

# Many Work Towards Opening of County Fair

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## Big Event Just Twelve Days Away

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Suddenly it's county fair season.

With the 1965 fair just 12 days away, superintendents, committees, and others involved are working at a fast pace to get all in readiness by opening day—August 24.

At the same time, 4-H and FFA members all over the county are getting their exhibits in shape, whether they be livestock, home economics, or some other interest. Those who will enter open classes are similarly busy getting ready for fair.

Gail McCarty, county extension agent, said that total registration of 4-H animals for the fair already tops last year with 50 in beef, 49 in sheep, 20 in swine, 15 in dairy, 25 in poultry and 10 in rabbits. In addition, there are 36 or 37 saddle horses, he said. The sheep and swine are below last year slightly but all the rest exceed 1964's fair.

Jerry Jonasson, Heppner High FFA chapter advisor, said that the tractor contest, held here for the first time last year, will be held again on Thursday morning, August 26, at 10 a.m., sponsored and administered by the Farm Bureau. Last year more than a dozen boys took part, all members of the FFA, and similar interest is expected this year. Only wheel tractors will be used.

While the hundreds of exhibits in 4-H, FFA, and open classes are the substance of the fair—showing Morrow county's finest—other attractions vie for interest.

Traditional events include the annual pig scramble, which will be Thursday night, the livestock auction on the same night, the 4-H dress revue at 8 p.m. Wednesday night in the Catholic parish hall, the pet show Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with the parade of pets in the judging arena at 11:30, and the annual cake baking contest sponsored by the Oregon Wheat League.

Saddle horse projects will prelude the fair on Monday, August 23, but main activity will get in full swing at 10 a.m. Tuesday. School exhibits are to be in place at 10 a.m. and all 4-H and FFA entries in home economics and agriculture will be closed at 10:30.

Three changes have been made from the program in the fair premium books. Foods judging contest in 4-H will be at 2:45 Tuesday instead of 1:30 as previously printed, and 4-H preparation contests will be at 3:30 on the same day instead of 2:30 as originally announced.

Open class livestock judging will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday instead of 2 p.m. Thursday.

Everyone gets hungry during the fair, and the 4-H Snack Shack will be operating full time to serve food, coffee, soft drinks and other items to the crowd. It will be open for breakfast throughout the fair.

Rhea Creek Grange Home Ec club will be back again this year to serve supper at the fairgrounds on Thursday, August 26, from 4:30 to 7:00. If weather is hot, the women expect to have a cool luncheon, but if it turns cool, they will have a menu of hot dishes, according to the report this week.

Mrs. Glenn (Lenna) Smith, who as fair secretary is one of the busiest women in the county these days, says that all booth space has been taken in the pavilion, but at least report a few tables were left for those who wished to have commercial displays.

One improvement made recently at the fairgrounds will be of considerable help at the times of livestock judging and showing. Seating facilities were added in the arena, and this will undoubtedly expedite the showing of the animals, since the crowd may sit back and watch in comfort. New facilities are also provided for poultry and rabbits in a small addition at one of the barns.

Many trophies and prizes, together with hundreds of dollars in premiums, await winners at the fair. In short, it appears that all is in readiness for the event.

As one person put it, "Now, if we can just get harvest over in time."

### Plans Being Made For Kindergarten

Kindergarten registration in Heppner will be on September 1 from 1 until 4 p.m. in the kindergarten room at the grade school, the committee in charge announces.

Registration fee will be \$10 which includes supplies and insurance. Monthly fee will be \$8 which goes to offset operating expenses.

Partial scholarships will be available.

The kindergarten is sponsored by the Heppner Civic League.



QUEEN JUDY SHERER

## Saturday Dance, Coronation Due For Queen Judy

A fitting climax to busy and exciting summer appearances for Queen Judy Sherer and her court will be the official coronation ceremonies Saturday evening at the rodeo grounds at 8:51 p.m.

Queen Judy and her four princesses, Erna Winchester of Heppner, Karla Luciani of Lena, Virginia Majeske of Lexington, and Susan McCoy of Irigon, will ride in the opening parade which will feature former queens still residing in the area. The parade will form at 7:30 at the city park.

After the coronation, festivities will continue at the Queen's Dance in the fair pavilion, the last in the series of pre-rodeo dances. Each of the dances for the four princesses have been very successful, attracting larger than average crowds.

Furnishing the music for this week's dance will be the Road Runners of La Grande, starting at 10 p.m. There will be no dance next week, because of the East-West Shrine game in Pendleton, and the following week will be rodeo week-end, with dances planned for both Friday and Saturday nights.

Placing the crown on our attractive 19-year-old queen will truly climax her accomplishments, bestowing an honor which almost every Morrow county girl would hope for.

Winning honors, however, is not new to Queen Judy, who has proved herself an outstanding horsewoman as well as being popular in school, where she has appeared several times on courts of royalty.

Judy is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Doc) Sherer, who live on an irrigation farm four miles northwest of Ione, raising mostly alfalfa and cattle. Her mother came from Missouri when a small girl, and her father was born in Idaho, but came here when small and was raised in the Ione community. For the past 30 years, Sherer has worked for the county road department, recently as county supervisor.

Like other members of the royal court, Queen Judy was born in Pendleton and celebrates her birthday on January 28. She was born in 1946. She has an older brother, Dick, who, with his wife and three sons, are ranching the Helmbigner place near Ione. An older sister is Mrs. Wayne (Kay) Pierce, and with her husband and one daughter own and operate the Redmond Music Center.

The attractive brunette completed her first year at Eastern Oregon College at La Grande last spring, and will return this fall to continue her studies, majoring in secretarial science. Last year she was admitted to Alpha Phi Epsilon, an honorary secretarial organization.

rides her favorite thoroughbred gelding, "Rocket," which she has had for six years and broke by herself. She started racing a favorite shetland, "Rusty," in

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### Former Queens To Participate; Parade Scheduled

Coronation of Queen Judy Sherer will be in ceremonies to be held Saturday night with the Junior Chamber of Commerce in charge of the program.

Preceding the coronation will be a parade, starting at 7:30, through downtown Heppner. All former queens still residing in the vicinity will join the 1965 queen and court in the parade, which will start at the city park and go up Main Street and out the highway to the rodeo grounds.

Program at the rodeo grounds will start at 8:15 with presentation of former queens. Eva Griffith, who was Eva Padberg, was queen of the second annual county rodeo in 1923, will place the royal tiara on the head of Queen Judy.

A brief western musical program is planned as a part of the festivities.

There have been 40 rodeo queens from 1922 through 1964. For three years, 1942 through 1944, no rodeo was held on account of World War II.

Harley Sager and Wayne Harsin are in charge of the coronation for the Jaycees. The public is invited to attend the ceremonies at the rodeo grounds without charge.

## 18 Horse Show Prizes Set For August 27 Event

Eighteen fine prizes are offered to winners in the annual Morrow county open horse show, which will be held Friday, August 27, at the rodeo grounds, Fred Mankin, superintendent, announces.

Another big show is expected with the finest of Morrow county horses performing.

Mrs. Archie (Dimple) Munkers will be secretary of the show, and Ken Waud of Othello, Wn., will be judge. Gene Pierce will be announcer and Howard Bryant will be ring master. Corbett Green will be in charge of calf roping, John Eubanks of barrel racing, Ralph Beamer and Floyd Jones of cow cutting, and Jim Marter and Bryant, halter for

Prizes to be offered and their donors are as follows: Gray's Saddlery, saddle blanket, for hackamore, class C, lot 7; Jim Norene, pony halter for class B, lot 1; Gardner's Men's Wear, \$10 gift certificate for first and \$5 gift certificate for second in western pleasure, class C, lot 4; Columbia Basin Electric, halter for first in class C, lots 3 and 2; Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, halter for second prize, class C, lots 3 and

### Bargains Listed For Back-to-School; Free Parking Friday

Attention is called to Back-to-School bargains and other special offers listed by Heppner businesses in this week's Gazette-Times. This is the regular monthly promotion week, and emphasis is on back-to-school needs with start of school only 26 days away. It will begin Tuesday, September 7, the day after Labor Day.

Free parking will prevail throughout the city on Friday to make it more convenient for shoppers.

Readers are advised to check advertising throughout this paper for top values and needs for the coming school year.

## Rain Again Halts Harvest; Estimate 75% Completed

Rain—akin to the tropical monsoon variety—came in goodly quantity Wednesday afternoon and night and for the third time brought a halt to the county's grain harvest.

It came with harvest estimated between 60% and 75% complete.

In the northern part of the county, harvest is virtually over, and the rush was long past at the North Lexington elevator, Al Lamb, Morrow County Grain Growers manager said. He had expected it to be completed there by the end of the week, but the rain will extend this date.

At Ione, McNab, and Lexington the situation was about the same—the intake was dwindling, but Heppner and Ruggs elevators were in full swing when the rain hit.

Yield on wheat was running somewhat below expectations, Lamb said, averaging about 25 bushels to the acre. It had been anticipated that it might run 30 bushels.

The crop, therefore, appears to be similar to last year, but quality now seems to be suffering somewhat by the mid-harvest rains. It is also harder to thresh, he said.

With the interruptions, it is a certainty that the harvest will be one of the latest in recent years after coming so slowly at the start of the season.

Leonard Gilliam, weather observer, reported Wednesday's rain in Heppner as 41 inch. Hot muggy weather prevailed through the week with five consecutive days reaching maximums of 93 to 95 degrees.

Complete report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	85	52	—
Friday	93	56	—
Saturday	95	57	—
Sunday	95	55	—
Monday	94	55	—
Tuesday	93	62	—
Wednesday	82	59	.41



THIS BIG GENERATOR, weighing more than four tons, is being moved into place at Pioneer Memorial Hospital for use at times of emergency for power supply. Ned Sweek is driver of the fork lift truck. Elmer Moe is in the center, and Bob Lowe helps direct the job at the right. (Will O'Harra Photo)

### Generator Placed On Hospital Pad For Emergencies

With the assistance of Elmer Moe and Ned Sweek of Kinzua Corporation, an 8400 lb. diesel generator was placed on its concrete pad near the north end of Pioneer Memorial hospital Saturday.

It will provide power for the hospital in case of a general outage over the regular power system, Administrator Will O'Harra said.

Sweek drove a fork lift truck that picked up the big generator and put it on its foundation. Housing will be built around it to protect it from the elements.

The generator was purchased from war surplus for \$625, a fraction of the list price of \$14,000, O'Harra said. Bob Lowe and O'Harra borrowed a truck and went to Salem to haul it home.

It apparently saw service in Alaska and was equipped to operate in temperatures down to 60 degrees below zero. Here it will be outfitted for service to 20 degrees below zero.

It was filthy when purchased, but under the masterful hands of Lowe it has assumed an almost new look. He gave it a thorough cleaning and painting, and now it is already to produce electricity at the rate of 125 KVA (kilovolt amperes). This is adequate to supply the hospital's full needs, although the demand may run to 100 KVA at the hospital, O'Harra said.

A tank on the generator will hold enough diesel fuel for 24 hours running, but an additional supply is kept at the hospital for another 48 hours.

### Vandals Damage Announcer Stand

Rodeo Director Charles Daly reported at the rodeo board meeting Wednesday night that considerable vandalism has been done at the rodeo grounds. The announcer's stand above the buckaroo grandstand was torn up and a gate to the stand was found on the field. A carpenter had spent considerable time improving the stand last year.

A window was also broken in the fair pavilion, Daly said. The board was considering what action to take to locate those responsible. One director suggested that if youngsters are found guilty of the acts, they should be sentenced to spending several days weeding the rodeo grounds, a job that must be done before rodeo.

## Chest X-Ray Unit Coming Next Week

A mobile chest X-ray unit will be in Morrow county August 19 through August 21 in order to give free chest X-rays to the public. Mrs. Wm. L. Cox, president of the Morrow county Council of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association, announces.

This is the first time that the unit has been in Heppner for several years, and Mrs. Cox urges everyone to have a chest X-ray taken.

The unit will make its first stop in Ione on Thursday, August 19, from 2 to 6 p.m., and will be in Heppner the next two days, being stationed near Murphys Rexall Drug at the main downtown corner. It will take X-rays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, August 20, and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 21.

Mrs. Lowell Chally, county health nurse, said that everyone should have a chest X-ray at least once each year. Besides finding defects of the lungs, the X-ray will also show abnormalities of the heart.

Plans for the visit were made at a meeting in the Bank of Eastern Oregon, August 4. Visiting with the Morrow county TB and Health association on behalf of the mobile unit were Don Swanson, Don Harman and Ray Buckwalter of La Grande.

## City Fire Truck Delivered Here

Heppner's new city fire truck was delivered by Western States Fire Apparatus Company of Corvallis Wednesday afternoon and was scheduled to undergo tests today.

The pumper is rated at 750 gallons per minute and is mounted on a Ford chassis. The chassis was furnished by Heppner Auto and Western States built the pumper body and outfitted the truck.

Fire Chief Ken Goode of Corvallis brought the truck here for delivery. Three hours of pumping under state supervision were scheduled at the city swimming pool Monday for the tests that it was to undergo.

Cost of the truck was approximately \$13,500 and is to be paid for out of budgeted city funds.

Fire Chief Charles Ruggles and others of the volunteer fire department spent part of Wednesday evening getting acquainted with the new pumper.