

### Trees and shrubs can be pruned now

Although spring is behind us, keep those pruning shears and topers handy. The summer is as good a time as any to do needed pruning of home landscape trees and shrubs.

The pruning of ornamental and fruit trees and shrubs follows a basic guideline, according to Kathryn Kettel, Extension agent with the Oregon State University Extension Service. If you have a plant that needs pruning, prune it.

"Prune during the summer to train trees and shrubs, and to control disease and insect problems in home landscape plantings," said Kettel. Training a plant means getting

it to grow where you want it to grow rather than letting the plant go its own way.

"Most gardeners prune woody plants during the dormant season because a dormant plant is more or less asleep and will not bleed when cut," Kettel said. Also the landscaper may feel more secure about cutting limbs out of a dormant plant because its structure is easy to see. However, Kettel urges landscapers to go ahead and prune when they see a need.

Plants that grow a lot of suckers and water sprouts need attention during the summer. Apple trees, willows and plum trees all will grow suckers, especially if pruned back hard

during the winter. Suckers and water sprouts left in place will make a tree look more like a shrub, and rob the upper portion of the tree of growing vigor. When suckers are just beginning, simply pull them off. If they have grown too large for pulling, cut them back flush with the trunk where they originated.

"Pines can be kept in bounds by trimming back the new 'candles' or shoots," Kettel

said. If you want the pine to grow slowly, cut these shoots back to about one-fourth their original length.

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### Ties can harm kids on playground

Longer days and more sun sees more children on playgrounds. Clothing ties, loose clothing and stringed items placed around the neck can be dangerous. These items can catch on playground equipment and strangle or injure children, cautions Carol Michael, Oregon State University Extension agent in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Dangerous clothing items

include strings on hoods, loose clothing such as scarves and ponchos and items placed around the neck, including necklaces. These items can get caught on open-ended hooks, gaps, and other parts of playground equipment.

Avoid dressing children in loose or stringed clothing. Also caution children about tying clothing around necks such as a sweater tied on by the sleeves, advises Michael.

### Superintendent wraps up 1996-97 year

By Chuck Starr, Superintendent

Once again, the Morrow County School District had a very successful year in 1996-97.

Successes: Bond projects completed at schools in Irrigon; Bond projects nearing completion in Boardman schools; Technology/communication program implemented district-wide (\$2.3 million investment); Added staff-eight teachers, 14 full-time educational assistants, four part-time (3-1/2 hours per day) educational assistants, two part-time custodians; one technology coordinator, two assistant principals, one assistant superintendent; Implemented an appropriate English as a Second Language (ESL)-Bilingual Program; Implemented a School-to-Careers program at Ione and Heppner; Implemented an alternative school program at Ione and Heppner; Implemented new math, science, and health curriculum and materials; Trained staff - technology, communication, Spanish, etc.; Completed Consolidated District Improvement Plan, School Improvement Plans, and Profiles; Completed a Technology Plan; Completed our budget year on target; and Continued and improved an outstanding educational program.

Evidence of Outstanding Educational Program: Students continue to feel safe and loved in Morrow County Schools.

Our dropout rate went up slightly (7/10 of one percent), but we continue to be below the state average.

Our site councils worked effectively in preparing school improvement plans.

Our staff continues to demonstrate a universal commitment to excellence and improvement.

All schools emphasize academic as well as athletic excellence.

Examples of Academic Excellence: Grads successful - e.g. Melissa McElligott from Ione - 4.0 g.p.a. at University of Nevada, Reno, while taking calculus and physics, and participating in varsity track. Numerous examples from all three high schools; Stanford Achievement Tests - Scores continue to be above national average; State Test Scores - Scores are generally high in comparison to schools with similar demographics; Knowledge Master - Schools score well in state and national competition; Writing Recognition-Lindsay Wolff (RHS) essay won Education First Ambassador Scholarship to Europe this summer; HHS poetry published; Numerous Ione writing awards

Examples of Athletic Excellence: Ione Girls - State champ in track; Ione Boys - Second in state in track; Riverside girls - second in state in softball.

Graduating Seniors: 143 seniors graduated, earning over \$150,000 in scholarships for 1997-98. Potential scholarships over the next four years exceed \$400,000 for these students; 52 seniors (36 percent) took the SAT-21 of these 52 scored above 1,000 on SAT; District-wide average exceeded 1,000 on SAT; 106 (74 percent) of the 143 seniors plan to enter advanced training beyond high school (88 percent of HHS; 88 percent of Ione; and 66 percent of RHS grads).

We had another very successful year.

#### Morrow County School District Technology Summary

Of the 732 student accessible computer systems that are in schools: 70 percent of the systems are Pentium 100 level (very modern - less than one year old); 68 percent of the systems are 486 level (three-four years old); 9.2 percent of the systems are 286 or 386 level (five-10 years old); 13.8 percent of the systems are Apple (two-10 years old); 73 percent are using Windows 95 as their operating systems.

Of the 514 Pentium 100 level systems that we use in our schools: 9.9 percent have internal CD-ROMs; 47.5 percent of the systems are in teachers classrooms; 39.7 percent of the systems are in lab settings; 6.6 percent of the systems are administrative computers; 6.2 percent of the systems are in libraries; 100 percent are connected to the MCSD Network; 100 percent have Internet and E-mail; 100 percent are using Windows 95 as their operating systems.

Of the 144 teachers in Morrow County School District: the ratio of total computers to teachers is approximately five to one; every teacher has at least one Pentium level computer in his or her classroom; the ratio of modem Internet and E-mail accessible computers to teachers is 3.6:1; every teacher has his or her own E-mail account and Internet browser; every teacher has at least one phone in his or her classroom; every teacher has his or her own voice mail box; every teacher has attended at least two on-site training programs.

Of the 2,089 students in Morrow County School District: the ratio of total computers to students is one to three (one computer for every three students); the ratio of total lab computers to students is one to 10 (one computer for every 10 students); the ratio of modem Internet and E-mail accessible computers to students is one to four; the ratio of phones to students is 1:8.3 (one phone for every 8.3 students); the ratio of PLATO Targeted Instruction systems to students is one to 50.

Students' achievement and attendance is tracked using the "Grade Machine" program installed on each teacher's. Each six-12 grade student has his or her own user account. Each nine-12 grade student is given his or her own E-mail account upon completion of an "acceptable use agreement".



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P215/75R-14	88.58	P205/70R-14	88.58	P215/80R-14	88.48
P185/75R-15	80.82	P215/70R-14	84.24	P185/80R-15	86.84
P205/75R-15	86.71	P185/70R-15	88.48	P205/80R-15	102.58
P215/75R-15	90.63	P205/70R-15	82.82	P215/80R-15	107.02
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P235/75R-15	B	85.19	LT225/75R-18	D	112.38
P265/75R-15	B	87.84	LT235/85R-16R/W	E	118.58
LT175/75R-15	C	80.41	LT255/85R-16	E	124.38
LT235/75R-15	C	101.83	P245/75R-16R/W	D	90.45
P225/70R-15	B	80.15	LT245/75R-16	C	120.85
P225/70R-15	B	82.78	LT245/75R-16	C	127.84
P245/70R-15	B	83.49	LT255/85R-16	D	127.59
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11:30-1:30 p.m. Lawnmower Races

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