Large Tent To House Various Activities

A large tent has been set up near the Medford Armory to house carnival booths during the Crater Lions Sportsfair and Home and Garden show.

The fourth annual event will be held May 5, 6, and 7.

According to Dick Hawkins, general chairman, the booths will include such games as ring around coins, penny toss, dart games and a human dunk tank. Rides will also be available for both children and adults, Hawkins said.

LONG WEAR

Douglas fir 2x4s used as patio decking will have almost an unlimited life when treated with wood preservatives.

New Bark Mulch Aid of Gardners In Rogue Valley

A new aid to gardeners, developed in recent years, in Jackson county is a bark mulch which can be obtained from Kogap Lumber company or Timber Products.

Either ammonium sulphate or ammonium nitrate should be worked into the soil with this material to replace the nitrogen taken from the ground as the organic material becomes decomposed.

Home owners planning to plant lawns this spring can either work the mulch into the ground or lay it over the grass seed on the surface.

Worked Into Soil

When using bark mulch with heavy soil it can be worked in three inches deep after the soil has been tilled six inches deep. Fertilizer should be mixed in before the seed is applied. When laying the bark on top of the soil, approximately five pounds of ammonium nitrate should be applied per 1,000 square feet.

The bark also helps with weed control this time of year since this is the time the weeds are starting to appear.

Bark should not be put over seeded flower beds since it will suppress the flower seeds the same as it does the weeds. It is best to wait until the flower seeds are two to three inches high before applying the mulch, garden experts recommend.

Get Good Reports

Those selling the bark mulch have received good reports from vegetable gardeners. It loosens the soil and retains the moisture. It also allows the water and air to get into the soil. Medium or coarser grades are recommended.

Gardeners bothered with hard pan problems can use the fine grade. This should be applied not more than one-fourth inch deep to hold the moisture in the soil.

Those using the bark mulch have found it cuts down on the amount of time cultivating the soil later.

Surveyor Recreation Site Being Prepared

A new major construction project in the bureau of land management's Medford district is called the Surveyor Recreation Site.

Construction of the site will be undertaken this summer to provide public recreation facilities adjacent to the Keno federal timber access road which now is under construction in Klamath and Jackson counties.

VARIETY

To achieve variety in exterior siding, some architects alternate sections of horizontally applied bevel western red cedar siding with sections of board and batten cedar siding.

Hiking Is Popular

Hiking is a popular outdoor summer activity, and provides a great deal of enjoyment for the camera man and nature lover.

But it can be tiresome on the feet unless the hiker has a good pair of hiking boots, or it can be burdensome if the hiker's pack isn't comfortable.

Good hiking boots may be obtained from local shoe and sporting goods stores, and it is important to purchase a pair which is comfortable for hours of enjoyable hiking.

Sporting goods stores can also provide packs which are comfortable to individual needs.

LANDSCAPING BANK — Landscaping a steep bank where a lawn would be impractical is accomplished effectively by planting low growing junipers every six feet or so. Above, Ken Breazeale, an employee of Bateman and Sons, Medford, plants some of the low-growing evergreens on a home site in Blossom Hill Terrace northeast of Medford.

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