

OSU Extension provides lots of variety for adult "Mini-College"

The 1997 version of Extension Mini-College at Oregon State University, will be held June 16-19, in Corvallis.

"Mini-College features informational adult classes and is a wonderful opportunity to get away from the daily routine, make new friends and learn new things," said Laura Berman, coordinator of Mini-College.

A basic three-night Mini-College package costs \$200, which covers food, a double-

occupancy room with private bath, a banquet, and class fees.

The deadline for registration is May 23.

Participants have more than 35 classes to choose from, as well as daily general assemblies and other special activities. Classes are filled on a first come basis.

OSU faculty members and other experts will teach a variety of classes. Among the offerings are Early 20th Cen-

tury Gardens, Antiques and Collectibles, Internet for Beginners, and The Ellis Island of the Pacific Northwest.

Many of the classes involve hands-on activities,

such as learning to play marimbas, taking black-and-white photographs, cooking with wine, and updating your driving skills.

Each day, a prominent

speaker will be highlighted at a general assembly. Heidi Howkins, a member of the 1996 U.S. Himalayan Climbing team, will talk about the mental and physical preparation for mountain climbing.

Friends of the Fair set date for fairgrounds cleanup

Friends of the Columbia County Fair have scheduled a rodeo and fairgrounds cleanup day on May 10, beginning

Time to prepare for Jamboree

Planning for the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree is well underway at this time, but more people will be needed to put the finishing touches on the community celebration.

The carnival will return for another long weekend, committee chair Treasa Staggenborg announced, to help keep people busy. The usual full slate of activities will continue, too - the parade, kids' fishing derby, horse gaming, quick draw, Alternative Stage, softball tournaments, cruise-in, art show, and the event's anchor, the logging show.

The 1997 Jamboree will be held August 1, 2, and 3. The committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Vernonia High School library at 7:00 p.m.

For further information, call 429-4380

at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to help, call Doug Bradley at 397-2582.

Fair Exhibitor's Handbooks, outlining competition categories for the 1997 fair, are available throughout the county, including the Fair office, Double C Tack & Western Wear, Scappoose Library and Fire Station, Columbia Technology Center, and various feed stores in the area.

A new competition, "Home-maker of the Year", has been

added this year. Participants must enter two items into three of the following categories: canning, baking, sewing or horticulture. The combined score of the six items will determine the winner. More information will be available in the Fair Book.

The second annual cookbook fundraiser is still being compiled. Anyone with a recipe to add may mail it to Friends Cookbook, P.O. Box 74, St. Helens, OR 97051.

PeeWee Rodeo is fun for youth

Young equestrians from two to 17 years old have the opportunity to participate in Junior Rodeo, July 14 and 15, at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

There will be four age divisions, with participants competing in age-appropriate events including bull riding, bareback riding, barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying and more.

For information on Junior Rodeo, call 503-829-7420. This event is sanctioned by

NorthWest PeeWee Rodeo association and sponsored by Double C Tack & Western Wear, of St. Helens.

Furse field office date in Vernonia

Ann Richardson, District Representative for U.S. Rep. Elizabeth Furse, will be in Vernonia on May 22 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Vernonia Public Library, 919 Bridge Street.

Appointments are not required but, if an appointment is wanted, call the Portland office at 326-2901 or toll-free 1-800-422-4003.



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