

She 'made it with wool'



Kimberle Wright

Heppner High senior Kimberle Wright has almost made it - in the "Make It With Wool" contest, that is.

Kimberle will be traveling to Portland January 10 to enter in the state finals of that contest with the outfit she models above.

This fall Kimberle entered the regional contest in Pendleton with her red 100 percent Pendleton wool jacket and grey and black 100 percent wool striped cropped pants. The jacket is lined in off-white with the Pendleton emblem imprinted in the fabric in black. Her ensemble won the contest and paved the way for the state finals.

The first stage of the state contest will be held at the Sunnyside Inn, where Kimberle will be staying. The second half of the competition will

take place at Clackamas Town Center. Contestants will be judged on modeling as well as construction.

Kimberle, the daughter of Judy and Kenny Wright of Heppner, says she learned to sew from her mother and through 4-H. The outfit she will model was a 4-H project that she had intended to enter in the Make-It With Wool Contest.

Two Trackers enjoy Xmas festivities

The Two Trackers club met at the home of Judy Jepsen for their Christmas party on December 8.

Those attending enjoyed the movie "Phar Lap," refreshments, and a gift exchange. A short business meeting was held and it was decided to begin the winter meetings in January.

The Two Trackers will meet twice a month until the weather permits riding again. The meeting will be held in the fair annex building the first and third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

The first meeting will be January 6. Those attending are asked to please bring their record books.

Air leaks are major cause of heat loss

Q. Our house was built in 1954. We have insulated the floor, attic and walls and we've installed storm windows. The house stays warmer, but it's still uncomfortable even with the thermostat set at 70 to 72 degrees Fahrenheit. Can you tell us why? - M.L., Dallas.

A. First check your thermostat against an accurate thermometer. It may be out of adjustment. If not, we're betting you have a leaky house.

A house loses heat in two ways: The heat moves through the building materials that make up the ceiling, floor, walls and windows. Heat is also lost with the air that leaks through the small openings all over the house.

Air leaks are often a major cause of heat loss in an older house that has been weatherized, such as yours. It is more of a problem in two-story homes, and houses exposed to strong winter winds.

As the warm air leaks out, cold air comes in to replace it. This causes cold, uncomfortable drafts. These are noticeable along floors, around windows and doors and in stair wells where cool air flows down the stairs.

Chances are the many small air leaks in your house add up to the equivalent of an open window.

You can solve the problem with a good air sealing campaign that includes weatherstripping and caulking, and blocking holes. Look around your house for places where air can leak in or out. Examples are: behind electric outlets and switch plates; around doors and windows; and where electrical and plumbing service enters your home.

Don't overlook major leaks, such as a fireplace with a missing or broken damper, an open wood stove or chimney, or openings in wall s or to the attic.

Here's a tip in case you have trouble finding the air leaks: On a windy day, use the smoke from an incense stick to show you where air

is moving in or out of your house.

To get you started, we're mailing you the Oregon State University publication, "Weatherstripping and Caulking." Other readers may obtain a single copy by sending 25 cents plus 25 cents postage to the OSU Bulletin Mailing Office, Industrial Building, OSU, Corvallis, OR 97331. Ask for EC 1112. Make checks payable to OSU Extension Service, and include your name and address.

Q. Why won't the Oregon Energy Assistance program pay for kerosene for my kerosene heater? - S.V., Portland.

A. Many people don't realize that Oregon law forbids use of unvented kerosene heaters in homes. Since most of the kerosene heaters used in the state are unvented, and the State can't determine which heaters are vented properly and which aren't, Energy Assistance won't pay for kerosene.

Unvented kerosene heaters are considered unsafe because they pose a fire hazard and produce combustion gases especially hazardous to infants, pregnant women, the elderly, asthmatics and people with cardiovascular diseases.

Many newer models have fire safety features and are approved by Underwriter Laboratories. But not all kerosene heaters have these features. Even with adequate safety precautions, there is no guarantee that the person using the heater will follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

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Ag sales the same

MEAT ANIMALS - Declining beef production in 1986 will support higher Choice steer prices. However, sharp increases will be limited by continued large total meat supplies. Red meat is facing increasing competition from poultry products, which resulted in a slight drop in consumer consumption of beef in 1985. Lower red meat production will help strengthen hog prices in the first half of 1986. Lamb prices in 1985 have been at or near record levels. This trend is expected to continue, partially as result of reduced red meat supplies and low feed prices.

POULTRY AND EGGS - Prices for broiler and turkey meat have trended upward as poultry meat products have recently found greater favor with consumers. Poultry producers have been helped by low feed prices. Broiler and turkey production will increase through 1986, narrowing profit margins by the end of the year. Egg production was down in late 1985 and that trend is expected to continue through early 1986. This should bring higher prices to egg producers by the middle of the year.

POTATOES - Growers produced a record crop in 1985 resulting in more than ample supplies for the market. However, consumer demand has remained strong, preventing prices from dropping significantly. If the national economy doesn't falter in 1986, strong consumer demand for potato products should continue, holding prices steady.

SUGARBEETS - Production increased in 1985 and is expected to continue increasing in 1986. Prices should remain steady.

BEANS - Production and prices should remain largely unchanged in 1986.

ONIONS - Production is expected to decrease in 1986 causing prices to increase slightly for storage onions.

DAIRY - Prices are expected to remain at current levels while production increases slightly. The new farm bill contains provisions for reducing the size of the nation's dairy herd, a key to bringing milk supplies more in line with demand.

VEGETABLES - The moderate increases in wholesale prices for processed vegetable products in 1985 are expected to continue in 1986. The demand for frozen sweet corn should be very strong, while green pea and snap bean demand remains steady.

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SMALL FRUITS - Strawberry production has been down in the northwest resulting in upward pressure on prices. Grower prices were up 25 percent in 1985 and are expected to remain steady in 1986.

APPLES AND PEARS - Northwest pear and apple production declined in 1985. If no increase occurs in 1986, prices should remain steady and may increase slightly.

NUTS - Filbert production and prices are up for the 1985 crop. Filbert nut quality was excellent for the recently harvested crop and reduced filbert imports from Turkey have bolstered Pacific Northwest prices.

NURSERY AND GREENHOUSE CROP - Sales of nursery products were up in 1985 and that trend is expected to continue in 1986, although possibly at a slow rate. Christmas tree production and prices have been steady although overproduction may be a concern in 1986.

GRASS SEED - Grass seed carry-over stocks for some varieties are the lowest they have been in several years. This reduction in inventory has pushed prices up somewhat. However, the high value of the dollar in the international market continues to restrain seed exports.

HAY - Hay prices are expected to increase early in 1986, flatten out during the summer months, and then rise again toward the end of the year. Production in 1985 was down contributing to lower than normal supplies.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones 989-8189

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening for the regular meeting and Christmas party. A potluck dinner was enjoyed - with sacks of candy for children and decorated candy canes.

A birthday gift exchange was enjoyed and five tables played pinocle. The names were drawn for the quilt, which was won by Fran Peck and the afghan, which was won by Virginia Peck. The card party planned for Saturday, Jan. 4, has been cancelled because of weather conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Jones, Pendleton, and daughter, Debbie Jones and daughters, Echo, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jocom, Hermiston, were guests of Joe and Hilda Yocom over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall and grandson, Matt Holliday, spent the Christmas week with her mother, Erda Pieper.

Charlene Whitney from Portland and Frank and Shellie Wilcox of Medford spent several days with Cahlene's parents; Cecil and Delpha Jones. Dinner guests on Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bowen and twins, Katie and Bo, of The Dalles, and Earl Miller. Other visitors during the holidays event Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin of Irrigon, Valda Smith and Delpha Jo and Bill Irvin and guest from Hermiston.

Don Majeski spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeski.

Guests at the home of Pat Wright and daughter, Sandi, over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Burke O'Brien and children, Heppner, Burke's mother, Roseanne Kerig from Pendleton, Jim Rietmann and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rietmann and Kelley from Irrigon and Mark Wright.

Cecil and Delpha Jones were dinner guests of the George Irvens at Irrigon on Sunday. Other guests were Ferris and Ann Tempe.

Betty Marquardt and daughter, Jana, entertained Christmas morning with a breakfast and gift exchange. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Messenger, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clay Grace and daughter from Corvallis; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Miller and family from Medford; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Piper and family from Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bloodworth and family; Mr. and Mrs. Randy Hughes and family; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Smith. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Hughes entertained with a Christmas dinner for the group.

Saturday Doug and Linda Marquardt entertained with Christmas dinner and gift exchange at their home in Lexington. Those present were Norita and Charma Marquardt, Leita and Trueman Messenger, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Marquardt from Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Marquardt and three sons from Connell, Washington. After dinner the group had a fine time visiting and playing games.

Recent callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Messenger were son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Messenger and Traie and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Messenger from Portland.

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