

Gentry wins county cowboy all-around title

Jerry Gentry probably has a big smile on his face. He's riding around on a brand new Severe Brothers saddle with over \$135 stuffed in his hip pocket. Gentry was proclaimed the All-Around Morrow County Cowboy Sunday after exceptional performances in calf roping and cow milking. Gentry won the Morrow County calf roping title, securing the saddle and a hundred dollar bill for the Heppner cowboy. His Friday night time in the first go-round was an impressive 17.6. His closest competitor was Don Papineau, a long way back at 27.8. Gentry had the \$100 in his hand after that fast time but was eyeing that tan Severe Brothers saddle, donated by Kinzua Corp. On Saturday afternoon, he went out with a 27.4 giving him a 45.0 total for the two head.

The cowboys had to hit two head to stay in the competition for the saddle. Gentry was among six that did out of the 20 vying for that big chunk of leather. His 45 flat clocking was moved up on by Dick Hoffman, a Lexington cowboy and Bob Mahoney, Heppner. Hoffman needed a 15.3 to tie Gentry and came up with an 18.1, giving him second with a 47.8 total. Mahoney had a 28.9 Friday night performance and a 21.5 on Saturday for a 50.4 total, worth third place and \$40. In the Calgary cow milking, Gentry couldn't beat Max Hellberg but he came close. Hellberg was first for \$51.20 for the Irrigon cowboy. Gentry was second for \$38.40. Third was Cornett Green of Heppner and fourth, Bruce Bergstrom of Lone. Other Morrow County cowboys and cowgirls showed

their rodeo talents to a large crowd on the hot Friday evening show and through intermitted events in the RCA shows. In team roping, Neil Bremer-Kyle Robinson, Heppner, teamed up for the first place prize of \$112 each for a two head time of 78.6. Their first time was a 50.8, the average of their two Friday night tosses. A 27.8 in their third shot Saturday was good enough for the title. Dave Steagall-Bob Steagall, Lexington, were second with an 87.2 total, followed by Monte Evans-John Wilgers at 91.7 and Jane Steagall-Sue Evans, 106.3. In the cowgirl races, Luwanda Bronson of Pendleton won four events. She won the Saturday cowgirl race, the Saturday quarter mile open, the Sunday cowgirl race and the Sunday quarter mile open. In all, the Pendleton cow-

girl pocketed \$140. Her worthy adversaries just couldn't keep up. In the Saturday cowgirl event, Bronson was first, followed by Sandra Rodriguez of Irrigon and Betty Adair of Pendleton. In the afternoon quarter mile event, she was followed by the same duo in opposite order. Sunday's cowgirl race saw the trio go one, two, three with Bronson, Adair and Rodriguez. The afternoon quarter Sunday threw another girl into the limelight and knocked Rodriguez into the shadows. With Bronson first and Adair second, Laurie Cassens of Hermiston, road into third place and picked up \$27. In the Wrangler Cow Riding, Scott Acock of Irrigon took first with a score of 72. He was followed by Tony Currin at 69, Virgil Morgan at 68 and Wade West at 64. Currin and West are from Heppner, Morgan from Irrigon. In Junior girl's barrel racing, first went to Mary Daly of Buttercreek with a time of 19.2. Tied for second was Trisha Mahoney and Maureen Healy with identical 19.3 times. Healy is from Buttercreek, Mahoney from Heppner. Third went to Buttercreek cowgirl, Jo Lynn Daly at 19.6. Senior girl's barrel racing champion was Janice Healy who circled the three barrels in 18.7 for her Buttercreek name. Jana Steagall of Lexington was second at 18.8, followed by Mary Healy, Buttercreek at 19.0 and Kathy Gilbert, Heppner, at 19.8. Money was given out to calf ropers for their day's work. Gentry had the fast time on Saturday, taking the \$100 and followed by Papineau and Mahoney. On Saturday afternoon, Dick Hoffman had fast time of 18.1 for the \$100 prize. Mahoney was second and Dave Daly third. In novice bull riding, Tony Currin bounced his bull for a 65 point showing and first place. Wade West was second at 64 and Larry Pettyjohn was third at 62.



Marty Davis thrilled large crowd with his voice and antics Wednesday. (G-T photo)

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Sue McLean broke somewhat of a chauvinistic barrier last week when she rode with five other men in the Morrow County cow riding. At left, her cow got a little tired of being cooped up



and a watchful cowboy helped Sue out of the chute. At right, she was on the cow but not long enough to hear the eight second whistle. (G-T photo)

68 entries, band produce great parade

Calling it a success, Jim Wishart, Morrow County parade chairman, said 68 entrants, including a band for the first time, enhanced the streets of Heppner last Saturday. For the first time, a band, made up of musicians ranging in age from 10 to 70, participated in the activity. Jim Ackley, Heppner band instructor, got together the close to 70 participants that added a musical tribute to the parade. The band was among many that earned a blue ribbon for their performance. The American Legion and Auxiliary, post 37 walked away with the adult organization blue, followed by Morrow County Search and Rescue and Boardman Lions and Auxiliary. Pioneer Memorial Hospital won the business float division, sneaking in ahead of Dean's Appliance, the Wagon Wheel Cafe and the lone branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. While those divisions worked for top honors, the Heppner Soroptimists International of Heppner strode away with the Grand Sweepstakes winner from those divisions. In other divisions, winners were: Best out of county float: Hermiston Women's Bowling Association, first; Mainstreet Cowboys, second; ARZ Farms, third; Baker Livestock Co., fourth. Best Riding club: Blue Sage Tac Team, Union, first; Umattilla Sage Riders, second. Best Mounted F a m i l y group: John Eubanks and family, first. Best Mounted Cowgirl: Kathy Moore, Hermiston, Miss Oregon Pinto Queen, first. Best Mounted cowboy: Ralph Beamer, first. Best Comic: Merling Bozarth as Davy Crockett. Oldest cowgirl: Ethel Lehman. Oldest Cowboy: Dorey Miller. Bands: Heppner town band. Queens and Courts: Pendleton Round-Up Queen and court, first; Boardman Harvest Festival Queen and court, second; Oregon Trail Appaloosa Queen and court, third; spray Rodeo Queen and court, fourth. Cars: Robert and Elaine Stickney, first; Elwayne Bergstrom, second; Robert and Sharon Harrison, third. Wagons: Jim Orgell and Brian Thompson, first; Lexington Whiskey Runners, second; Floyd Hunchens and family, third. Children division, floats: Kim George, Stacie Toll and Teri Nolan, first. Bicycles: Michael Riemann, first; Tricia Maxam, second. Go-Carts: Chris Rietmann, first. Tricycles: Derek Dollard, first; Melissa Powers, second. Youngest cowgirl: Cherry Bozarth, seven months; Youngest cowboy: Travis Greenup, two years. Riding clubs: Umattilla Sage Riders, first; Two-Trackers 4-H Horse Club, second. Best childrens costume (cowgirl): Jackie Bozarth, Piggim girl; Kimberly Hughes, second. Cowboys: Greg Anderson, first; Kevin Hughes, first; Greg Tollefson, second.

Flag nappers caught

The flag napping that has plagued this community during the summer could be over. Heppner police and Morrow County sheriffs arrested two young Heppner men last week in connection with the theft of a reported eight flags, belonging to Morrow County and Columbia Basin Electric Co. James M. Richardson, 19, and Ed Schwarzin, 19, both of Heppner, were arrested last week. Both were released on 10 per cent of their total \$2010 bail on each. Richardson, also last week, was fined \$255 and had his



Straub appoints Nistad

Gov. Bob Straub named Allen Nistad, Heppner to the Energy facility Siting Council this week. Nistad, 54, succeeds John Bryson, Portland, who resigned. The new appointee will serve through June 1979. Nistad is general manager of Kinzua Corp. He also serves on the State Board of Forestry and will hold that post until a replacement is found.

In Boardman

Planners, residents disagree

A little conflict was brought before the Morrow County Planning Commission Monday night by Boardman residents. The planners received a letter signed by Henry B. Gantenbein, chairman of the Boardman planning commission; Dewey West, Mayor of Boardman and Jim Thompson, city manager. The letters said "the Boardman City Council, at their regular meeting on Aug. 17, and the Boardman Planning Commission, at their regular meeting on Aug. 25, have passed a joint policy statement to restrict future rezoning applications outside the city but inside the designated urban growth boundary for a period of one year." Dave Moon, planning director for the county, said the letter is "not a moratorium or a ban on one acre lots. The city (Boardman) is asking the county planning commission to take a hard look at things and make sure any future growth is consistent with the city's plans. It's just a coordin-

ated effort for logical growth in the area," he said. Evidently, Boardman residents didn't think on the same wave length. They passed the letter off as a moratorium on building on one acre lots and produced a petition with 75 Boardman resident signatures on it. The petition said "The undersigned residents of the Boardman area are in favor of the approval for additional zoning of one acre lots." Moon said the petition was "misunderstood" and "that it is not a moratorium." "Applications for rezoning will be received and the county will still consider them. If they are good, well-thought ideas, and meet present trends in the area's development, I'm sure they will be looked at favorably," Moon said. Moon said the petition signers thought the city's letter was a moratorium. Moon said there was a possibility of a town hall meeting in Boardman to let people know exactly what was going on. In other business, the commission: Approved a zone change for Clarence and Mary Nelson, Hermiston, for 20 acres near the Port of Morrow from farm to industrial. Tabled a zone application from Earl Trudeau on 6 1/2 acres from farm to farm residential near Boardman. Approved with conditions, a conditional use permit for Peter Keiuit and Sons Co., contractors for Portland General Electric. The company plans to do surface mixing in Six Mile Canyon, above the

SCHOOL: VERY FIRST DAY

The world came to my door,
Came and coaxed my little girl away.
Yes, to school very first day.
I gave to the world one little girl all pink and white,
Pony-tail tied with ribbon bright.
No longer will I be her guiding light,
No longer, solely under my guardian care,
But mothers know when to hold: When to let go.
So I hold her tight as I kissed her goodbye.
Smiled my brightest smile,
Smiled so she'd never know,
The ache in my heart as I let go.
Smiled as she danced down the street,
The wings of childhood on her feet.

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