



From left: Ron Palmateer, Monica Swanson, Cathy McCabe, Nancy Brownfield, and Jim Swanson

Local agency to offer wider range of carriers

Effective April 1 Swanson Insurance Agency in Ione will be affiliated with Wheatland Insurance Center of Pendleton and Athena, Jim Swanson said this week.

The new affiliation will allow the agency to have more insurance companies available for its customers, "and to offer better service," Swanson said.

It has been getting more difficult for small agencies, such as Swansons, to have a wide range of insurance carriers, he said, and with Wheatland "we will have a better opportunity to meet your insurance needs," he said.

Wiser to hire professional for furnace tuneups

Q. I'd like to work on my oil burner furnace myself, at least for seasonal tuneups and the like. But I can't find an owner's manual. My oil burner is old and the manufacturer went out of business. Any suggestions? - D.B., Hubbard.

A. It's possible to tune an oil furnace yourself, but we don't recommend it for a number of reasons:

It isn't a simple procedure. And it requires special tools, including an efficiency testing kit for comparing before and after efficiency measurements.

Getting to the oil burner parts is frequently hard, and is probably the messiest job around the house.

If you're not absolutely sure of what you're doing, mistakes you make reduce the operating efficiency of the system. This shows up in your oil bill and in the comfort level of your home.

If you're still not convinced that you might be wiser to hire a professional, you can find guidelines for cleaning the oil burner in two magazine articles: Popular Mechanics, October 1984 and New Shelter, October 1983. Before you do anything, check to make sure that any work you do won't void a warranty or service contract you have with the furnace or oil company.

Q. The gas company did an energy survey of my house. They recommended insulating under the floor and insulating the heat ducts. My vented crawl space has enough headroom to use for storage or a workshop. Could I insulate the

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crawl space walls instead? Would this save as much energy? - L.S., Eugene.

A. It probably wouldn't save as much energy, and it could cause moisture problems. However, if there is no standing water in your crawl space, and if you're careful, it can be done successfully.

First to control moisture released into the crawl space, you'll need a waterproof ground cover. The minimum acceptable is 6-mil black polyethylene sheeting. If you'll be moving around in the crawl space, you'll need something sturdier. The best approach would be a plastic moisture barrier covered with a two-inch layer of sand and a "rat slab" (a two and one-half inch layer of concrete) on top of the sand. This converts the crawl space into a basement-like space.

If you choose this route, we recommend that you moisture proof the inside of your foundation walls. A "parge" (a fine cement) coating is an effective treatment of the cement surface. Be sure to repair any cracks at this time.

There are several ways to insulate crawl space walls. The least expensive would be to use fiber glass batts with the vapor barrier on the warm side. Make sure the insulation covers the rim joist area just above the concrete foundation wall. The insulation also should cover at least two feet of ground all around the

foundation's inside perimeter. If you want a finished surface on the inside of your foundation wall, you could use foam insulation covered with fire-rated drywall. Foam insulation can be glued directly to concrete using glue approved by the insulation manufacturer.

To attach the drywall, you'll need to attach 2x2 or 2x3 wooden nailers of the foundation wall. If you choose this method, insulate under the rat slab two feet in from the foundation.

Oregon State University Extension energy agents and specialists will answer energy questions of interest to readers. Send your questions to Energy Answers, OSU, Corvallis, OR 97331. Include your name, address, and phone number. The OSU Extension Energy program is conducted in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Energy with funding from Bonneville Power Administration and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Alkalai Flats horse race slated May 3-4

Plans are underway for the Second Annual Alkali Flats Five-Mile Horse Race, to be held in conjunction with Arlington's Jackpot Rodeo on May 3 & 4, in Arlington, Oregon.

The race will be run Sunday, May 4 at 11 a.m. It will start four miles south of town and finish in the rodeo arena.

A Calcutta Auction of the race participants will be held Saturday following the Rodeo.

A Kenny Hanson buckle and jacket will be awarded to the winner, with prizes through fourth place. Entrants will be charged a \$50 entry fee, to be jackpotted back, with payoffs depending on the number of entries. The Calcutta payoff will be the same as the race payoff, say rodeo organizers.

The race proved very popular last year and has every indication of becoming even bigger and better.

Interested parties can contact Race organizers Bill and Barbara West at Star Route, Arlington, Oregon 97812, phone 454-2867 or Lynn Wilkins, Rt. 2, Ione, Oregon 97843, phone 422-7408. Entries close May 3.



Morrow County Cow Belles

By Marlene Currin
Publicity Chairman

"Cowgirls: Women of the West", a documentary film will be shown on April 21 at the Lexington Grange meeting and April 24 at the Morrow County Homemakers Day at Boardman. Morrow County Cow Belles are sponsoring the showings.

"Cowgirls" will offer some local flavor says Nancy Kelly, the film's producer, who wanted to make a film about ranch women and their role on the ranch. With the help of grants, Kelly has completed the 28-minute documentary which combines her love of film making and ranch life. Two of the women featured in the film are from Oregon, Norma Hopgood and Linda Long, both are Klamath Basin ranchers.

Kelly first met Hopgood, who lives near Lake City in Surprise Valley, as a roper at a cattle branding. Hopgood, who was featured in another film "Cowhand's Song," handles all phases of life at the family ranch, from roping to milking cows to doing mechanical work on the swathers and other farm equipment.

While Hopgood illustrates the older, "saltier" woman with a lifetime of ranch experience, Linda Long represents a woman who has balanced ranching with raising two daughters. One segment featuring the Longs focuses on Long's daughters, Cricket 9, and Nondi 6, as well as their mother and father.

Kelly selected the Longs, who live near Chiloquin, after completing an exhaustive search of mothers and daughters around the western U.S.

They just seemed to be the one family where the kids really do help. The kids who were the most energetic, hard-working and fun to be around, she said.

Filming of the Hopgoods was done last June and July for the Longs. In between Kelly and her film crew spent time in Wyoming with Melody Harding, who reflects a wage-earning woman cowhand in a position of responsibility.

"I really wanted the film to inspire people to believe their dreams can come true because these are women who genuinely love cattle and the land and the outdoors life. Despite the fact that men typically do that work, these women are out there, too, and enjoying it."

Nancy Kelly has other film credits to her name, including "A Cowhand's Song: Crisis on the Range," which explores the harsh realities of family cattle ranching on the Northern California-Nevada border. She presently is working on a full-length dramatic film based on the novel "Thousand Pieces of Gold", which partly deals with the role of a woman in the west.

If any organization or group would like to see the film while it is in Heppner, please contact Marlene Currin, 676-9711, right away. The CowBelles are eager to show the film to those interested.

Playday results listed

The Wranglers' Riding Club has submitted the following results of the April 6 Playday:

Age 19 and Over
Barrels: First - Dianna Hoeft, second - Maryann Munkers, third - Nita Proctor, fourth - Dick Hoffman.
Poles: first - Dick Hoffman, second - Gail Papineau, third - Penny Hoffman, fourth - Maryann Munkers.

Keyhole: first - Dick Hoffman, second - Penny Hoffman, third - Teresa Proctor, fourth - Maryann Munkers.

Figure 8: first Maryann Munkers, second Patti Smith, third - Teresa Proctor, fourth - Dick Hoffman.

Age 14 - 18
Barrels: first - Shelly Stroeber, second - Michelle Papineau, third - Jason Maben, fourth - Angie Ashbeck.

Poles: first - Cindy Stroeber, second - Shelly Stroeber, third - Jason Maben, fourth - Angie Ashbeck.

Keyhole: first - Michelle Papineau, second - Cindy Stroeber, third - Bridgett Greenup, fourth - Stacy Kennedy.

Figure 8: first - Shelly Stroeber, second - Christy Stroeber, third - Bridgett Greenup, fourth - Michelle Papineau.

Age 11 - 13
Barrels: first - Jodee Ashbeck, second - Niki Brisbois, third - Jenni Ashbeck, fourth - Kristi O'Brien.

Figure 8: first - Niki Brisbois, second - Jodee Ashbeck, third - Kristi O'Brien, fourth - Amy Greenup.

Keyhole: first - Niki Brisbois, second - Jodee Ashbeck, third - Jenni Ashbeck, fourth - Stacy O'Brien.

Poles: first - Jenni Ashbeck, second - Kristi O'Brien, third - Antie Currin, fourth - Stacy O'Brien.

Age 8 - 10
Barrels: first - Rondi Robinson, second - Donita Sharp, third - Holly Eckman, fourth - Joey Hoffman.

Poles: first - Joey Hoffman, second - Kelsie Evans, third - Rondi Robinson, fourth - Holly Eckman.

Figure 8: first - Kelsie Eckman, second - Steve Hoffman, third - Rondi Robinson, fourth - Rodney Ehrmantraut.

Keyhole: first - Joey Hoffman, second - Rodney Ehrmantraut, third - Holly Eckman, fourth - Donita Sharp.

Age 6 - 7
Barrels: first - Josie Evans, second - Tiffanie Munkers, third - Brian Papineau, fourth - Becky Smith.

Poles: first - Josie Evans, second - Tiffanie Munkers, third - Becky Smith, fourth - Stormy Howard.

Figure 8: first - Josie Evans, second - Brian Papineau, third - Tiffanie Munkers, fourth - Shawn Hisler.

Keyhole: first - Tiffanie Munkers, second - Brian Papineau, third - Becky Smith, fourth - Corey Ehrmantraut.

Age 5 and under
Barrels: first - Angel Munkers, second - Casey Evans, third - Brian Knowles, fourth - Heather Davis.

Poles: first - Brian Knowles, second - Angela Munkers, third - Casey Evans, fourth - Jill Barber.

Figure 8: first - Angela Munkers, second - Casey Evans, third - Brian Knowles.

Keyhole: first - Angela Munkers, second - Casey Evans, third - Brian Knowles.

Sitckhouse Race
Kathleen Greenup - first, Jennifer Madison - second, Seth Frost - third, and Shad Hisler - fourth.



Service Report

Master Sgt. Pelesky

Master Sgt. William T. Pelesky, son of William P. and Barbara J. Pelesky of Westport, Washington, has re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, after 17 years of military service.

Pelesky is an administrative superintendent with the 343rd Tactical Fighter Wing.

His wife, Mona, is the daughter of Bernard E. and Ramona Marshall of Heppner.

He is a 1966 graduate of Fife High School, Tacoma, Washington.

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