

# Morrow County Welcomes Junior Rodeo

89th Year

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A cordial welcome mat is being unrolled for Morrow County's second annual Junior Rodeo. Event is this weekend at the Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Rodeo secretary Berniece Struckmeier reports there are a total of 159 entries for the big show.

First performance will be at 1 p.m., Saturday after noon. The Sunday show starts at 12:30 p.m.

Sunday morning at 11:10 a.m. church services will be conducted from horseback by the Rev. Dan Thompson of All Saints Episcopal Church. Audience will sit in the north grandstand above the bucking chutes. Song leader is Sandy Matheny.

Bob Hoskins, Mark Murray, Barrels - Bill Healy, Barns Orval Matheny, Grounds-Lee Palmer.

Queen and Court - Pat O'Brien (1972 Queen and Court will be host court).

Policing - Jerry Schubert, Nurse - Betty Biers, Timers - Mrs. Riley Freeman, Archie Munkers, Stan Kemp.

Sound System - Bill Wergen, Photographer - Larry Jones, Tickets - 4-H Empire Builders and Parking - North Morrow Co, Leaders Council, Snack Shack - Episcopal Church Women, Night Watchman - Kurt Robinson.

Pick-up Men - Mack Carrila, Bob Stegall, Charley Daly, Chalk Board - Jack Healy and Judges - Riley Freeman, Rawley Stanley.

Rough and tough livestock will be provided. Horses are furnished by Ronnie Raymond of Paulina. Don Evans is providing steers and yearlings. Shirley Rugg and Bob Van Schoelck providing riding cows and Jerry Dougherty calves. Bulls are furnished by Bill Schan.

All are invited to come on out to the Fairgrounds for this big, wild show that will provide lots of thrills and fun.

The big dance is Saturday night at the Fair Pavilion from 9:30 to 1:00. Music is by the Musundi Band, a 4-piece group from Hermiston.

### Notice To Consumers

Columbia Basin Electric Coop electricity will be off for about 15 minutes Friday, June 9 commencing at 6:30 a.m. to make adjustments at the substation.

Areas affected are: all of Heppner, Ione, Morgan, Cecil, Hardman, Eight Mile Canyon area and the Base Line area east and west of Ione.

### Dam Engineers Ask Decisions of Farmers

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has now determined the estimated cost of stored water for each irrigator on Willow Creek District Improvement Company, in connection with the proposed Willow Creek Dam.

Herman Winter, secretary-treasurer of the Willow Creek District Improvement Company, has mailed this information to each irrigator or land owner on Willow Creek. It is hoped each will send in his "yes" or his "no" as to whether he chooses to participate.

The Bureau of Reclamation engineers are here this week through Friday, June 9th and it is hoped anyone with questions will contact the engineers who are at the Morrow County Court House.

### Speed Board Adopts 35 Mi.

The Oregon State Speed Board has informed the Heppner City Council of their adoption of a speed of 35 miles per hour. This is from the north city limits to 150 feet north of Quaid Street, near the bridge at the Union Oil plant. This is a reduction from the 40 MPH speed formerly in force. State will erect slow signs. City had desired a slow speed in the area for safety reasons.

In other action, it was disclosed the City has accumulated water rights of 32.6 acre feet in Willow Creek. This is free water in addition to arrangements for 100 acre feet from the proposed Willow Creek dam. The City reaffirmed their water right. The Jaycees have arranged for the Ross Carnival to play here Fair and Rodeo week in August. City Council granted them a permit and waived fee if adequate liability insurance protects the City.

Vernon Keithley asked City to investigate a potential fire hazard at houses on Baltimore Street, the O'Hara houses. Matter referred to Fire Chief Burkentine for inspection.

The State Highway reported no bids on the Gale Street paving improvements. The State will negotiate.

Ross Bros. who have installed the new Main Street bridge requested an additional 3 week extension of time to install the Chase Street bridge because of troubles encountered. Council denied the request.

There have been some complaints of odors from the sewer plant. There is money in the budget now to correct this.

On water lines to the Loft-Rasmussen subdivision, the City will furnish water and will provide labor when they can. Owner will pay for materials. In repairing streets there City will not charge for potholes but will make a charge for places where owner has broken streets to install water and sewer lines.

Swimming pool is to be inspected and is believed ready for use.

On June 9th there will be a meeting of Council to present budget to Citizens' Committee.

Water District board members Dick Wilkinson and Marcel Jones appeared and proposed a sub-district to include the entire Water District. City has no objection to this matter.

When Willow Creek dam is built, work is planned on the channel of Willow Creek thru Heppner. It is expected that this would be paid from Water District funds. The District can levy a tax of .0005 maximum or one half of one percent. Exact valuation of the area is not yet known but is believed something like fifteen million dollars. The tax on this would raise \$7500 annually. Water District will meet next Monday.

Mr. Wilkinson asked if there could be a pedestrian walk placed outside the bridge in front of the Courthouse. He feels the narrow bridge is very dangerous to children. Mayor Collins said he would discuss the matter with the State Highway Dept.

Mayor told of a letter complaining of horse droppings on Main Street sidewalks. Matter was referred to the Police Dept.

A letter was received from Mrs. Jewel Hager enclosing payment for hauling debris from the fire at Evans Lumber Yard to the dump ground. They also sent a statement for \$405 for removing mud from flood on Chase Street with charges for labor at \$2.70 per hour and for gravel and mileage. The City Attorney stated there is no obligation of a municipality in a case such as this as it is necessary to

have a binding written contract called quantum merit.

Mrs. Larry Heath appeared to request lights at the tennis court. She explained this would allow use of the courts at night and perhaps lessen the breaking of bottles there. Mayor said this is school property and will discuss the matter with school officials to see what can be done.

### CHAMBER SPEAKER

Jeep Slocum of Umatilla's Dun McClannahan Potato Produce will be the guest speaker at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday. As a potato man he is knowledgeable on all facets of potato production and marketing. He is a spicy speaker and there will be no dull moments.

### ROADS NEARLY COMPLETED

The construction work on the Heppner-Lexington highway had paving complete yesterday. A few things more will soon see the road complete. Vail Company will soon move to the Bombing Range road to complete paving the widened road for about 8 miles.

### LEE S. BOUTELLE PASSES HERE

Lee S. Boutelle, 81, late of Heppner died June 5 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. He was born Sept. 1, 1890 in Helena, Mont. and had followed the building trades. He had been a former secretary of the Carpenters and Joiners Union, Local 1849, Pasco.

He is survived by his wife, Vera of Heppner; two sons, S.L. Boutelle, Keniwick and W.L. Boutelle, Seattle; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Blair, Kahlotus, Wa., and Mrs. Jeanne Ude, Harlan, Mont., and 12 grand children.

Vault interment and graveside services were held at the Belle Passi Cemetery, Woodburn, Ore., with the Rev. Jay Hoffman of the Christian Church officiating, under direction of Sweeney Mortuary.

Mr. Boutelle's wife, Vera, is a sister of the late Cod Wise.

**LOOKING FOR A BARGAIN?** The Gazette-Times has one. A Buddy Subscription is available through the month of June for just half price. With your new or renewal at the regular price of \$5.00 a year, a new subscription for a buddy is just \$2.50. If you have a neighbor or friend who would like to become a subscriber, get together and get your two subscriptions for only \$3.75 a piece. **GOOD THROUGH JUNE.**

### Becky National Champ

Becky Fulleton who recently won the Northwest College Regional Barrel Racing Championship has been officially declared the National Barrel Racing Champion, with a 580 out of possible 600 points. Girl closest was Marita Hunt of Utah State University with 575 points.

### Proofs of Childrens Pictures Ready

Woltz Studios who recently took children's pictures for later publication in the Gazette-Times will be in the county June 12 and 13 to show the proofs. He will be in: **BOARDMAN - Monday June 12 from 9 until 11:30 a.m. at the Grange Hall, HEPPNER - Tuesday June 13, 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the City Hall (old library), IONE - Tues. June 13, 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.**

### SUMMER THEATER PLANNED

The Heppner Drama Club held a short and informal meeting May 31 to elect new officers for the coming year. Mary Abrams was elected president; Greg Davidson, vice-president; Tami Meador, secretary; treasurer; and Barb Sherman, publicity.



ERIC JOHNSON of The Dalles has been named Asst. Manager for Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

### Co-op gets Asst. Manager

Walter Jaeger, President of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op board has announced that Eric Johnson of The Dalles has been retained as assistant manager to manage the affairs of the Cooperative during the absence of Manager Harley B. Young.

Mr. Johnson will continue in this capacity until a general manager is hired to replace Mr. Young who will be retiring due to continued ill health.

Mr. Johnson has considerable experience in the electric utility field, having managed Wasco Electric Co-op at The Dalles since its inception in 1939, a period of 29 1/2 years having retired from that position in Dec. 1969.

Prior to his taking the position of manager with Wasco Electric Co-op he served as secretary and assisted in organizing that Cooperative and starting its operations. He also assisted in the organization and forming of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op in 1945. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have taken up temporary residence in Heppner.

### WHEAT OUTLOOK

Wheat requires lots of moisture when it is growing as fast as it is these warm days. Some wheat towards the north end of the county, was just beginning to burn when the million dollar rain hit the area pretty generally with 1 1/2 inches on May 20-21.

Last weekend the Heppner area got a good soaking but the rain was not as generous in other areas. Oren Brace said they didn't get much in the Eight-Mile area. It was reported later about 1/2 in. fell in this area.

Due to the late frosts, the wheat was slowed down this spring. Farmers are hopeful for receiving moisture for fast growth so the wheat will develop past the milk stage before the hot weather hits.

### Free Swim Sunday

Heppner's Swimming pool opens Sunday with a FREE swim. Pool will be open daily except Mondays.

### Lightning Starts Fires

There have been three little fires in the forest in Heppner District the past week caused by lightning. The U. S. Forest Service reported that Glen Ward spotted a fire on Coal Mine hill and promptly put it out. Two other small fires were one south of Madison Butte and another just south of Tucker. These are the first fires this year in the Umatilla National Forest.

The State Forester has declared a closed fire season in this area. This means anyone wanting to burn debris must get a permit. A permit is not necessary for a campfire.

HARDMAN'S annual Reunion will be held Sunday, June 18.

### Portland garbage to stop blow on Bombing Range

How Portland's garbage can halt the blow on the Navy Bombing Range was told to the Heppner Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday. Lawrence E. Wilkinson, director of Nuclear Division of George D. Ward & Associates, consulting engineers Environmental Control Analyst passed around samples in plastic bags of the various forms the solid wastes of the big city might take. Portland accumulates 2000 tons a day to dispose of. One-third of this is demolition debris good for land fills and creates no problem. Wastes from commercial establishments, paper mill sludge and great amounts of bark are problems.

Their firm has looked to other countries and areas for their solutions to this problem. City garbage is put through a mill and shredded. Israel is shredding garbage and working it into sand to promote growth on sand wastes. The Island of Jersey is shredding sewage sludge and working it into the soil for a high grade top soil. Holland has composted garbage since World War II to re-establish nutrients in the soil that were depleted during the war. All forms of the solid waste materials and sewage sludge may have fertilizer added to bring nutrients to the sandy soil on the Bombing Range, if tests indicate it is needed. Five thousand acres have been selected for stabilization. The material will be put on the land 100 tons per acre average 3' to 1 foot depending on the terrain. They will first start with the severe blow area along the Bombing Range Road and then to the source of the blow where the mantle has been broken. The work is expected to get underway soon and some planting will be done this fall. They will plant a wide variety of grasses and may include crested wheat grass, Nomad alfalfa as well as Bitter Brush.

Adding the various forms of solid wastes will increase the capabilities of the soil for more on page 2

### SOS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

The American Red Cross is now accepting financial contributions to help families in the Okanogan Valley in Washington that was struck with heavy flooding this week. In 1948, Red Cross spent \$85,000 in the area and this flood appears to be much worse. Estimates of expenditures for helping the families will go above \$100,000. Contributions may be sent to Judy Laughlin for the Okanogan Disaster Relief.

### NEW OIL

On Friday evening, June 9 the Forest Service will place dust oil from the junction of the Kinzua West Road Number S-518 and Highway 207 West toward Kinzua for a distance of 6.5 miles.

Motorists are asked to avoid driving on this section of road over the weekend if possible. Until the dust oil has penetrated the road surface vehicle tires will splash oil on the painted surface of your automobile which will be hard to remove.

### CAUTION

The Oregon State Police advises people that it is unlawful to pick up any young wild animals without first securing a permit from the Oregon State Game Commission. Skunks and Coyotes are especially susceptible to rabies.

Anyone seeing a young fawn and they know the mother has been run over, is asked to give Vic Groshens, State Police a ring at 676-9615 or call Jack Melland or Glen Ward with the Game Commission.

### COUNTY BUDGET

The County Budget which is shown in detailed form in this issue of the Gazette-Times is within the 6 per cent limitation of increase as allowed by Oregon's law.

Using the 2.58 per cent cost of living index in the Portland area, the County Court and budget committee allowed a 3 per cent salary increase for all county employees. Judge Jones said "this is one of the lowest in the state."

The Road Department shows an increase from \$267,000 to \$272,000. The purchase of no heavy equipment is contemplated. The \$30,000 shown in capital improvements will go for rolling equipment, trucks, pickups, etc.

The Road Department expects to be through with the repair of winter damage to the roads by July 1. They plan some new oiling and re-sealing this summer. This includes the Baseline Road from Tad Millers on the Sand Hollow Road to the highway a distance of 3 miles.

The Morrow County planner and secretary positions will be terminated Oct. 31 unless Title 6 of the Emergency Employment Act is renewed. The Sheriff's office has received verbal assurance that there is little doubt that the employment in this department under Title 5 of the Emergency Employment Act will be renewed through another calendar year.

Additional \$1,000 for the employment of young people between the ages of 16 and 22 for limited summer employment through NYC has been received. Richard Wadholm, Dave Schwarzin and LaVerne Van Marter Jr. will be working on maintenance at the parks, at the Court House and where ever they are needed. There is one slot yet to fill.

Sue Melby will be employed in the Sheriff's office to fill out in communications.

### CENTENNIAL EVENTS

The Heppner Merchants committee is working on some fun activities to have in conjunction with the Side Walk Bazaar on July 22.

Besides the Sale activities along the sidewalks by the merchants and the different organizations, one piece of entertainment will be provided with a greased pole. The pole in front of the Heppner Hotel and greased from top to bottom will have that magic piece of paper, a \$5.00 bill on top for the guy or gal who makes it to the top. Like looking for a needle

in the haystack, another kid thriller will be a pile of slayings with pennies, nickels and dimes in it.

Other possibilities are a Pop drinking contest, barbecue supper, horse shoe tournament.

That evening there will be an old fashioned square dance on the street and a Princess Dance out at the Fair Grounds.

Marj Gardner at Gardner's Mens Wear is again in charge of the booth placement chart for organizations wishing to participate in the annual Sidewalk Bazaar.

### Father of the year Picnic June 17

The Morrow County Cowbells are inviting everybody to the Father of the Year picnic to be held June 17 at 6:30 at the Fair Grounds. All previous Fathers of the Year are invited to join in the picnic this year to honor

Bob Jepsen, the 1972 Morrow County Father of the Year. Families are asked to bring their choice of meat to be barbecued and their table settings. Desserts, salads and drinks will be furnished by the Cowbells.

### HISTORICAL IRISHMAN PASSES FROM VIEW

Phil Higgins, a retired shepherd of Heppner died May 31 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. He was 90. Phil, a beloved son of Erin, was born Aug. 21, 1881 in County Leitrim, Ireland. He came to the United States and arrived in Morrow County on St. Patrick's Day 1903.

His first job was herding sheep for the Minors. The crew gave him, the new greenhorn, the usual tall tales about the Indians. For a good many nights Phil stacked firewood against the door and slept with the axe by his bed... "to protect himself from the Indians".

Beck, now of Hermiston stood with Cassie.

Phil one of "the last of the Great" had a marvelous Irish brogue and twinkling blue eyes. He was way up in his 80's when he finally quit bowling. Heliked to bake cakes. Even at the last when he was in the hospital he was looking to the future and said he would make his own garden as soon as he got out of the hospital. His garden was one of his prides.

In his memory The Rosary was recited June 2 and the Funeral Mass on June 3 with the Rev. Raymond H. Beard officiating. Casket bearers were Bob McLaughlin, Don Pointer, Charles Doherty, Kenneth Turner, Ebb Hughes, Cornett Green. Concluding services were at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Survivors are a step daughter; Josephine Foster and her husband Rex Foster of Klamath Falls who have four children Ross, Jon, Laurie and Rita; a brother, Michael Higgins in New Jersey; a niece, Kathleen Higgins Fehrenbacher, Portland and a nephew, Jimmie Higgins of La Grande.

He took out his naturalization papers in 1909. He ranched at Lena in the Long Canyon area. Joe Doherty of Pilot Rock now owns the ranch. Phil raised sheep and cattle and grain hay.

Phil and Cassie were married May 19, 1932 at the old St. Patrick's Catholic Church, now the American Legion Building.

His nephew, Jimmy Higgins, now of LaGrande, stood with Phil and Agnes Doherty

### Pastor Ehlen Supplies Here

Pastor Emeritus Otto G. Ehlen of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Angeles, Wash. is here. He will be supply pastor for Hope Lutheran Church and Valby Church.

Pastor and Mrs. Rudy Mensch have retired and have moved to Chilliwack, B.C.

KAREN RICHARDS of Morrow County was highest placing 4-H Beef Judge at the Ore. Wheat Growers League Jr. Livestock Show at The Dalles.

Men are really very easy to please. Why don't you please Dad on Father's Day with a personalized gift certificate for his favorite Beef cut.

### John Ayres Promoted

BREMERTON, WASH. - Marine Cpl. John P. Ayres, husband of the former Miss Debra L. Barnett of Ione, Ore., was promoted to his present rank while serving at Marine Barracks, Bremerton, Wash.

A 1970 graduate of Heppner High School he joined the marine Corps in May 1970.

Anyone with an event to be noted during Heppner's Centennial year, is asked to please list it on the Gazette-times "Event Calendar". This is located on an inside door of the G-T.



VISITORS to the Pendleton Experiment Station's annual Field Day June 23 will see new wheat and barley varieties and hear highlights of research, including effect of tillage and management on soil moisture storage and selective cheatgrass control in winter wheat. Dr. Charles R. Rohde, superintendent (above) and staff will explain station projects. The program will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Pick up Dad's personalized Beef gift certificate at any branch of the U.S. or First National Bank of Oregon, or from your local Cow-Belle unit.

### Vandals Cause Power Outage

The Heppner-Ione, Buttercreek area in north central Oregon suffered a two hour electric power outage early Saturday morning due to vandals shooting insulators.

Harold Cantrell, BPA Area Manager, said 54 insulators were broken by rifle fire on three structures of the BPA Boardman-Ione transmission line just south of the Boardman Bombing Range.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the FBI are investigating. Cantrell said the damage to the Administration's transmission line is a Federal offense and punishable by either fine or imprisonment.