek Homemakers" as its name, and welcome all interested. Last week I called them young homemakers, so this week I'd like to mention that they are homemakers of all ages—it is not specifically for the younger women.

As a special project, Irrigon study group women recently collected funds for cystic fibrosis.

Study topic for November meetings will be "Coping With Stress." Training for the lesson will be by Marcelle Straatman, OSU Extension Human Development specialist, who will have much to share concerning stress of modern life on all age groups, and how to cope with it. Training will be Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m. at the Experiment Station, Hermiston (or Oct. 25, in Milton-Freewater). Extension homemaker programs are for everyone.

SEW WITH WOOL

With the district Make It Yourself With Wool Contest scheduled for Heppner on Nov. 18, time is running short for local girls or boys to get their entry forms mailed. The local contest leads to state and national

Carlene West, Ione, the local district co-director. Entry forms, which give complete details on garments, categories, etc. may be obtained at your local Extension office. There are categories for pre-teens (10-13), juniors (14-16), and seniors, (17-24). Garments may be 100 percent woolen, or a minimum of 60 percent wool. The contest allows hand-knit or crochet garments if the garment can be entered into a category as specified.

Last year, Lori Witt, Irrigon, placed first in the Junior division of the state contest and went on to place third in the national contest where she received many valuable prizes, including a scholarship which will be held for her until college age. For more information regarding the "Sew It Yourself With Wool Contest", contact Ms. West, 989-8448.

"POTPOURRI" ATTRACTS CROWDS

There will be many handmade gifts exchanged this Christmas, if crowds attending the "Christmas Potpourri" last week are any indication of plans. Both the special programs offered by Extension in Heppner and Pendleton drew full-house attendance, with interest shown in all demonstrations and exhibits. Secretaries in both offices were pressed to overtime work to keep up with the printed materials accumulated by those attending.

There were exhibits and demonstrations to fit every interest, including things to make for kids, and for kids to make. Jean Ecklund, EOSH Therapist, drew mobs to her creative exhibits of herbs, potpourri, sachets, teas, and other natural items, each in a very eye-appealing and

other items for the walls. Her special appearance at the potpourri was sponsored by the Oregon Wheat Commission. Wheat weaving, and straw wreaths are very old arts carried to America by the Scandinavians. Straw wreath making was demonstrated by Birdine Tullis, with Cece Slocum showing how to make wreaths of evergreen from your yard. Machine embroidery by Debbie Lee, bath salts with attractive puppet mitt containers, and other creative gift items by Juanita Ryan, velvet roses by Yvonne St. Denis, candy wreaths by Barb James of Barb's Plant Seller, as well as a varied group of gifts ranging from stuffed toys to macrame by Irene Anhorn, all attracted large groups of eager learners to their demonstrations. Delicate Scandinavian Christmas cookies were demonstrated by Sylvia Smith.

Pine needle weaving of baskets, trays, bird houses, hats, bags, etc., by Ruth Fletcher of Ukiah, proved one of the most popular displays and demonstrations. Ruth was delighted to display her talents at the Heppner show, as she is sister of Sadie Parrish, our county clerk. A bonus from Ruthshe will come to our area to teach the pine needle weaving art if there are those who would like to learn (so if you would like

to learn...call me, 676-9642, immediately, as she doesn't like to travel the roads from Ukiah to Heppner after winter sets in!)

In addition to the demonstrations, many exciting gift ideas and Christmas decorations were displayed by homemakers from both counties, including candy gift collections by Rachel Reeder, Helix, well

Agent Kerr cautions farmers on possible aphid infestation

No problem yet, reports Harold Kerr, Morrow County Extension Agent, but there is a lot of wheat emerging, and everything is right for an infestation of the "Greenbug" aphid which poses a two-way threat to wheat crops.

The greenbug can damage wheat two ways: When feeding, the aphid causes a toxic material to enter the plant which can reduce root growth, and in large numbers, can actually kill the young wheat plant. The second way greenbugs

damage wheat is they are one of a number of aphids which transmit Barley Yellow Dwarf virus. This disease stunts the wheat, turns the plant bright yellow and can kill the wheat, also. At the very least it will reduce yields.

Other aphids which can transmit the Barley Yellow Dwarf virus are Oat Bird Cherry Aphid, and English Grain Aphid. All three aphids can be killed with approved chemicals. Consult your local dealer, applicator, or call the

extension office for further details.

Earlier recommendations have been to delay spraying until the aphid population reaches a fairly high level, 100-200 per foot of a row.

Kerr's recommendation is to spray when aphids are found in any number, especially if they are located throughout the field. The reason is that if spray is applied prior to a big buildup of aphids, the rancher stands a better chance of reducing the

amount of Barley Yellow Dwarf virus.

Spraying with Disyston, one of the better chemicals, seems to give about six weeks control. The warm weather we are having also encourages an aphid build-up, so growers should be checking the fields at least twice a week, according to Kerr. Freezing weather slows reproduction of greenbugs, but does not kill them, so further infestations are possible even after colder weather comes.

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