

Cold weather disrupts several Extension programs

Some Extension Home-maker programs and 4-H leader meetings were canceled out this past week with all the snow and adverse driving conditions. While we regret

at February meetings in both Morrow and Umatilla counties. Training for the event will be offered leaders-

as well as pick up new information on many topics.

Women of the Irrigon Study Group are a busy, concerned group. They have recently completed a clothing drive for needy children in the area. Along with the clothing drive, one member and her daughter made 10 outfits for children during the Christmas season. They have also collected funds within their membership to purchase quilt batts to assist with a senior citizen project, and will participate as a group

in tying the quilts. These projects are in addition to their monthly lesson, and show great community interest by all the women of the group. All study groups have community service projects, each choosing to support projects suitable to their membership.

January meetings were free choice of members, with the Willow Creek group choosing a tour of the museum in Heppner; Irrigon learned wheat weaving, Pine City

group was planning a CPR informational meeting, and Rhea Creek members were learning about the Basque culture and foods.

If the hard winter has given you a case of cabin fever, get out and attend a study group meeting.

University, Corvallis, with two days packed with information of interest. Topics range from how to buy a horse, selection and conformation, to trail riding and first aid. Qualified persons will also share information on riding techniques, tack and equipment and a packing demonstration.

Costs are small, with a family registration for a full two days only \$23, or single adults, \$14, or younger persons and college students,

\$9, for the two days. John Nordheim, extension agent, has registration forms, and lots more information about the training if you'll give him a call at 676-9642.

toll-free number to call for information on what is happening at our legislature in Salem.

Monday through Friday, you may dial 1-800-452-0290 to ask your question. Your name and number will be recorded, and you will receive an answer. As the legislature gets farther into session, individuals often have questions on the progress of specific bills or legislation. Keep this number so you can check it out!

Extension Events

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having to cancel events, it seems to me that safety of the women involved is of primary consideration. Events will be rescheduled to times that seem less hazardous for drivers.

STUDY GROUP NEWS

All groups will explore the need for "A Will of Your Own"

teachers and other interested individuals on Jan. 23-24, in Irrigon and Pendleton by Debra Slater, Extension Specialist.

Everyone is welcome at study group meetings. They are a good way to meet people if you are new in a com-

munity, or just want to get acquainted with new friends,

Shortages in livestock drugs appear in state

Sudden shortages of some essential drugs commonly used in the livestock industry have been documented in Oregon this week, and the situation has created concern among stockmen and officials of the State Department of Agriculture.

Agriculture Director Leonard Kunzman told members of the State Board of Agriculture in Bend this week that the department staff has confirmed the sudden shortages of penicillin and sulfa compounds, which are deemed essential in treatment of certain livestock problems.

"We just became aware of the situation this week, and we have several members of our staff trying to determine the extent of the shortage and the causes," he told members of the board.

The situation has caused alarm among stockmen who rely on the drugs to treat

Martin Howard, chairman of the State Livestock and Marketing Board, told members of the Board of Agriculture that he and his fellow ranchers have been told that the drugs are not available through most conventional veterinary supply sources and are now on back order.

"If I have a herd that is sick, primarily calves, those drugs have to be immediately available," he said.

"Calves can't wait two or three days when they're sick. They'll die," he added.

State Veterinarian Dr. Glen Rea and his staff have polled the major sources of supply for the compounds in Oregon and have reported that the materials either are not in stock or are in limited supply.

"At this point," Dr. Rea said, "We can't determine the real reasons for the shortages."

"There is a definite problem from the animal health standpoint if a producer can't obtain a supply of a compound that may be essential to take care of a health problem in his herd," he said.

Some existing supplies of drugs are reported to be soaring in price.

Howard said that one California firm recently has been selling the drugs at four times the normal price.

Workshop on livestock care set for Jan. 24

A Winter Livestock Workshop will be held Jan. 24, starting at 8 p.m. in the Heppner High School Cafeteria.

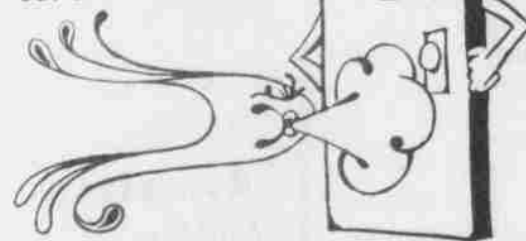
The Morrow County Livestock Growers Association will present Nina West, Dr. Bob Shock and Dr. Norden Stefanides as speakers. Nina West, a five state representative of American Cyanamid, based in Hermiston, will speak on drug research. Dr. Shock, from Malibu, California, will speak on Parasitism, and Dr. Stefanides, Hermiston Veterinarian, will speak on weaning stress and medication, and medicine and medical procedures needed through the calving season. The Morrow County Livestock Growers Association welcomes all interested people to the workshop.

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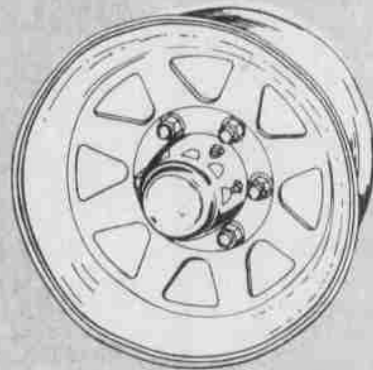
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