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## Biggest fair, rodeo ends

Unofficial figures indicate that the 1974 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo surpassed last year's attendance, and receipts were also up.

Fair gate receipts were \$875; rodeo gate receipts, \$5,500; rodeo program sales, \$450; and rodeo dances contributed \$2,000, according to Liz Curtis, secretary-treasurer.

Comparative figures for other years will be released when the receipts are audited. The two-day rodeo attracted 246 RCA cowboy contestants and 48 Morrow County ones, as compared to a total of 278 entries last year.

Jim Rogers, rodeo publicity chairman, said their would have been 350 entries except that all entries were closed two hours earlier than the advertised time. More than 100 cowboys has to perform during a special "slack time" event for them on Sunday morning. In fact, Rogers said, there were so many entries that it was actually a four-day rodeo, three days of RCA and one day of Morrow County. He said the rodeo has grown to the point where some changes will have to be made in order to continue the event at its present high level.

One possibility, he said, is to hold Morrow County competition on Friday night before the RCA events on Saturday and Sunday. This would free many local cowboys for work at the RCA portion of the rodeo, and give more time to RCA contestants. He estimated total attendance for the two days at 3,000 persons.

According to Rogers, 35 of the nation's top-rated RCA cowboys in their special categories were present at the Heppner rodeo, and several world champion performers.

They included such figures as Dean Oliver, No. 1 calf roper in the nation; Joe Alexander and Bob Marshall, No. 1 bareback riders; Doug Brown, No. 1 rated saddle bronc rider; Bob Ragsdale, perennial all-around champion cowboy; and John Quintana and Donnie Gay, who are fighting it out for No. 1 and No. 2 ratings in the bull riding event.

The team roping events suffered this year because the biggest names in that area were engaged in competition in Oklahoma City.

### MORROW COUNTY EVENTS

Team roping—1, Beverly and Bob Steagall, 58.6; 2, Bob Montgomery-Kathy Gilbert, 95.5; 3, Roice Fulleton-Howard Bryant, 96.2. Calf roping—1, Kyle Robinson; 2, Jerry Gentry; 3, Richard Kinzer.

Wranglers cow riding—1, Clay West; 2, Joe Yocom and Joe Halvorsen (tie); 4, Glen Griffith.

Kyle Robinson won the all-around trophy. Hard luck awards went to Bruce Bergstrom for his ride in the RCA bareback and O. Paine, chariot team racer.

### RCA EVENTS

Bareback—1, Royce Smith, 75 points; Steve Jesse and Pat Kirby, tie 67; 3, J.C. Trujillo and Joe Alexander, tie, 66.

Team roping—1, Steve Snaube-Bud Alexander, 8.5; 2, Gary Sewell-Darrel Sewell, 8.6; 3, Les Kamm-Wade Kamm, 8.9; Bob Bomberg-Wayne Skramstead, 9.1.

Calf roping—1, Jim Gladstone, 8.1; 2, Jeff Copenhaver, 9.0; 3, Bob Ragsdale, 9.1; 4, Terry Ryder, 9.3.

### BARREL RACING

1, Melane Rhinehardt, 18.6; 2, Julie Benson, 18.8; 3, (tie) Susan Ely and Lila Mae Stewart, 19.0; 4, (three-way split) Mary Healy, Sharon Fouts, Judy Frasier, 19.2; 5, Nancy Coleman, 19.2.

### STEER WRESTLING

1, Pat Nogle, 4.6; 2, Fred Larson, 5.9; 3, Tim Fuller, 6.0; 4, Chuck Boatright, 6.1.

### BULL RIDING

1, Larry Davis, 73 points, paid \$484.72; 2, John Quintana; 3, A.J. Swain; 4, Guy Weedman.

### BRONC RIDING

1, Doug Brown, 68 points, paid 290.08; 2, Everett Jones, 66; 3, (tie), 65.

Following is a partial list of the winners in various categories at the Morrow County Fair.

### OPEN CLASS ENTRIES UP THIS YEAR

A comparison of the number of entries in the open class divisions at the '73 and '74 Fairs shows an increase of 12 entries overall this year.

By divisions with the '73 entries listed first, the comparison show Hobbies and Art 147, 122; Photography 35, 24; Collectors Corner 151, 187; Needlework 100, 80; Knitting 22, 15; Clothing 70, 70; Teen Corner 109, 138; Children's Corner 158, 215; Flowers 217, 254; Fruits and Vegetables 183, 191; Foods 85, 75; Canning 179, 197; Booths 15, 13; Sheep 10, 4; Beef 19, 19; Poultry and Rabbits 151, 49; Grain and Hay 48, 58. The 1973 total was 1699 entries; 1974 total is 1711.

### 4-H SHEEP Intermediate Showmanship

Champion, Mark Sargent, Heppner; Reserve Champion, Cathy Palmer, Heppner. Blue ribbons, Pam Cantin, Ronny Curran; red ribbons, Larry Palmer, Donald Richards, Lynda Sams; white, Darla Rea, Rick Dougherty, Kevin McCabe, Shawna Seitz.

### 4-H SHEEP Junior Showmanship

Champion, Paula Palmer, Heppner; Reserve Champion, Cliff Dougherty, Heppner; blue ribbons, Jim Jepson, Ann Lindsay; red, Mike Curran, Melanie Seitz, Tony Curran, Patti Devine, Coleman Devine, Stephanie Sams.

### 4-H SHEEP Senior Showmanship

Champion, Sandra Palmer; Reserve Champion, Karl Palmer, both Heppner.

### GRAND CHAMPIONS IN SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Grand Champion, Mark Sargent, Heppner. Reserve Grand Champion, Sandy Palmer, Heppner.

### VEGETABLES, GENERAL EXHIBIT, FREAK EXHIBIT

General exhibit—1, Truman Messenger, Lexington; 2, Gail Hughes; 3, Lois Winchester. Carrots—1, Dean Munkers. Freak exhibit, unusual fruit or vegetables—Grace McKinney, Boardman; Linda Johnson; Truman Messenger; Millie Yocum, Lexington. Largest pumpkin—Nancy Doubek, Irrigon. Largest squash—Mrs. Ray Devine. Other unusual vegetables—Nancy Doubek; Judy Gochauer. Eggs—best dozen white, Janet Greenup. Best dozen brown—1, Travis Harrison, Lexington; 2, Janet Greenup; 3, Claudia Huston. (Continued on page 8)



The Soroptimist Club float using the "Those Were The Days" theme won the first place in its division and also the Sweepstakes Award in Saturday's annual parade.

## Soroptimists, parade winner

The parade Saturday, a feature of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, was witnessed by approximately 2,000 spectators who lined Main Street for the "impromptu" affair.

Results of the parade judging:

In the organizational floats, juvenile division, 1st prize of \$25 went to the Heppner Swim Team. In the adult organization, 1st place went to the Heppner Soroptimist Club for

its float depicting a household scene from early days in Oregon. It also captured the Grand Sweepstakes award for an added \$50 in prize money. 2nd place went to the Morrow County Search and Rescue unit, Pioneer Memorial Hospital won 1st in the business category; Dean Teal was 2nd.

Best float from out of the county went to the U.S. Navy for its entry, a miniature of the aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise. Oregon State

Forestry Department placed 2nd.

Umatilla Sage Riders was judged the best riding club, with Heppner Wranglers 2nd. Best mounted family group, Bob Montgomery, best mounted cowgirl, Joan Eckman; best mounted cowboy, Lee Palmer; best comic, Bill Scott; oldest cowgirl, Ethel Lehman; oldest cowboy, Clyde Nutting.

Visiting Rodeo Queens and their Courts, mounted, Harney County, 1st; Pendleton

Round-up, 2nd; unmounted, 1st, Boardman Harvest Festival. Best cars—1st, John Hatton; 2nd, Bob Harrison; 3rd, Everett Keithley.

The children "bombed out" in this year's entries in the juvenile division, with only a few turning out in costume or floats. Special attention went to Heather Eckman, Amy Greenup and Shawn Smith. All children who entered will receive ribbons plus a small amount of cash.

## Livestock sale nets \$25,258

\$25,258.86 was paid to FFA and 4-H Club members for their animals at the annual Livestock Sale Friday night at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

A ceiling price of .20 per pound above market price was placed on hogs and sheep and a .10 per pound ceiling on beef. This applied to all animals except the grand champions and reserve champions in each class.

Karen Richards sold her grand champion hog for .80 per pound and Robert Richards received .70 per pound for his grand champion. Dan

Van Schoiack was paid .75 a pound for his reserve champion and Bill Van Schoiack got .68 for his reserve champion.

The remaining 29 blue and red ribbon winners each received .58 a pound for their animals.

Mark Sargent was paid \$1 per pound for his grand

champion ewe; Rhonda Sargent got .95 for her champion.

Mike Curran and Mary Ann Greenup were paid .90 and .85 respectively for their reserve champions, while the remainder of the 24 sheep

brought .57 a pound.

Katherine Van Schoiack was paid \$1 a pound for her grand champion beef, and Kyle Robinson received .90 a pound for his grand champion. Tim Daly and Kristi Hague-wood each got .80 a pound for their reserve champions. The remaining 26 animals brought .56 a pound.

At this year's livestock sale 91 animals were sold by FFA and 4-H members as compared to last year's total of 88, which sold for \$31,780.32. However, last year the ceiling prices were higher and 10 more steers were sold over

this year's total. The number of sheep sold this year and last year had a difference of only two, and the number of hogs went from 18 last year to 33 this year.

### YOUTH ARRESTED, DWI CHARGE

William F. Robinson, 22, Pilot Rock, was arrested by Oregon State Police Saturday night for driving under the influence of alcohol.

He was driving West on Highway 74 near Kinzua Mill. After spending the night in county jail, Robinson was fined \$305 and released.

## VA mobile office in Heppner Sept. 9

A red, white and blue Veterans Administration "office on wheels" will tour Oregon next month bringing government to the people. It will be in Heppner Sept. 9 and in Condon Sept. 10.

"This is the second year VA's 27-foot mobile van is in our state," said Mrs. Donna M. Arndt, director of the Portland VA Regional Office. "This year we'll be visiting 28 communities and helping veterans who may not be

making full use of their benefits.

The colorful van, staffed by specialists in veterans benefits, will assist veterans and their families with GI Bill education, home loans, medical benefits, job training, apprenticeship, or any other problem a veteran may have.

Mrs. Arndt said the van is fitted and staffed as a VA office. Visits to Oregon communities are generally for one day, with the van operating in

public squares, shopping centers, or other convenient locations.

"Personnel are experienced VA people who can provide most of the information and service found in any VA office," the director explained.

The van's staff will have communication with the Portland Regional Office and have access to VA records so that as much business as possible may be accomplished.

Where the veterans need service that normally is provided by another federal agency, or local, state agency or organization, he is given help with starting action at the appropriate office.

"The van tour last year was a tremendous success with over 1700 veterans and dependents visiting our 'office on wheels' throughout Oregon," Mrs. Arndt said. "We anticipate the same kind of enthusiastic response this year."

## Story of Willow Creek Farms is told here

Steve Sackmann, secretary and counselor for the newly organized Willow Creek Farms, Boardman, was guest speaker at the noon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Willow Creek Farms is a joint venture for Pete Taggares, Othello, Wa., and J.R. Simplot, Boise, Idaho, who recently assumed a 30-year lease on 16,500 acres on Boeing property previously leased to Wheatheart Inc., Perryton, Tex.

According to Sackmann, "Wheatheart Inc. had leased the acreage from Boeing, and then something changed their plans giving us the opportunity to take over its lease. Wheatheart had pumps ordered to pump fresh water from Willow Creek, for irrigation, and we assumed their pumps, which will be located near the Boeing pumps."

Pipes have been installed ranging in size from 60 to 72 inches, to serve the proposed 104 circles that will irrigate 130 acres each. The circles will be manually operated.

Willow Creek Farms plans to plant 10,000 acres in potatoes and 3,000 acres in wheat by the spring of 1975. The crops will be rotated either annually or every two years, depending on soil conditions. At present there are 1,700 acres planted in grapes.

The J.R. Simplot Co. has the largest potato processing plant in the world, and plans call for the Simplot share of potatoes to be taken back to

Idaho for processing. However, in the future a processing plant could be built in the Boardman area. The J.R. Simplot Co., supplies french fries to all of the McDonald chain restaurants.

Taggares has been active in agriculture and food processing since 1954. He recently expanded his Chef Reddy Foods (potato processing) and

alfalfa cubing in Othello, Wa., while the J.R. Simplot Co. is recognized as one of the nation's leading food processors and chemical producers. Simplot also feeds cattle and sheep on waste potatoes in their feed lots.

At present plans are underway to construct a runway, shops and storage areas for potatoes on the Boeing land.



This year's Morrow County calf roper is Kyle Robinson, shown accepting a hand-made saddle from Allen Sherry Kemp at the close of the rodeo. Kyle also won the All-Around trophy.



## Labor Day-- Time to close shop again!

Monday is Labor Day.

The regular meeting of the city council will not be held Monday night. Instead, it will convene the following evening, on Tuesday. There will be no meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Most stores, except restaurants and service stations, will be closed for the holiday.

The Gazette-Times will be open Monday as usual, and correspondents are advised that copy must be hand-delivered to the office if it is to be delivered before Tuesday.