



Yard of Month selection made

Lucile Rietmann's yard has been selected by the Lone Garden Club as the season's first yard of the month. Her home, built in 1981 on the site of her childhood home, is at the corner of Second and Green Streets at Lone. Tall evergreen shrubs grow

at the corners of the house with smaller ones and peonies along the side. Red, pink, and white rose bushes grow in back of the house. A small garden bordered with spring bulbs will be planted later in the back corner of the lot.

Chestnut seedlings planted

If you've planted a chestnut seedling in the past 10 years, or, ever want to, you probably have 85-year-old Janes Comp or Ward Taylor, 77, to thank, says a national wildlife magazine. For the past decade, they and their army of senior citizens, Boy Scouts, conservationists, and

prison laborers have salvaged a quarter of a million chestnuts from one of America's last stands of chestnut trees along Michigan's eastern shore. From the early 1900 to the 1950s a lethal fungus imported from Japan nearly wiped out this American tradition.

County Agent's Corner

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Do you need to fertilize your tree?
Some trees do not need fertilizing. Many grow normally and successfully to their mature size and remain vigorous and healthy with no special need for fertilizer. Take a look at your tree. If its growth has been acceptable during previous years, making a foot or so of new growth, and if its foliage has been normal in color, size, and amount, the tree is in satisfactory condition. But, if growth is less than expected or if foliage is small, sparse, or of poor color, perhaps the tree needs some fertilizer.

Fertilizers commonly are used to provide a growth stimulus for young trees or to help provide the raw materials for an older tree to put a new flush of growth. Mineral elements enhance the foliage color and in some cases increase the fruit set for the following year.

Use a complete fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium in the ratio of 3:2:1 for shade trees. Fertilize in the Spring rather than in the Fall. Place the fertilizer 12 to 18 inches deep along the drip line.

A common fertilizer used would be 20-10-5. This contains 20 percent by weight nitrogen, 10 percent phosphorus (as P₂O₅), and 5 percent potassium. If the tree is small, place one-fourth of a pound of actual nitrogen around the tree per inch of diameter of the trunk. With trees with six inch or larger trunks, place one-half pound of nitrogen per inch of diameter.

Other problems may show symptoms that could be mistaken for nutrient disorders. More often than not factors other than nutrition cause poor plant appearance. The include: Wet, cold, or poorly aerated root zones; Drought; Salinity; and insects and disease.

If you have elm trees, you can expect elm leaf beetle damage. The beetle is one-fourth inch long, yellowish to dull green with an indistinct

black stripe along each side. The larvae are small yellow to black worms. Both can be found skeletonizing leaves or on the bark of elm trees only.

Infested trees have a general yellow appearance with many leaves skeletonized or laced.

Several insecticides are registered for this pest, but special equipment is normally required to place the material in the tree.

Hedges are generally trimmed to promote compact growth and to make the individual plants blend with one another.

The best time to trim a hedge is after the flush of spring growth. Trimming after the flush of growth will help the hedge hold its desired shape longer because growth later in the year will not be so dramatic.

When shearing a hedge, remember to make the bottom wider than the top so that light can reach all leaves.

As June approaches, concentrations of spider mites are likely to show up in hedge foliage. If the leaves develop a gray cast and look dusty, it's likely that spider mites are present. Hosing down the hedge with water in the early morning may help control them.

For widespread spider mite infestations, a spray of Kelthane is recommended for most of the shrubs used as hedges. Check the insecticide label before buying to make sure the formulation can be used on your landscape plants.

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Camp offers range experiences

Hiking into the Strawberry Wilderness, hands-on investigation of soils, plants, stream and wildlife biology, plus range management are just a few of the experiences offered at the Oregon Range Camp, to be held this summer, July 13-18.

Oregon Range Camp is sponsored by Oregon State University Extension Service and the Society for Range Management. The camp is open to older youth interested in learning more about range, forest, and wildlife management. Campers must be high school age, between ninth and 12th grade.

Complete information about Range Camp and application forms are available from the Morrow County Extension Office, Box 397, Heppner, phone 676-9642.

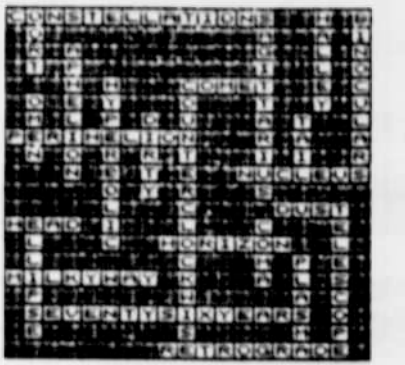
The base of the Strawberry Mountains in Logan Valley, Grant County, provides a perfect setting for the Range Camp, allowing campers to learn first hand about rangeland and its relationship with other natural resources. In addition to the hands-on investigations, campers will also visit local ranches to observe range production practices, participate in discussion on wild horses and eastern Oregon history. Evenings around the campfire, plus meeting

individuals from all around the state help round out the camping experience.

Camp sponsors are now seeking girls or boys interested in attending Oregon Range Camp. Youth should contact their local Extension Office today to receive application forms. Local business and organizations will help provide partial scholarships for interested campers.

Camp participants will find Oregon Range Camp a highlight of their summer activities.

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