

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

Now as August ends some people, particularly those who work with or who will be again attending schools, are thinking of September as the beginning of a new year. Many of us are concerned about this new year becoming only a half year in Morrow County because of the school budget crisis. Our county schools cost less tax money than most of Oregon's schools.

Focusing on happier thinking, have you been feeling uplifted by some visible improvements around Heppner lately? The historic courthouse has been rejuvenated externally from top to bottom. It now boasts a new roof, new white paint and a fine job of cleaning and repairing much of its stone work. Everyone must feel pride in this building, one of Oregon's few remaining turn-of-the-century courthouses. The grey stone walls are of Morrow County basalt which was quarried a few miles south of Heppner along Balm Fork. The stone was cut by Charlie Osmin who had worked in marble quarries in Vermont, according to the History of Morrow County. It is a bit sad to see the fireplace-park area behind the building being diminished as the need for parking spaces has grown.

Gladys Connor was a mid-August heroine when she observed a cigarette-started blaze taking off in the vacant lot on South Court St. and using the Virden Hellum's garden hose had the potentially very dangerous blaze almost extinguished before Ruby Becket's summons brought the Heppner Fire Department to carefully and completely eliminate the danger.

A quick August trip to Portland and The Dalles gave Ida Farra and me a few hours at the exciting Portland Antique Dealers Show and a very educational visit to the fascinating Fort Dalles Museum which stands as a reminder of the only U.S. post between Fort Vancouver and Fort Laramie in the 1850s.

Official reports on this year's fair will be forthcoming. The fairgrounds was kept busy, and those who exhibited and those who attended seemed pleased with the show. Many exclaimed over the good management, over the flowers everywhere, over the assorted contests and special programs and over the enjoyable food available. Of course the exhibits are the basis of the fair, and what pride we felt as we viewed the superb artwork, the great craft and home-making displays entered by adults. The 4-H, FFA and open class Kids and Superkids sections were exciting and inspirational. Those of us who favor fairs consider them a positive form of education. Those who prepare exhibits and all who enter their things are growing in discipline and in skill and knowledge.

We noted that this year's Fair and Rodeo Parade was a little shorter than those of former years. Having Geneva Mathews and the collection of youthful and adult music-makers pass by twice was a joy. If the large contingent of folks from the Pendleton Round-Up ever stops joining in the Heppner Parade, it would become even shorter.

Wasn't it thrilling to have handsome cowboy Tony Currin win top county rodeo honors? Over 26 years ago his father Ron Currin Sr. was the top county cowboy. Now Tony and his brothers Ron Jr., Steve and Mike have all earned much of their college expenses rodeoing. Their sister Jennifer is going to be a fine athlete, too.

It has been unusual to have several groups of Asian and South American visitors coming to Heppner to observe the roller-compacted Willow Creek Dam. It is hoped that those working toward the creation of a camping and picnicking area near the reservoir will be successful in getting work started soon. As I observe many folks becoming more enthusiastic about camping I hope that there will always be plenty of good sites for family camping in our great western states.

Morrow 4-H'ers win state fair recognition

Paintings in oils, acrylics and watercolors, as well as stained glass and prints, are to be found in the 4-H art exhibit at the 1986 Oregon State Fair in Salem.

In 4-H drawing and sketching classes, champion honors went to Swayne Evans, Irrigon for his drawing of an extinct Irish elk. Erin Fishburn, Heppner won a championship in other art classes for her painting on glass.

The following Morrow County 4-H'ers have won blue awards at the Oregon State Fair:

- 4-H English Equitation
 - Hunt Seat (seniors, grades 10-12) - Brenda Mathis, Irrigon.
 - Hunt Seat Over Fences (seniors) - Brenda Mathis, Irrigon.
 - Cookies - Michele Kandle, Ione.

FOODS II
QUICK BREAD
Anthony Tarnasky, Heppner; Justin Miller, Ione.

Clothing judges workshop scheduled

Several local women have indicated an interest in training to be a clothing judge. OSU Extension Service has scheduled such a training for judges at two locations this fall.

Barbara Sawyer, OSU Extension 4-H and youth development specialist, and Ardis Koester, Extension textiles and clothing specialist will conduct the training.

FOODS III
Plain cake - Nancy Morter and Brandy Ball, Ione; Jason Stanley, Irrigon.

CLOTHING I
Garment (with casing and elastic or drawing) - Chrissy Schultz and Genelle Adelman, Heppner; Jason Proudfoot and Michele Kanole, Ione;

Non-clothing Item (book bag, laundry bag, pillow) - Brandy Duff, Irrigon.

Clothing II - Becky Stanley, Irrigon.

Non-clothing article (backpack, sports bag, etc.) - Becky Stanley, Mikka Evans, and Amy Wood, Irrigon.

Clothing III (Garment from woven fabric) - Heather Kandle and Kari Morgan, Ione.

Knitting I - Shanna Wilkins, Ione.

4-H Decorative Painting - Erin Fishburn, Heppner; Nancy Morter, Ione, Tiffany Harrison, Lexington.

Following the workshop, participants interested in judging opportunities will be placed on a list for circulation to fair managers and others seeking qualified judges.

Workshop participants will learn about the 4-H clothing projects and its nine progressive skill levels, the role and responsibilities of a 4-H judge, and will receive an up-date about clothing construction techniques, serger sewing and fashion theory.

Judging instruction will also center on developing skills in judging 4-H clothing exhibits and fashion revues using techniques where the judge discusses the exhibit with the 4-H members.

Applications to attend may be picked up at any Extension Office or call 676-9642. Dates and training sites are Baker, September 30 - October 1; or Portland, October 2-3. Fee for the workshop is \$65 including materials and one lunch. Registration deadline is September 15.

4-H special awards from fair

4-H Special Awards Livestock

Hereford Award by Oregon Washington, Northern Idaho Hereford Assoc., first place-Nancy Bailey; second place-Nancy Bailey (Pollette Award).

Outstanding 4-H and/or outstanding FFA Angus Exhibitor-silver trophy, by Western States Angus Auxiliary, first place-Kyle Broderick.

Grand Champion Steer first place-Danny Lindsay.

Large Animal Herdsmanship Club Award first-Coworoma.

Highest scoring large animal judge first-Jennifer Currin.

Master Showman-large animals, first-Nancy Bailey.

Champion Suffolk Ewe by Oregon Suffolk Breeders Assoc., first place-Marc Evans.

Best Fitted Sheep award by Ken and Jan Evans, first place-Nancy Bailey.

Beef Awards
Champion beef junior showman first place-Kyle Broderick.

Champion beef intermediate showman first place-Jason Maben.

Champion beef senior showman first place-Teresa Lindsay.

Grand champion beef showman first place-Mike Van Schoiack.

Sheep Awards
Champion sheep junior showman, first-Ryan Evans.

Champion sheep intermediate showman, first-Nancy Bailey.

Champion sheep senior showman, first-Gibb Evans.

Grand Champion sheep showman-Nancy Bailey.

Grand Champion market lamb-Ryan Evans.

Champion Ewe-Mark Evans.

Swine Awards
Grand Champion market hog-Sara Clark.

Champion Gilt-Scott Meakins.

Champion swine junior showman-Scott Meakins.

Champion swine intermediate showman-Nikki Brisbois.

Champion swine senior showman-Billy Ammons.

Grand Champion swine showman-Billy Ammons.

Dairy Awards
Champion dairy junior showman-Kristi Gantenbein.

Champion dairy intermediate showman-Jeanne Patterson.

Champion dairy showman-Kristi Gantenbein.

Champion dairy heifer-Jeanne Patterson.

Presentation Awards
Best agriculture presentation-Gibb Evans.

Overall outstanding presentation \$20-Gibb Evans.

Best team or individual foods presentation, M.C.G.G.-Benji Pearson.

Best junior presentation, Petersons Jewelers-Jason Stanley.

Best intermediate presentation, Sears-Shanna Evans.

Best senior presentation, Turner VanMarter, Kahl-Gibb Evans.

Best senior presentation using lamb or wool, \$5.00 by Oregon Sheep Growers Association-Swayne Evans.

Home Ec. Foods Awards and Related Skills

Champion junior cooking baking contest-Sherry Bingham.

Champion junior salad or sandwich contest-Justin Miller.

Champion junior measuring contest-Kari Morgan.

Champion junior snack-Brandi Ball.

Best junior snack using a dairy product, \$7.50 award by Oregon Dairy Wives-Brandi Ball.

Best intermediate main dish using a dairy product, \$7.50 award by

Oregon Dairy Wives-Benji Pearson.

Best senior main dish using a dairy product, \$7.50 award by Oregon Dairy Wives-Amy Hobbs.

Intermediate baking powder or soda product, \$10 award by Oregon Wheat Commission-Benji Pearson.

Senior yeast product, \$13 award by Oregon Wheat Commission-Amy Hobbs.

Senior pastry champion, \$13 award by Oregon Wheat Commission-Amy Hobbs.

Champion junior OWGL "Wheat and You" baking contest, \$5 award by OWGL Consumer Program Committee-Molly Evans.

Champion intermediate OWGL "Wheat & You" baking contest, \$5 award by OWGL Consumer Program Committee-Benji Pearson.

Champion senior OWGL "Wheat & You" baking contest, \$5 award by OWGL Consumer Program Committee-Kathleen Brazell.

Best intermediate mini-meal using pork, \$5 award by Oregon Pork Producers-Benji Pearson.

Best senior mini-meal using pork, \$5 award by Oregon Pork Producers-Amy Hobbs.

Best senior mini-meal using beef, \$5 award by Morrow County CowBelles-Kathleen Brazell.

Outstanding foods member award: Amy Hobbs, senior award; Benji Pearson, intermediate.

Outstanding clothing member award: senior, Kathleen Brazell; intermediate, Amy Greenup; junior Amy Wood.

Intermediate clothing style revue, \$5 award by Oregon Sheep Growers Auxiliary-Linda Morter.

Senior clothing style revue, \$5 award by Oregon Sheep Growers Auxiliary-Noella Rill.

Best intermediate garment-100% wool, \$5-Linda Morter.

Best senior garment-100% wool, \$5-Amy Hobbs.

Creative Arts Awards
Best decorative painting exhibit award by Murrays Drug Store-Patti McElligott.

Outstanding creative arts exhibit award by Judie Laughlin-Amy Hobbs.

Best fiber arts exhibit award by Columbia Basin Electric-Kimberly Wright.

Horse record books: Junior, Dana Flanagan; Intermediate, Trish Coe; Senior, Kathleen Brazell.

Sheep fitting contest: first place teams-Gibb Evans, Dawn Ammons, Ryan Evans.

Flowers everywhere

By Justine Weatherford

The great assortment of potted, blooming flowers which are sure to help bring a good rating to the 1986 county fair and the many blooming plants which so greatly beautify various spots along Heppner's Main Street were all raised, tended and moved about by super gardeners Jane and Bill Rawlins.

People have been heard to ask "Where in the world did all these blooming plants come from?" Most of them were raised from seed, were planted months ago and were faithfully tended before and during the fair by the Rawlins. Special help in moving about 200 potted plants from the Rawlins' yard and hillside near their Gilmore Street home was contributed by Wilbur Jackson.

During the hot days of the fair, Jane Rawlins has put in countless hours each morning and night faithfully watering the plants throughout the fair buildings and all around the fairgrounds.

Martha Doherty and other members of the Heppner Garden Club have taken turns at watering the flowers along Main Street.

Air Corps graves to be marked

According to Donna Rietmann, Veterans Service Officer for Morrow County, government grave markers for Army Air Corps veterans may now be inscribed to show such military service.

Government grave markers may be furnished by the U.S. Veterans Administration for placement at the gravesite of honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed forces. Until recently, the VA was not allowed to inscribe information pertaining to service in the Army Air

Corps, a part of the U.S. Army from 1926 until the establishment of a separate Air Force in 1947.

Government grave markers furnished by the VA in the past have been inscribed to indicate such service as being in the U.S. Army. Under the new criteria, when a veteran of the Army Air Corps or Army Air Force dies, his government grave marker may be inscribed to indicate such service.

This applies only to government grave markers issued from now on. Markers previously issued by the VA cannot be returned for any official inscription change.



County Agent's Corner

By County Ag Agent Fred Lundin

The black widow spider is the most poisonous spider in the United States. It is the only spider native to Oregon whose bite causes severe poisoning in humans.

The brown recluse spider is rarely found outside the southern U.S., but isolated bites have occurred elsewhere. Morrow County has had documented cases of brown recluse bites.

Both spiders are quite reclusive in their habits. They are frequently found in garages, sheds, outdoor toilets, manholes, culverts, and similar places. They are also found under rocks, in hollow logs, stacked lumber, woodpiles, boxes, and in animal burrows.

One common place either spider can often be found is in old clothing that has been stored for several months. Shake out an old pair of coveralls, shoes, or garden gloves before putting them on.

The poisons of the two spiders are very different. The black widow bite may sting or not even be noticed. The poison, however, is a neurotoxic and is almost instantaneous. There is no way that someone can stop the poison from affecting the victim, once bitten. Do not lance the wound, or attempt to suck out the poison, or apply a tourniquet. Once a victim is bitten, all that can be done is to treat the symptoms.

The poison acts on the central nervous system causing forced breathing, a rigid abdomen, slowed heartbeat, and nausea. If the bite is on an extremity such as the finger, the arm may swell.

The brown recluse bite may also be painless, and an hour may elapse before someone realizes they are bitten. The poison is a local one, causing an open, localized lesion. An ulcerated sore may develop at the site and take a month or more to heal.

If you think you have been bitten by either spider, see a doctor. If possible, take the spider along. Positive identification of the spider by an expert can be helpful.

The black widow spider is shiny jet black on the upper surface of the body. On the underside of the abdomen is a characteristic red mark shaped like an hourglass. Although absence of the hourglass does not necessarily mean the spider is not a black widow. The marking can be white and quite variable. The body of a full grown female is about 1/2 inch long, with an overall spread, including legs, of 1 1/2 inches.

The brown recluse spider is slightly smaller, reaching 3/8 inch in length, and is narrower. Its legs are wide, though, about the size of a half dollar.

It varies from gray brown to deep red brown. The most noticeable mark is a dark, fiddle-shaped area on the front half of its back. This gives it its nickname of "fiddleback spider."

Avoid spider bites by wearing gloves when working where these spiders may be present. Remove loose brick, tile, wood, boards, and trash where spiders tend to hide. Spray basement areas, crawl spaces, sheds, and wood piles where spiders tend to live with diazinon or malathion. Read the label before using any insecticide.

And remember that most spiders are beneficial insects, helping to control flies and other bothersome pests.

-Lawn waterers come in all sizes, from the fellow who "wets down" his lawn for 15 minutes every evening to the guy who turns on the sprinkler on his way to work and off when he gets home.

Although plant water use is variable, those examples are extreme. The amount of water to apply to any plant is a function of how hot it is and what sort of plant you are watering.

You should water enough to replace whatever the plant uses, (called transpiration) plus the amount of water that evaporates besides. The total of these two is called evapotranspiration.

Heavy water users like bluegrass lawns may evapotranspire as much water as would evaporate from a pan of water sitting outside. One way, then, to determine how much water to apply is to place a pan of water on your lawn, and to water whenever the pan dries out. Water enough to refill the pan.

That idea works pretty well unless you place a pan with a foot of water in it on your lawn. It could take a month to evaporate that much water, and the lawn would certainly dry up by then.

The problem is that your soil won't hold that much water.

Most soils will hold about two inches of water per foot, with sandy soils holding less (about 1 1/2 inch). If the plant, for example, sends roots down two feet deep, it has three or four inches of moisture available to it.

Since a lawn will use about 1/2 to 1 inch of water per day during summer, watering 3 to 4 inches once weekly is necessary.

When watering, place a couple of coffee cans in strategic places around the lawn, and water until they have three or four inches of water in them. Then stop.

There are, of course, many plants which use less water than a bluegrass lawn. In fact, a whole science has developed in the field of low water use plants for landscape purposes. It is called Xeriscaping. If you are planning to landscape soon, but are concerned about high water costs, this may be the answer for you. Contact your Extension agent for more information.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Be Streetwise and Safe

Here's how:
1. Whenever possible don't walk alone. Most violent crimes are directed against lone victims.

2. Always let someone know where you are going and when you will return. Telephone if you're going to be late.

3. If a stranger in a car asks for directions, stay a safe distance away from the car. Never get in it.

4. Never "flash your cash" in public-you'll be asking for trouble.

5. Always carry enough change for emergency phone calls. Be familiar with emergency telephone numbers in your area.



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