

Top Winners Named At 1968 County Fair

There was "something for everyone" at the 1968 Morrow county fair. Competition was keen among the unusually large number of entries and exhibits, with persons of all ages competing for the coveted ribbon awards and premiums. Wide areas of the county were represented by the best they had to offer in 4-H, FFA and open class agricultural and home economics exhibits, demonstrations, home and farm projects, horses and livestock.

A good variety of booths by organizations and commercial groups attracted attention throughout the fair. Sweepstakes winner was the Heppner Elementary PTA, which also won first in the community service class, using the theme, "Communication Takes Two" based on the trio of parent, child and teacher. Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District placed second and the Irrigon Home Extension Unit, third.

In youth organization entries, the 4-H Cookettes club placed first; Little Sisters 4-H club, second; and Butterfingers 4-H club, third.

The red, white and blue booth of the Heppner American Legion Auxiliary was first in social organizations; Degree of Honor, second, and Heppner Wranglers club, third. Morrow County Gem and Mineral club was first in hobbies.

Lexington Grange booth was judged first in Grange and other farm organizations; Willows Grange of Ione, second, and Morrow County CowBelles, third. In the church division, Heppner Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints placed first; the Assembly of God church, second, and the United Youth Fellowship of the Christian and Methodist churches, third.

Country Store Popular
Among booths which were found popular, but not in competition, was the Country Store, under the sponsorship of the Soroptimist club of Heppner. Commercial booths were entered, but no prizes awarded to them.

A profusion of color was on display in the large section of horticulture and floral arrangements. Grand sweepstakes award for Best of Show in horticulture went to Bill Rawlins for his entry, a single pink hybrid tea rose. Sweepstakes for best arrangement was won by Mrs. Berdine Tullis, Ione, for her "Autumn Glory", combining gloriosa daisies, Indian corn and ivy on a bamboo mat. She also won several blue ribbons in arrangements in other divisions. Other arrangement winners were Mrs. Deita Huber, Mrs. Ida Farra, Mrs. John Eubanks, Mrs. Carmen French, Mrs. Jewel Hager, Mrs. F. T. Martin, Mrs. Elwayne Bergstrom.

The sheath of excellent Flynn wheat entered by Harold Peck, wheat sweepstakes and first place. The fine bulk exhibit of Gaines by Don Robinson was judged best in its division. Other first place winners in grain were Bob

Jepsen, and Mrs. John Graves, Gaines; Paul Arbogast, Fortyfold; Harold Peck, beardless barley; Bill Rawlins, Triumph; Bob Jones, Omar; Don Robinson, Cherokee. Dave Hall placed first in FFA grain and hay, and Bob Mahoney, first in grass legume, 4-H Livestock.

A large number of 4-H Livestock clubs supported entries in beef, sheep and swine. In judging, Patti Healy placed first with a score of 716 out of a possible 800 points; Sue Greenup was second with 646.6; Judy Bennett received 574, Susan Healy 562, and Gwen Drake 554.7.

Champion and reserve champion honors were shared, in many instances, by members of the same family. Grand champion

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Paper to be Late Due to Labor Day

In order that the staff of The Gazette-Times may join others in enjoying summer's last chance for an outing, the paper will be a day late next week. The shop and office will be closed on Monday, Labor Day.

Reggie Pascal, linotype operator, will be on vacation during the week going to Wellpoint, Wn., for a Labor Day celebration.

Falling Tree Causes Phone Interruption

Long distance telephone service to and from Heppner, Ione, Lexington and Boardman was interrupted about 3:15 p.m. Saturday when a farmer in the Echo area felled a cottonwood tree that hit and knocked down a telephone pole, according to Dale Slusher, Pendleton manager of Pacific Northwest Bell.

Twenty-nine circuits were carried on the line. Long distance service for Kinzua, Condon, Fossil and Arlington was partially disrupted, Slusher said. The company heard of the outage at 3:30 and by 4:45 p.m. had a crew on the job of restoring service, the manager said. Morrow county towns were back in service by 7:15, and the entire system was in operation by 10:20 p.m.

Only long distance was interrupted. Local service was not affected.

Pool Closes Saturday

Heppner's municipal swimming pool will close for the season after the afternoon swim on Saturday, August 31, according to announcement by Stuart Dick, lifeguard. A fine summer of swimming activities has been enjoyed, with a record number of participation in supervised instruction, and no major accidents occurring.

Canby Cowboy, Currin Take All-Around Titles

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Tom Martin Gets Saddle For Roping

Larry Smith, who lists Whiskey Hill, Ore., as his home community but gets his mail from Canby, emerged from a field of 239 cowboys to take the all-around cowboy saddle at the 44th annual Morrow county rodeo, which concluded here Sunday.

Tom Martin of Lexington won the custom made saddle given by Kinzua Corporation as the champion Morrow County amateur calf roper, being one of two contestants to successfully rope his calf in both go-rounds. Martin and his calf in 60.5 the first day and 36.5 seconds the second day.

Morrow county all-around cowboy was Ron Currin who was first in bulldogging with an average of 11.1 seconds on 47 seconds in the first go-round and 6.4 in the second. He also entered wild cow milking. Currin, a popular local favorite, received a leg on the Orville Cutsforth trophy, \$50 in cash from the Cutsforth family, and a silver buckle from Cornett Green Feed for his first in bulldogging.

Scores 188 Points
Smith received the handsome saddle given by Morrow County Grain Growers and Padberg Machinery, Inc., for the rodeo's open all-around. He gained most of his 159 points with a first in bull riding (58 points) and a second in bareback riding (60 points). The first in bull riding won for him a pair of spurs from Mr. and Mrs. Ron Palmer of the Wagon Wheel.

Second in Morrow county amateur calf roping was Bob Bergstrom who will receive a pair of handmade boots as an award from Heppner Lumber Company, and third was John Kuhn of Boardman who received a gift certificate from Gardner's Men's Wear.

Three hard luck cowboy awards were announced by Joe Daley, rodeo announcer. One went to Jim Ward, who suffered bruises and lacerations when a horse rolled over on him in pre-show go-rounds on Sunday morning; another went to Connie Papineau who was shaken up when her horse stumbled and fell on her in a race Sunday afternoon; and the third went to Jerry Dougherty for his hard luck in amateur calf roping, failing to win the saddle despite a great effort. Each of the hard luck cowboys will receive hats from Jack Saul, New York Store, Pendleton.

Ron Cecil of Heppner topped the Wranglers cow riding event and won a trophy buckle from Herman Green of Heppner.

Judi Dryden Wins
A Lewiston, Idaho, cowgirl, Judi Dryden, had two fast runs in barrel racing and swept the event, taking the first go-round in 18.1 seconds, and the second go-round in a time of 17.8 seconds. She receives \$25 in cash from Murrays Rexall Drug as an added trophy.

Horse of Wayne Papineau, Lexington, came in first in the Morrow county derby Sunday, and he won, in addition to purses, \$50 cash from the Heppner Elks and \$50 from P. W. Mahoney.

In bareback riding, last year's all-around, Sid Britt, then of Spray and now of Lexington, captured first. He earned a set of bareback rigging from Severe Bros., Pendleton, as a trophy, as well as his purse for the event.

Norm Durley of Condon, son-in-law of Howard Johnson, ro-

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That Time Again! School to Start Tuesday

Jaycee Float Wins Parade Sweepstakes

"Thousands of yards of crepe paper and a jillion staples" went into the construction of the Morrow county Jaycees' float, "Musical Revue," which won the grand sweepstakes in the Rodeo Parade Saturday, according to the report of one of the Jaycee wives who helped work on the float.

The big prize winner, which also captured first in the adult float division, depicted four types of music in panels, two on each side of the float. These included western, waltz, barber shop, and beat.

Beautiful weather smiled on the parade after uncertain skies Friday had threatened rain. The weather was cool with the sun peeking through, and many comments were heard that this was "one of the best" parades—though not the longest. Harold Erwin, rodeo supporter for years, was grand marshal.

Floats were of excellent quality and it was obvious that their entrants had spent literally hundreds of hours of work in preparing them.

Randall Peterson was again chairman of the parade for the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, and with his crew, started the line of march right on time again. Everything went "like clockwork" with the exception of the fact that a short-circuit developed in the speaking system at the reviewing truck, and a substitute had to be obtained, leaving the procession without "audio" for a time.

Harlan McCurdy, Jr., and Mike Sweeney acted as announcers.

The Jaycees had a chairman for each section of their float. Mrs. Ron (Shirlee) Gray handled the country western section,

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ENOUGH WATER to provide complete irrigation for the Willow Creek Country club is flowing from the new well brought in by Inter-Valley Drilling Co., Island City. The well is expected to produce 300 gallons per minute. Dan Ellsworth, who works with his father, Otto Ellsworth, in the company watches the flow. Dan attends Eastern Oregon College and is the 137 lb. conference wrestling champion. (Photo by Dr. Ed Schaffitz)

New Golf Course Well Greeted with Joy

Officers and members of the Willow Creek Country Club are just about to turn handshakes.

Inter-Valley Drilling Co. of Island City, operated by Otto Ellsworth and son Dan, has brought in a well that is expected to produce about 300 gallons a minute at the course. This will be adequate to irrigate the greens and fairways to keep them in tip-top shape as they have been this year under the continuous care of Ray Ferguson.

The new well will solve a water problem that had the golfers scratching their heads. They had proposed a plan to take effluent from the city sewage disposal plant and pipe it to the course, but this now will not be necessary.

The well came in August 17 and is at a depth of 164 feet. It is located about 150 yards east of the home of Orville Cuts-

forth, just off the sixth fairway. The water will be piped to all parts of the course, much of it through a 2,200 ft. system of underground piping, already laid.

The water will not only help keep Willow Creek's reputation for having one of the finest little golf courses in the northwest, but will help to make it better, according to Dr. Ed Schaffitz, vice president of the club.

Among improvements made this year and last year were: The building of a new green at the sixth hole, providing all grass greens now and with the reputation of being some of the best greens in the state.

Lengthening of No. 1 hole. Placing 10 benches around the

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All Buildings Across County Plan Full Day

One last holiday—Labor Day—stands between youngsters and the opening of school in Morrow county. The all-too-short summer for them ends on Tuesday, September 3, when all schools open their doors for the fall semester.

Announcement of first day plans at Ione and Heppner High school were published in last week's Gazette-Times.

Alan Martin, principal of Heppner Elementary school, said that classes there will begin at 8:40 a.m. Tuesday and will be dismissed at 2:30 for pupils in grades one, two and three who walk home. All other students will be dismissed at 3:35 p.m.

All busses will run Tuesday on the same routes and times as last year. The cafeteria will be open, lunches will be 25c each, and extra milk will be 3c for students. A month's lunch ticket is \$5.

Students in grades two, three and four are asked to bring their lunch money and \$2 registration-insurance fee on Tuesday. Students in the fifth and sixth grades are asked to bring their lunch money and \$3.50 student fees on Wednesday. Seventh and eighth grade students are asked to bring their lunch money and \$3.50 student fees on Thursday.

Pictures to be Taken
Students and parents are reminded that Heppner Elementary school pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 5, in the primary multipurpose room. This has been scheduled early this year so that all pictures and re-takes will be ready in plenty of time for Christmas, Principal Martin said.

Principal Mick Tolar of A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon, reminds parents in the northern part of the county that students in grades one through six from both Boardman and Irrigon will attend Houghton for the first time this year. Busses will follow the same schedule as last year until adjustments can be made.

Registration fee is \$1.50 and student insurance will be \$1 at Houghton school.

"It should be noted," Principal Tolar said, "that there will be no early dismissal of grades one and two and no special busses will run for these grades. The regular busses will leave

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Bergstrom Finishes 61st Harvest

When Carl Bergstrom of Ione hung up his hat after harvest this year, it was probably just like any other summer except that the crop was down some.

But friends and neighbors said there was something more noteworthy about it. This was the sixty-first consecutive year that Bergstrom has worked in harvest. He has never missed a season since he started in 1907, and he has never missed a day during a season.

He started in 1907 on the Jake Young ranch, where Jack Summer now lives. In this first job he drove header box.

Bergstrom was born in 1892 in a sheep herder's cabin on the Olaf Bergstrom homestead, and so he was just 15 years of age when he got started in harvest.

The first harvesting was done with six head of horses pushing the header. The header puncher rode the rudder to guide, and the threshing was done with a stationary steam-driven engine.

Crew Big in 'Them Days'

Grain was cut with the header, then hauled by wagon and piled in 40 ft. long stacks. Men used in this type of harvest included three box drivers, one header puncher, one stacker, four hoedowners (raked cut hay in from derrick table), two derrick fork drivers, one loader, two water haulers, one separator tender, one engineer, one fireman, two sack sewers and one flager. Two women cooks worked in a horse drawn cook wagon.

Bergstrom recalls that wheat sold for 70c to \$1 per bushel.

In 1912 the Bergstrom ranch improved its method of harvesting with a combine pulled by 27 horses. This combined the threshing and cutting operation. The ground power used a big chain driven on a wheel which powered the combine.

The crew and horses harvested about 30 acres per day and worked about 25 days. Less men were used in this method, the crew consisting of a driver, a header tender, a separator man, a sack sewer, and sometimes a jigger.

In the fall of the year the



CARL BERGSTROM of Ione has completed his 61st harvest, having started in 1907 and never missing a year. He is shown dumping a load of grain and in a closeup at right, Bergstrom can recall when six head of horses were used to push a header, pushing instead of pulling in order to prevent trampling the grain.

sacks were hauled to Ione every other day with 10 horses pulling three wagons, each carrying 120 sacks of wheat. Three trips per week extended the hauling into the winter in many years. Wheat sold for 75c to \$1.25 per bushel.

In 1926, a motor driven thresher and 12 head of horses

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Solicitation Set On History Book

Morrow county Historical association will start a solicitation within the next few days in the hope of completing the job of raising funds for publication of the county's history, Oscar Peterson, chairman, states.

He plans to go one day with each other member of the committee in making contacts. At the present time there is \$2128.70 in the bank for the book and another \$1000 is pledged from the county.

Giles French of Moro, editor of the book, has been working for some time gathering material and was expected here this week to do more research. Donations have been sought through the mail previously but no person-to-person contact has been made before.

Anyone wishing to contribute is asked to send their checks in care of Gene Pierce, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner.

Thomson Undergoes Emergency Surgery

Rod Thomson, who is on leave of absence from his position as Morrow county assessor, went to Portland early Tuesday for emergency surgery that was scheduled to be performed on his eye.

Mrs. Thomson said Monday night that he has a detached retina in the eye and his physician urged immediate surgery.

The operation was to take place in Good Samaritan hospital, Portland. Thomson has had persistent eye trouble for several years.



NOW FULLY QUALIFIED as water safety instructors are Marsha Lovgren and Bill McLeod, being presented with Morrow county chapter, Red Cross, instructor cards by Lynn Pearson (center), area chapter representative in water safety. Marsha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Lovgren, and Bill, son of Mr. and Mrs. David McLeod, earned the instructor cards after taking a course in Pendleton. They are also qualified as water safety instructors in Umatilla county. The two have been working at the Heppner municipal pool this summer assisting Stuart Dick, lifeguard. (G-T Photo).

August Threatens Wet Month Mark

As of Tuesday evening, the month of August, 1968, had already stepped into third place as the wettest August in Heppner for the many years on record here, according to Don Gilliam, official weather observer.

It threatened to move into second place by Wednesday morning. At the Tuesday afternoon reading, August had recorded 1.79 inches, topping the wet Augusts of 1965 (1.67) and 1918 (1.65). It had only .05 inch to go to top August, 1953 (1.83). If the last week of the month continues wet, it appeared that the all-time record of 2.18 inches in August, 1941, would be surpassed.

Fortunately the rains pretty well dodged outdoor events of fair and rodeo week, and the crowds enjoyed the cool weather.

Daily high temperatures ranged from 72 to 77 degrees and lows were from 46 to 56.

Complete report for the week is as follows:

	Hi	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	72	47	—
Thursday	75	46	—
Friday	77	54	.14
Saturday	73	55	.01
Sunday	72	55	.04
Monday	77	52	.05
Tuesday	74	56	.04

Total .28
(For month so far, 1.79 inches)