

# Ferguson heads all-star cast

WOW! LOOK AT THESE NAMES.

Heppner, Oregon. Out in the Eastern Oregon sticks? No way.

We've got a rodeo that's worth shouting about.

Tom Ferguson, last year's all-around cowboy, currently number one in calf roping and number one in all around competition, averaging just over \$4,000 a week, leads a pack of hungry cowboys into Heppner this weekend for two

big days of Rodeo Cowboy Association action.

And if these cowboys can't give that action, nobody can. The list reads like a Who's Who in pro rodeo. Along with Ferguson, it includes the Camarillo brothers, Leo, Jerald and Redge.

Leo was second all-around last year and with brother Jerald and Redge and H.P. Evans on his team in team roping competition, he stands a good chance of picking up

some of the estimated \$14,000 purse offered by the Heppner rodeo and entry fees.

Larry Cohorn, currently 10th in the standings, will be at the Saturday night show, along with Dean Oliver, a past world champion and 13th in the ranks now.

Jeff Coppenhaver will see action Sunday. He was world champ last year and currently is 16th. Jerald and Leo Camarillo, will be joined by Carl Ditto, currently 11th in

the world and Dave Brock, a former rookie of the year in calf roping.

In steer wrestling, the list doubles back, taking in some of those all-arounds again. It also lists C.R. Jones, and Bob Marshall, past world champ and current director. Ferguson is in there and Carl Deaton, now 8th in the world. In the Sunday show, Paul Hughes, a finalist before, and Larry Ferguson, 10th in steer wrestling and 10th all around

in the nation will vy for top dollars.

Team roping sounds like an all-star roster. Along with Leo Camarillo teaming up three times will be brothers Redge and Jerald, he'll also join H.P. Evans, third in the world right now.

Corky Warren, a national finalist last year and all-around at Cheyenne two years ago, will match up with Tom Ferguson for a go around in the team roping.

In all, there will be 65 team roping squads terrorizing steers for the purse money.

The ladies will be here too. Current Girls Rodeo Association president and fourth ranked in the nation, Kay Vamboras will vy in the Sunday show and Gail Petska, third in the world, will highlight that first show Saturday.

Events will include bareback, saddle bronc and bull-riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, and team roping.



Cowboy entries fees ranging from \$25 to \$30 per event will be added to the \$24000 budgeted purse and to another estimated \$1200 of added money.

The two reigning world champs, Ferguson and Camarillo, both won more than \$50,000 in the arena last year. Ferguson is the leading winner this season. He's already won more than \$80,000 in the timed events.



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## Boardman man killed in one car accident Saturday

A one-car accident late Saturday night left one man dead and three others with serious injury.

Dead is Douglas Theodore Brundy, 30, Boardman. He was a passenger in a pickup truck driven by Jerry Patrick DeLair.

DeLair, 25, Boardman, his brother Joseph Charles DeLair, 17, and Leland Edward Kastler, 18, Irrigon, were all listed in satisfactory and stable condition at St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton Monday afternoon.

Oregon State Police reports are vague, according to Lt. Bill Barboletus in Hermiston due to the time and place of the accident.

The one car wreck occurred about 11:30 p.m. Saturday night. According to police reports, the Ford pickup was traveling westbound and left the road, striking a locust tree

on the north side of Wilson Road.

A report said that the pickup received heavy damage on the right side and that the vehicle was "traveling at a high rate of speed." The report also said that the "front tire on the passenger side was in the approximate location of where

passengers feet would normally be."

Wilson Road is a two way, paved road. Where the accident took place was termed "level and straight and the surface of highway of good quality."

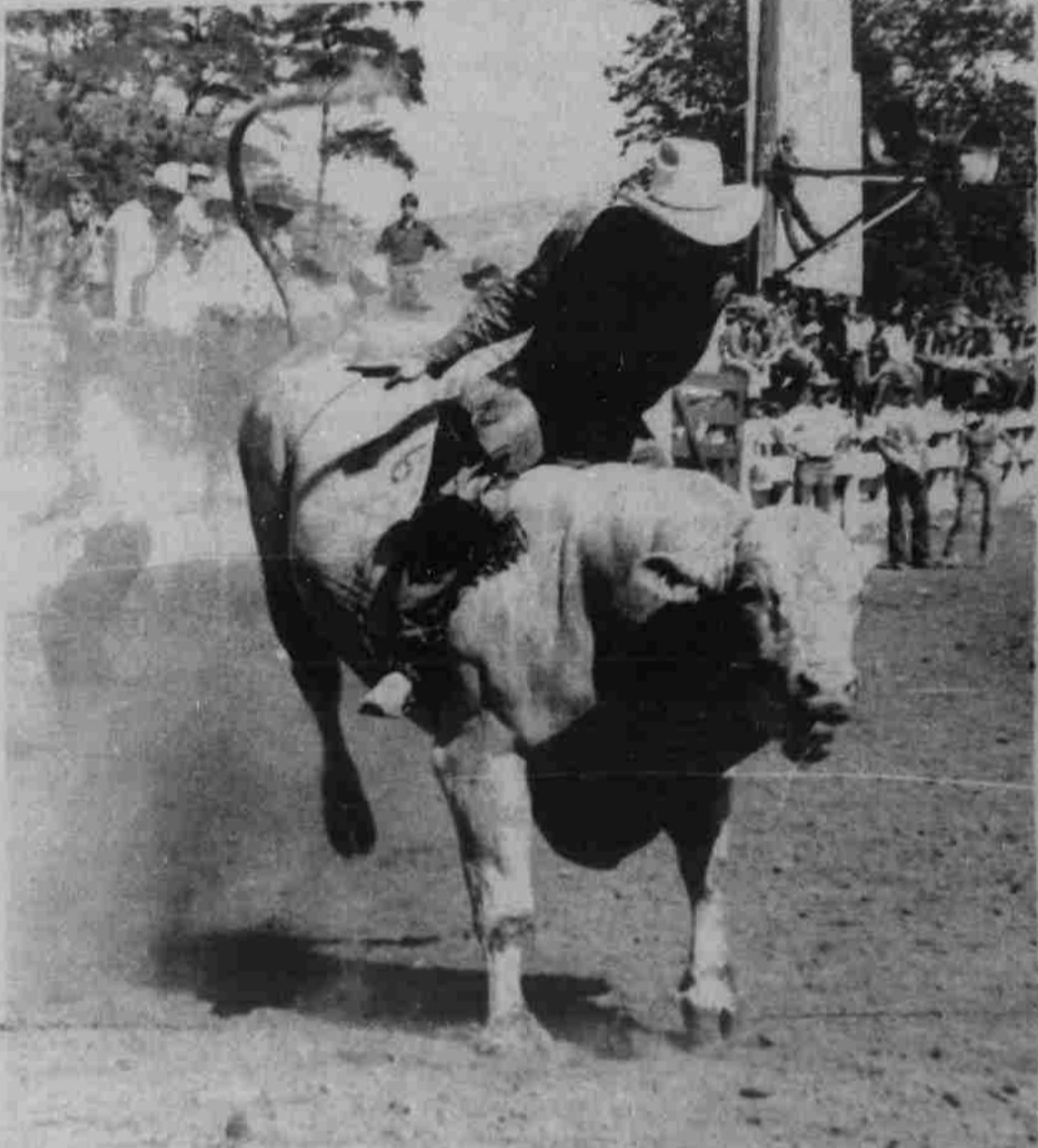
First reports said there were six people in the pickup

but Barboletus said there were five. OSP is still unsure of how many were in the cab and how many were in the bed of the pickup.

Early reports said two passengers were in the bed and were thrown out and walked away with scratches. Brundy, and the driver,

Jerry Patrick DeLair, are known to have been in the cab. Brundy, according to reports, died enroute to the hospital.

Kevin Leigh Robinson, 23, Boardman and Harry William Webber, 22, Arlington, were transferred to Good Shepherd in Hermiston with minor injuries. They are believed to have been riding in the cab.



Senes like this won't be uncommon this weekend during three days of rodeo. Friday is the Morrow County event and three RCA shows follow on Saturday and Sunday.

(G-T Photo)

## Attendance down Tues.

Although attendance figures were cut in half compared to last year's Tuesday, exhibits were up and there was some question on whether the counters had been used correctly.

Liz Curtis, Morrow County Fair secretary, said the figures were down, about half, and blamed part of the people

loss on the late harvest.

One lady found judges to her liking was Mikko Buchanan of Irrigon. She won three sweepstakes Tuesday, sweeping the trophy for the children's corner and Kathy Palmer, Heppner, won the teen corner trophy.

The first big decisions made at this year's Morrow County Fair were made by the judges of the community booths. On Tuesday morning the Community Booths were rated thus: Sweepstakes and first in Church Division, Heppner Christian Church; 2nd, Assembly of God Church.

First for Community Service and Social Organizations went to A.A.U.W.; 2nd, Ione Garden Club; 3rd, Heppner American Legion Auxiliary.

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## Demo goes Rep

Mike Sweeney has found himself in somewhat of a precarious position although he maintains that the tight spot will cause "no conflicts."

The young Heppner man, waiting for his attorney's state bar test results, is a registered Democrat. He is also a Democratic precinct committeeman.

He is also the Morrow County campaign chairman for Ken Jernstedt, a Republican senator, up for election in November.

Sweeney says the position will cause "no conflicts."

"I talked to some of the others (in the Democratic precinct) and they agree. It's the man ... not the party," Sweeney said. "I'm a Democrat and usually back all the Democratic candidates, but there's always an exception ... and he's the man."

As campaign chairman in this county, Sweeney will coordinate campaign activities, Jernstedt's Speeches, places to visit, literature, etc.

He has made arrangements for the Senator for the 28th district to ride in the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade this Saturday. Jernstedt will be accompanied by his wife.



While most people were caught up in the busy bussle of the Morrow County Fair Tuesday, this little one found some peace and quiet in the canned food exhibits.

(G-T Photo)

An electrical storm shut electricity off in Heppner early Wednesday morning around 1:50 a.m. The power was off for about 45 minutes while incessant rains bombarded the area and slowed harvest one more time.

Floods occurred in the city and surrounding areas of Ione. Half as big as golf balls was reported, however, at press time, extent of the damage was not known.

An early morning fire gutted the old Swanson house in Ione also, it was vacated about a month ago and no-one was living there. See next week's Gazette-Times for more details.

## Farmers 'uneasy' as rains continue to fall, slow harvest once more

"Uneasy". That's the way one farmer described himself this week as rains continued to thwart combines and delayed area wheat harvest again.

Many farmers got going again Saturday, according to Riley Munkers, Morrow County Grain Growers buyer and seller of grain.

The concern for sprout damage in the area has somewhat fizzled to a halt. Ranchers around Ruggs, where damage was earlier reported, said Tuesday that sprout damage is virtually nil.

"I haven't seen any sprout damage yet," Munkers said, "except for a little in irrigated grain. None in the dry land," he said.

Munkers said yields are producing 56-57 pounds per bushel, not anything to jump up and down about, but not bad, considering the unusual August rains.

Some of the wheat taken in by MCGG had a 12 per cent moisture content, still a little high, Munkers said. With the brief rain Sunday, he said, that percentage could rise to 13 or 13 1/2 per cent.

Munkers said that if the weather would warm up for 10 days, area farmers could get 90 per cent of the harvest finished.

Munkers said that some farmers from the lower country that are already finished, have come to the aid of the higher ground farmers with the use of more combines. Munkers said that in the last 10 days, MCGG has received what they usually take in for about three weeks.

The race is on, so to speak, matching the farmer and his combine against Mother Nature and her rainclouds. So far, the rain has the edge.

Monday because of Sunday evening showers. He said a few did cut around Heppner where the rain was the slimmest.

"Very little sprout damage," Kerr said, "I don't anticipate any problem unless it continues to rain and delay harvest."

Kerr said Sunday must have been one of the biggest days for area elevators.

In the Ruggs country, where sprouting was reported a concernable foe, the Rill ranch reported that they have "no sprout damage."

The yield, they said, is average or even about at about 30 bushel per acre. The wheat is discolored, they said, as four combines hurry to gain on the rain soaked crop.

Heavy dews have stalled morning work till 10 a.m. and later on the Rill ranch, causing them to be "uneasy", according to Mrs. Rill. "The tension is high," she said, "but it's not to the point where it will go to feed grain yet."

On the Frank Anderson farm, there just hasn't been much cutting.

Since August 2, Anderson has had two full days and four parts of days to harvest. He cut about an hour and 45 minutes Monday.

Anderson has over 1700 acres still to be harvested on the 2100 acre farm. His three combines will have to go at least eight more days, if the weather permits, to finish the work.

Tuesday, Anderson said his moisture content was up to 13.9 per cent. Monday, it was down to 12.5 per cent.

Humidity has been high, he said, causing the slow down of the dry out. Humidity registered at 80 per cent at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday morning and about 70 per cent at 9 p.m. Monday evening.

Anderson received only about .04 of rain Sunday but with the high humidity, the grain refuses to dry out.