

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--Pastor Glen Anderson and family were recently honored at the Lexington Baptist Church with a surprise appreciation dinner. They were presented a gift certificate from the congregation and cards from friends. Dick Bigelow from Prineville was the guest speaker for the church service. The Andersons had just returned from a vacation where they visited friends and relatives.

--Faye Ruhl recently had her son, Dick and grandson, Rich, here to help with the harvest. Rich returned to home to Roseburg to practice for the East-West game to be played in Portland. Other guests over the weekend were Emilie and Ray Neves and daughter, Lyn, from Roseburg; Traci Pollack and Cindi Riekle and Skip Ruhl from Hermiston and Florence Gray, Heppner.

--Earl Miller, Seaview, WA. and his sister, Dorothy Smith, from Long Beach, WA. visited at the C C Jones home Monday afternoon. They then motored on to Hermiston where they spent the night at the home of their brother and wife Lee and Glen Miller.

--Hilda and Joe Yocom spent the weekend in Baker City where they took the team and buggy to the Don Cole wedding to drive the bride and groom.

--Holly Mosteller and daughter were Baker City visitors over the weekend.

--Fran Peck and daughters and Holly Mosteller and daughter were Wenatchee, WA. visitors last week.

--Floyd and Irene Graham of Sun City, Arizona, were overnight visitors at the C.C. Jones' ranch on Tuesday.

--Jean Nelson was an overnight guest of Helen Nelson in Pendleton Friday.

--Jim and Carlita Bloodworth and family have moved to Hermiston where Jim is employed.

--Denice Romonda, from Kansas City spent the week at the home of her parents, Jim and Barbara Bloodworth.

--Pomona Grange will meet Sunday at Anson Wright Park for the yearly picnic. The memorial for departed members will be held at this time. A potluck dinner will be at 1 p.m.

Tucker attends leadership camp



Nina Tucker, Heppner High School Associated Student Body president for the 1991-92 school year, had the opportunity to attend an OASC leadership camp, Sunday, July 7 through Friday, July 12. This camp was located on the campus of the Chemawa Indian school in Salem.

Over 200 students attended the statewide camp. Many different types of sessions were offered. Nina attended goal setting, group processing, decision making, leadership styles, persuasive communication, interpersonal communication, project planning, time management, effective meeting skills, and accountability sessions. These sessions were made more personalized by separating the students into small councils. 'Each council was like a team and family combined,' said Nina. They spent most of the week together as a council and participated in the activities together.

Each council participated in making banners and thinking up a council chant. They also had recreation time everyday in which they had the opportunity to swim, play tennis, play volleyball, or just relax. They also had a junior olympics, a talent show, and awards banquet, and dances almost every night.

Nina commented that this was an opportunity of a lifetime. She said she felt that she gained a better understanding of leadership and had the chance to not only meet new people but make lifelong friendships. 'I hope to be able to use the things I have learned from this camp to make this year one of the best and most memorable for everyone.' She felt that the cost for this camp, paid by Heppner High School, was worthwhile and more people should get the chance to be a part of this experience.

Keeping cool without spending a bundle

It may have felt like summer would never arrive in Eastern Oregon, but the hottest weather is yet to come. And with it can come big electric bills if you use an air conditioner.

A few simple steps will not only conserve the nation's energy supply, but also keep you cool at minimum cost, says Carol Bennett, Oregon State University Extension agent in Morrow County.

Some suggestions for trimming electric bills are:

- * Set your thermostat at the highest possible level for comfort. Each degree you raise the thermostat during the cooling season can reduce your energy consumption by three percent.
- * Reduce the amount of sunlight entering through doors and windows. Sunlight adds heat to the house, which makes the air-conditioning system work harder that it should. Draw drapes and shades to keep out direct sunlight. Awnings and trees or shrubs can shade windows and doors.
- * Keep furniture and other objects away from air circulating registers. This helps to keep the flowing throughout the house.
- * Keep windows and doors closed when the air conditioner is on. The more your home deals out heat, humidity and dust, the more efficient your cooling system will be.
- * Check the air filter once a month and replace it when necessary. Don't let air filters get clogged with dirt, dust, or pet hair.
- * Keep lamps, television sets and other heat-producing appliances away from thermostat.
- * Use clothes dryers, ovens and range tops during the cooler morning and evening hours. These appliances generate heat that the air-conditioning unit must remove. Using them in the heat of the day makes your system work harder.
- * Take advantage of the cool evening breeze for free cooling. Open the windows and doors you have kept closed during the day, and let cross ventilation air movement cool you for free.
- * Wear loose, light-colored clothing.

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Currin moves up in PRCA standing

Kelli Currin, Echo, has moved into the number seven spot in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association/Women's Professional Rodeo Association 1991 world standings. Currin has earned \$17,999 so far this season.

Off the Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

July has almost flipped by. In three short weeks it will be our county fair and rodeo. Where did summer go? So far I haven't finished the spring chore of desecrating the late growth of thistles. Even persistent joggers wouldn't hike a mile in my shoes decorated with foxtail and cheat grass stickers. And now that the weed control district has said they will cost-share in noxious weed control, I'm hoping that includes worn-out prickly sneakers.

My scraggly flowers are beginning to show a promise of color just as late-hatching grasshoppers move in for the kill. These lunch-bunch insects are as persistent as the cats who seem to think that flower containers are made for napping. And my efforts to control dandelions resulted in a slight case of over-kill as the yard grass acquired a brown tinge.

With erratic summer weather, fair and rodeo is sneaking up faster this year. But somehow it all seems to come off without a hitch. With this year's theme, 'Catch the Pioneer Spirit,' my well-patched jeans and beat-up straw hat should be right in style.

During fair and rodeo week, farmers left working in fields are those that are already far behind schedule. However it usually takes more than a good old mom to move the farm to town for 4-Hers. Ever try loading a stubborn hog who is reluctant to become pork chops?

Salaried folks often take precious vacation days for fair week. And before harvest season is complete, kids will be busing back to school, this time before Labor Day. There needs to be another month between August and September. School clothes must be bought for busy growing bodies. And there are adjustments to be made such as earlier to bed and no more late-evening television.

We can't change the weather or the calendar, except for holidays, of course. Even though some think that messing with the clock twice a year is for everyone's benefit. And that dependable subject, weather, has to be studied, of course. It was interesting to learn that it didn't take expensive equipment or thousands of dollars to keep accurate records of the weather in Heppner over the past 100 years.

By comparison, today's spendy ways are reflected in the funding of a proposed 10-year, \$450 million study of the climate near Boardman headed by the Department of Energy. No wonder we have to conserve on energy to pay for such studies.

The goal of that project, so says the agency, is to perfect computer models to determine where and when global warming may occur and to what extent. Those models are then supposed to help the government make policy decisions relating to global warming. If that happens, maybe they can spend more money on controlled environmental domes, not only for homes, but also for cities and croplands.

Instead of throwing dollars towards that research, the money could be used to reduce the methane gas emissions and pollution causes, such as grants for alternative fuel development. In 10 years, the government will announce what should have been done 20 years ago. But I'm trying to do my part now, such as informing the cows that belching gas is not nice. And I've eliminated rice growing as a farming practice, as I don't really care for mud sloshing between my toes anymore.

If the present trend continues to make less Columbia River water available for irrigation, perhaps through studies they'll learn that less vegetation means a more hostile environment. Meanwhile, though electrical rates are sure to rise, I continue to move unwieldy bent-up sprinkler pipes to water young trees that will be an asset to animals and humans.

Visions of future government control of both public and private lands are scary, though. If the trend continues, all streams and wetlands will be fenced. Perhaps there will be a water quota for cattle who must not muddy streams. However deer, beaver and other wildlife can do no damage. And before one can turn over a shovelful of earth to find fishing worms, perhaps you will have to have completed an environmental impact study: one more way to spend tax dollars.

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