

Some AT&T operator services change

AT & T Communications will continue providing its customers in Heppner, Ione, Lexington and Arlington with a variety of operator services, even though Pacific Northwest Bell operators will begin providing some calling assistance as well starting July 14.

"This new arrangement will require customers wanting help from an operator to dial a new code to reach the AT&T operator directly," said Erwin L. Boring, AT&T operator services manager for Oregon. "But it will be necessary on only two percent of all long distance calls made. In most cases, custo-

mers will be able to place calls as they have in the past."

When the change occurs, AT&T operators will still be there to provide assistance on calls between long distance calling areas in Oregon, between states and international. Included are calls for dialing assistance, person-to-person, third-number billing, collect and credit card calls, international calls, information on rates and credit for misdialled calls.

To reach PNB operators, Customers will continue to dial the operator assistance code, 7.

Marriage License

The Morrow County Clerk's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse has received an application for a marriage license from:

Ervin Gene Lewis, 50, and Christina Marie Watkins Davidson, 34, both of Heppner.

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Engagements Thompson - Kenny



James and Betty Thompson of Starkey, and William and Marjorie Kenny of Heppner have announced the engagement of their children Vickie Lynne and James Edward.

A 1984 graduate of La Grande College of business, Vickie Thompson is a legal secretary in Portland.

James Kenny graduated from Eastern Oregon State College in 1983 and is employed with Chemlawn Corporation of Lake Oswego.

An August 31 wedding is planned.

Soil conservation initiative proposed by Ag secretary

Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block recently proposed the largest single soil conservation initiative in the history of American agriculture - a 10 year, \$11 billion conservation reserve which would take up to 20 million acres of highly erodible cropland out of production.

"Nothing in this nation is more precious than the natural resources which produce our food and fiber," said Block. "Yet, we have been compelled to work with farm programs which encourage production on land that should never have been the blade of a plow."

"I am asking congress to join me in seriously addressing the problem by including this proposal in the 1985 farm bill," Block added. "I should also point out that this proposal is consistent with my strong support for a sodbuster provision in the farm bill which would make producers ineligible for federal farm program benefits if they produce crops on highly erodible land."

Under the proposal, the Department of Agriculture and participating farmers would share the cost of planting protective grass or trees on eligible land. At least 10 percent of the reserve would be earmarked for tree planting and maintenance.

"I'm looking to have somewhere in the neighborhood of one billion trees planted on this land, and that has to make a great difference in our ability to protect this soil," Block said.

Conservation reserve payments made to the farmers would provide a modest level of income support during the 10-year transition from row crop farming to other enterprises, Block added.

Block said the reserve would reduce soil erosion on land which is enrolled in the program by nearly 20

tons an acre yearly. Also, a successful program would improve water quality, curb production of surplus commodities and thus help increase commodity prices received by farmers. Other environmental benefits would include better habitat for fish and wildlife and reduced sedimentation in streams and along roads.

USDA studies show that one out of every eight acres of cropland in the U.S. - 53 million acres of a total 421 million acres of cropland - would be eligible for the reserve.

Block said the proposed reserve is consistent with his overall thrust towards developing a long-term agricultural policy and would help bring greater consistency between the conservation and commodity programs.

"While the gross outlays for the reserve would be about \$11 billion over 10 years, it's important to point out that they will be offset to a large degree by reduced outlays for annual loans, deficiency payments and storage costs under existing commodity programs," Block said.

"We should also keep in mind that this is re-prioritizing existing funds. I strongly believe it is far better to use this money for conservation than on annual acreage reduction programs."

Other details of the proposal include:

- Farmers would submit bids on the cost-share payments they would accept and the amount of acreage to be enrolled.
- Grazing and harvesting hay on reserve lands would be prohibited.
- No producer would receive more than \$50,000 in reserve payments yearly.
- No more than 25 percent of the cultivated cropland in a county could be enrolled in the reserve.

Temporary shading devices improve south and west windows

Q. My house has several windows on the south and west sides. In the winter these windows are great, but in the summer they let in a lot of unwanted heat. What's the best way to keep out the heat? - R.F., Pendleton.

A. Most effective is blocking the sun's rays before they pass through the glass. In many homes, the eaves extend far enough to do this. Awnings also are effective, particularly since they can be removed or collapsed in the winter when you welcome the sun's rays. Temporary shading devices, such as bamboo curtains and greenhouse cloth, also can be used outside the windows in the summer.

Another effective way to keep out the sun is to landscape for summer shade. Deciduous trees work nicely, but take awhile to grow. To shade windows on the first floor, you could build a trellis and plant grape or some other vine that leafs out in the summer. These, too, will take a few years to provide good shade.

If these suggestions aren't practical for you, use interior window treatments such as curtains, blinds or shutters. These aren't as effective as an exterior treatment, but they can reflect much of the solar radiation back out the window.

The most effective interior shading device is one that has a reflecting coating or a light color on the outside. The lighter the color, the more heat reflected back outside.

If these suggestions don't provide the relief you need, you might try one of the many special shades and films that are available. These vary considerably in their effectiveness. The best ones are tinted and reflective.

A tinted plastic film or shade without any reflective properties

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may let as much as 75 percent of the sun's rays into the room. A film or shade with a good reflector may let in only 20 percent.

The best way to shop for sun control films and shades is to compare their shading coefficients (a number indicating the heat gain of a window with a shading device compared to the heat gain of a standard, unshaded window). The lower the shading coefficient, the more effective the shading device. If the coefficient number isn't printed on the product, ask the dealer. A product designed for shading should have the shading coefficient number available.

Buying window shades and films can be tricky because some of them may damage your windows. This could happen if too much heat builds up between the shade or film and window. Before installing a sun control film, check the manufacturer's recommendations and also the warranty on your windows.

Remember, a sun control device applied permanently to a window reduces heat gain in winter as well as summer, particularly if it's applied to a south window. For maximum energy savings it's best to use a removable shading device that lets in valuable winter sunshine.

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Video tape instructs food drying techniques

Those planning to try drying fruits and vegetables this summer may want to check out the (VHS) Video Tape, "Drying Fruits & Vegetables" from Morrow Co. Extension Office, says Birdine Tullis, OSU Program Assistant.

The cassette was available to study group teachers who used it for a number of lessons this past spring. It is now available to anyone wishing to review the basics of food drying. A small charge will be made for use of the tape which will fit most VCR players, concludes Tullis.



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