

Rodeo Shows to Offer Thrills, Spills, Chills

Call Back to School To Sound Tuesday

School bells will ring for 1200 Morrow county students at 8:40 a. m. Tuesday.

Robert Van Houte, administrator, reports the buildings in all communities have been refurbished, the staff is complete and everything is ready for the influx of youngsters in the county-wide system.

"Barring unexpected difficulties, the new school at Heppner will be occupied opening day," he said.

Because a few emergencies arose recently the road is behind schedule from Morgan street to the school site. Water and sewer lines could not be installed until the road bed was laid and both county crews building the road and city crews laying the necessary mains are working long hours to meet the deadline.

A road from the west connecting with the county road has been completed and surfaced and will be used in the beginning

of the term. Students assigned to the new school will be transported from the high school at 8:30 each morning.

"Bus routes will be essentially the same as last year. Anyone having any questions can call the local school administrator or the county office. Hot lunches will be served opening day and the full school day schedule will be observed," Van Houte said.

Morrow Co. Fair Draws Record Crowds, Interest

The 1961 Morrow County fair drew more interested spectators than any previous fair, according to information from County Agent, N. C. Anderson's office.

Though the number of exhibits was down in some divisions, more people attended the demonstrations, judging contests, and other daily activities than in the past.

The outdoor style revue drew a maximum crowd and more people attended and bid on the animals on auction than ever before.

Exhibits of the champions and other winners have been taken to Salem to enter state fair.

Names of winners by division are listed in another section of this paper. Though room would not permit the complete list being published this week it will be continued until all has been run.

Tax Reappraisal Making Progress; Lone, Lex Slated

Reappraisal of urban property in Morrow county, both commercial and residential, now being conducted through the office of Assessor Oliver Creswick, is making good progress, according to William Johnson of Heppner, appraiser.

Work of appraising Boardman and Irrigon has been completed, and he will start on Lone residential and business property very soon. Everything within the city limits will be included.

After about a month there, Johnson will continue the work at Lexington, and then will spend the winter months on the reappraisal work in Heppner.

All urban property in the county will be reappraised in time to be included on the 1962-63 property tax rolls, he said.

Johnson pointed out that the reappraisal has nothing to do with raising taxes but, rather, is aimed at equalizing the tax load so that each taxpayer takes his fair share.

The work is being done in conformity with the new state law that requires re-valuation of property every six years. Last general appraisals in Morrow county were made in 1954. The property tax ration is 25% of true value.

Cowboy Breakfast Plans for Crowd

Workers on the Wranglers' cowboy breakfast are planning for a record crowd when they serve on the lawn by the Wranglers' clubhouse adjoining the fair and rodeo grounds Sunday morning.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, chairman, the volunteers will work in two-hour shifts. Although the breakfast starts at 7 a. m. for the public, those preparing for the breakfast will be on hand earlier. Coffee makers will be up and at it by 5 a. m. and others will be on the job by 6 o'clock.

Both wood and gas stoves, a whole line of them will be set up to cook the ham, eggs, potatoes and other foods offered, and it will come off the stoves piping hot to the public.

A normal year finds some 600 persons enjoying the breakfast, but this year an even larger crowd is expected. Proceeds go to the club funds.

Breakfast will be served from 7 a. m. until 10 a. m.

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THREE GRAND champion award winners at the Morrow county fair are shown here, although Mark Tullis (far left), owner of the grand champion fat hog, is pictured without his camera-shy animal. Maurice Doherty holds her grand champion fat lamb and Gary Van Blokland looks after his grand champion fat steer. (G-T Photo)



N.C. ANDERSON, county agent (right), presented the Wheat Sweepstakes ribbon to Jim McCabe (left) on behalf of the winners, McCabe Bros. ranch, at the county fair Friday night. Looking on (center) is Al Lamb, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers which sponsors the contest. (G-T Photo)



DON ROBINSON of the Kirk and Robinson Polled Hereford ranch displays the Premier Beef trophy won by the ranch in the open class beef competition at the county fair. The trophy is presented by the Morrow County Livestock association.



JOHN RAWLINS gamely hangs to the squealing pig that he caught in the annual County Fair pig scramble Friday night. A delight to spectators, the scramble this year attracted what may be a record crowd of onlookers. (G-T Photo)

Wheat Yield Set At 19 Bushels

Morrow County Grain Growers elevators were closed at Lexington, Ruggs and Heppner during the past week, according to Al Lamb, manager. Others of the co-op had closed earlier.

"The crop was poor due to a combination of weather and striped rust," Lamb stated. "We took in 1,800,000 bushels in all grains this year; one year ago it was 2,400,000."

Lamb said the average wheat yield was 19 bushel to the acre this year. Last year it was 29 bushels. In barley, this year it was 29 bushels; last year 35.

"The market price of wheat is somewhat higher than last year, and the barley support price is about \$6.50 higher than a year ago," Lamb continued. Still, he said, farmers are "hurting" and the crops were definitely not up to expectations.

Parade Promises Fun, Excitement

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All the fun, color, excitement and splendor of a big parade will be wrapped up in the Big Rodeo parade here Saturday morning starting at 10 a. m. with Bill Smethurst, chairman of the rodeo parade committee, in charge. Neils Anderson of the Chamber of Commerce will assist with forming and organizing the parade.

Featuring the theme, "The Soaring 60's," the parade will have many different divisions and prizes in each. Judging floats will be in accordance with the theme.

Prizes for the parade are furnished by the Chamber of Commerce and donations from other Heppner businesses.

List of prizes announced by Mike Whitesmith, president of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

Organizations floats—three classes: juvenile organization, adult organization and business. First prize \$25, second \$15 and third \$10 for each of the three. Winners in the classes will compete for the grand sweepstakes of \$50.

In a juvenile division, \$7.50 first prize is offered for the best children's float, \$5 for second and \$3.50 for third.

A division for pets offers \$7.50 first for best pet, \$5 second and \$3.50 third. Best juvenile costume offers \$5 first for boys and \$5 first for girls, as well as \$3.50 second prize for each.

Bands will compete for \$15 first prize and \$10 second prize. Other prizes offered are as follows: Best riding club, \$50, first

\$25 second; best comic, \$10; best family group, mounted, \$7.50; best mounted cowgirl, \$7.50; best mounted cowboy, \$7.50; oldest cowboy, \$5; oldest cowgirl, \$5; youngest mounted cowgirl, \$3.50; youngest mounted cowboy, \$3.50; best juvenile cowboy, \$7.50; best juvenile cowgirl, \$7.50.

Every child under 12 who takes part in the parade will receive \$1 for his participation. The plan is to give them these silver dollars while they are assembled at the starting point and parents are advised to be with them to keep the money for their children or to be sure they have a place to keep the dollar during the parade so that it is not lost.

Children are invited to bring pets, decorate bikes, rig up carts, ride horses or whatever their imagination conjures up.

Chairman Smethurst said that the parade will form off North Main on side streets. Entries should be assembled by 9:30 a.

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Vote of Farmers Heavily in Favor Of Wheat Quotas

In the heaviest vote for at least the past five years Morrow county wheat farmers approved marketing quotas for the 1962 crop in the wheat referendum August 24. The vote here was 350 yes and 12 no.

The nationwide vote found 79.4 per cent of wheat farmers in the 39 commercial wheat producing states voting for the quotas.

Quotas mean that price support of the 1962 wheat crop will be set at a national average of at least \$2.00 per bushel. That is 21 cents above the basic rate in effect for this year's crop. Definite prices by areas are not usually released until sometime in late January.

"Our loan rate is usually above the national support level. The price is based on the difference in freight from point of origin to termination," explained David McLeod, manager of the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

Wheat acreage allotments for 1962 will be reduced 10 per cent as growers will be eligible to receive payments for land diverted to conservation uses.

This is the 11th time that farmers have voted in favor of marketing quotas for wheat.

Quiet Labor Day Is Expected Here

Labor Day is expected to be quiet in Heppner with no celebration planned.

Stores and businesses will be closed. Chamber of commerce will not meet.

Most residents will spend the day in nearby mountain retreats, resting from the big two-day rodeo, or getting ready for the opening of schools Tuesday morning.

WEATHER

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Thursday	79	49	trace
Friday	77	52	—
Saturday	80	50	—
Sunday	81	50	—
Monday	84	57	—
Tuesday	87	53	—
Wednesday	88	60	.05

Horse Show to Present Morrow's Finest at Rodeo Grounds Friday

Champion horses—the pride of Morrow county—will have their day Friday at the annual Horse Show sponsored by the Heppner Wranglers, Fred Mankin, show chairman, announces.

The show will open at 9 a. m. at the rodeo grounds and will continue throughout the day. There is no admission to the public and a large crowd of spectators is anticipated.

Only two events require entry fees—cow cutting (\$5 fee) and junior calf roping (\$5).

Thirteen halter classes will be judged before noon, and working and performance classes will be judged throughout the afternoon. Champion performance horses will be chosen from the western pleasure horse class; reining class; and cow cutting class. A grand champion and a reserve champion will be chosen from the champions of the three classes.

All horses taking part must be Morrow county horses, because the show is a part of the county fair. They must have been in the

county at least 60 days prior to the show.

Howard Bryant will be ring master, and Ron Davis, Olex, will be judge. Bruce Lindsay of Hermiton will be announcer.

Chairmen of the various lots are as follows:

Class A (Conformation and Halter)—Lot 1, colts foaled in 1961, Jerry Dougherty, chairman; Lot 2, yearlings foaled in 1960, Dougherty, chairman; Lot 3, two year olds foaled in 1959, Ted Miller, chairman; Lot 4, stallions, 3 years and over, Marion Finch, chairman; Lot 5, stallions under 3 years old, Jim Miller, chairman; Lot 6, mares over 5 years old, serviceable sound, Cornett Green, chairman, Lot 7, mares, 5 years and under, Green, chairman; Lot 8, geldings 3 years and over, serviceable sound, Al Fetsch, chairman; Lot 9, mare and two or more produce, Rod Murray, chairman; Lot 10, mare and nursing colt, Bill Healy, chairman; Lot 11, get of sire, two of any age, Bill Smethurst, chairman; Lot 12, Shetland po-

Northwest's Best Ready To Perform

Thrills, spills and chills will be the order of the two big days when the 39th annual Morrow County Rodeo is held at the rodeo grounds here Saturday and Sunday.

Spectators will thrill at the daring of the Northwest's top cowboys as they vie for honors in the Northwest Amateur bronc riding contest. They will be brought to their feet by the inevitable spills contingent on such events, and they will stand again to applaud the winners.

Adding to this year's excitement will be the spectacular riding of Martell Claridge, Hussum, Wn., girl bareback expert.

"And laughs will be added," promises Floyd Jones, rodeo committee chairman, "as the public views for the first time, a professional clown, competing with the fast moving events in the arena."

High on the list of the variety of competitive events which has drawn entries of outstanding cowboys outside the county are bareback riding, bull riding, calf roping, cow milking, bulldogging, Calgary roping and wild horse races. These contests are open to all registrants. Purses are big and more than 150 entries are expected by the committee.

Other highlight events are open to cowboys of Morrow county only. Of particular interest will be the Morrow County Amateur calf roping contest with a \$300 saddle donated by the Kinzua Corporation. The Morrow County derby has a purse provided by the Heppner Elks Lodge and the Morrow County chariot race purse is donated by the Heppner Odd Fellows. There will be pony races, cowgirl races, kids' pony race, and a one-half mile race, open to county residents.

Prizes totaling \$1300 will be awarded winners in the two days of exciting rodeo.

Early registration for the always popular flag race includes the Ukiah Evergreen Riders, the Arlington Saddle club, and the Heppner Wranglers, Max Barclay, rodeo secretary, reports.

Festivities will begin with a big parade at 10 a. m. Saturday, then the county picnic on the courthouse lawn at noon featuring music by the Heppner High school band, free ice cream and coffee for all comers, and lunch for visiting dignitaries.

At 1:15 Saturday the first big show will be held at the rodeo grounds. Between 5 and 8 that night the annual barbecue dinner will be served on the lawn at All Saints' Episcopal church.

Saturday evening a special rodeo show starts at 8 p. m. at the grounds, followed by the rodeo dance in the fair pavilion.

Sunday the Wranglers cowboy breakfast will be served on the Wranglers grounds at the clubhouse from 7 to 10 a. m.

Windup of the two packed days will be the Sunday afternoon show starting at 1:30 p. m. Rodeo winners will be determined at this big show.

Rodeo committee members are enthusiastic in stating they expect this to be "the best show yet."