

4-H achievement night Oct. 17



Photo by Joyce Hughes
John Qualls (l) and Brent Wright put on a humorous skit during the 4-H awards ceremony held in Boardman last year. There will be more entertainment this year.

The 4-H Awards and Achievement dinner will be held on October 17 at the Heppner High School cafeteria from 4 to 7 p.m. A potluck dinner will be served before the awards ceremony. Families are asked to bring a dish that will serve eight to 10 people.

Those with last names beginning with A-H should bring a hot dish; I-O a salad; and P-Z a dessert. "There will be entertainment, door prizes and a good time for all," said a spokesperson. Everyone is welcome to attend.

North Umatilla Forest to close woodcutting area

As of Friday, October 15, all woodcutting areas on the north half of the Umatilla National Forest (Pomeroy and Walla Walla Ranger Districts) will close for the year.

A new area on the Heppner Ranger District, the Gilman Area #4, opened September 27, and will remain open through November 15. Maps of the area are available at Forest Service offices. All areas on the North Fork John Day Ranger District will remain open through November 30, or as long as weather permits access to the areas.

Firewood permits are still available at all Umatilla National Forest offices and at consignment outlets located in Pendleton, Pilot

Rock, Hermiston, Heppner, Ukiah and Dale.

Firewood permits purchased for the Umatilla National Forest are also valid on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest when the Wallowa-Whitman special conditions attachment accompanies the permit. Permits purchased at consignment outlets may be validated for the Wallowa-Whitman by bringing them to any Umatilla National Forest office. The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest will remain open for firewood until December 31 although some areas at higher elevations may be inaccessible due to snow conditions.

Workshop on woodstove and chimney safety slated

A free workshop on wood stove and chimney safety will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the Columbia Basin Conference room in Heppner from 7 to 9 p.m. The workshop is sponsored by CBEC and the Morrow County Extension Service.

Incorrectly installed and improperly operated wood stoves and fireplaces are a leading cause of fires in Oregon homes. They were responsible for the majority of all fires in single family homes, according to a local fire official with the state fire marshal's office.

Besides being unsafe, poorly installed wood heating systems operate inefficiently, wasting wood and polluting both inside and outside air, points out Richard Topeliec, OSU Extension energy agent.

If you suspect your wood stove or fireplace installation doesn't meet safety standards, contact your local building official and request an inspection. The inspector can verify that your installation meets safety standards or specify necessary improvements. Fire departments provide inspection services, and chimney sweeps are also familiar with safe installation practices.

Upgrading your wood heating system can be a big job. Sometimes it is better (and cheaper) to let the professional do it instead of trying to do it yourself.

Chimneys can also cause problems. A poorly functioning chimney may exhaust a lot of smoke into the air, accumulate highly flammable creosote and make your stove or fireplace dif-

ficult to operate. The chimney may cause backdraft of smoke into your house, too.

The chimney needs to be tall enough so that its draft (the upward movement of heated air) is not affected by nearby structures. The chimney must extend two feet above any roof surface within 10 horizontal feet.

The chimney's design and size must be adequate for the type and size of wood heating system hooked up to it. Ideally, the cross-sectional area of the chimney should be more than three times that of the stove's flu collar.

Check for cracks and for loose mortar. Make sure there is at least two inches clearance between the chimney and any combustible materials and three inches clearance to exposed insulation.

Oregon Building Code requires new masonry chimneys to be lined to prevent mortar deterioration. Typical lining materials are tile and mortar, stainless steel, and special concrete lining material.

If you are replacing a chimney, try for an interior location for a warmer operating environment. For material, consider prefabricated, insulated metal chimney sections instead of masonry. They are less expensive, easier to maintain and pose less of a risk during an earthquake, says a release for the Morrow County Extension Service.

There is no charge to attend the workshop but preregistration will insure enough publications for everyone attending. Call 676-9642 or 1-800-342-3664 to register.

Blue Mt. Fiddlers to hold concert

The Blue Mountain Fiddlers will present a concert at the Lexington Grange Hall Saturday, October 16. Dinner will begin at

5 p.m. This program has been held for the past several years as an entertainment for the community.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



One hundred eight people were in attendance at the senior dinner Wed., Oct. 6. One dinner was taken out. Members of the Episcopal Church served. Dot Halvorsen won the meal ticket, Bill Cox the door prize and Marie Gormes received the guest prize. The Meal Site Committee met following the dinner. There was also an AAA meeting in the afternoon.

The menu for Oct. 20 will be Swedish chicken meatballs, parsleyed potatoes, carrots with raisin salad, orange juice, oatmeal bread and cookies. Members of the First Christian Church will serve.

Thursday morning Oct. 7, nine volunteers folded newsletters for the Extension Service.

Friday there was one table of pinochle played. Three people worked on a jig saw puzzle.

There were four seniors present for the Sunday night movie "Homeward Bound". Many of the tenants of the building were on vacation or ill.

The Red Cross disaster training will be in the dining room Oct. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m.; Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend this training.

A party will be held at the center Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. celebrating the 80th birthday of Ralph Struthers. Everyone is invited to help him celebrate.

Rachel Harnett has returned from a stay at a hospital in Portland. She is presently at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home. She hopes to be back in her apartment sometime this week.

Several volunteers are needed for the senior center office to fill in for those who are ill or on vacation. The duties are not difficult, they consist mostly of answering the telephone, giving information and keeping up the daily log.

Other dates to remember: Monday-Bible study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., quilting 1-4 p.m. Anyone interested in learning to quilt is welcome to join the quilters; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. exercise; Tues. 7 p.m. knitting class; Friday, 2:30 p.m. cards; Sunday, 7 p.m. movie.



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Bridal Tables

Amy Betts & Jess Osmin
Wedding - Oct. 23

Patricia McElligott & Francois Zayas
Wedding - Nov. 6

Jodee Ashbeck & Mark Swanson
Wedding - Nov. 27

Yvonne Frost & Keith Morter
Wedding - Nov. 27

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