

# 'Happiness is ...' parade theme

"Happiness is..." provides the theme for this year's Morrow County Fair and for parade and float chairman Jim Wishart. "Happiness" would be a sunny Saturday morning without any runaway horses or go-karts.

With one year's experience under his belt, Wishart is now in the process of rounding up the floats, courts, riders and hopefully a marching band for the parade scheduled for Saturday, August 27, beginning at 10 a.m.

Wishart says the entries will be coming in right up to the starting time and he is expecting to equal last year's total of 68. There will be plenty of categories to allow as many as possible to get in on the prize money and ribbons.

A special prize this year will be a ribbon and \$10 award to the entry that best depicts the Fair theme, "Happiness is..."

Also changed for this year will be the assembly area which has been moved to the vacant lot across from the Morrow County Grain Growers. From there, the paraders will travel up Main Street past the reviewing stand at the

Wagon Wheel Cafe and on around to Court Street. At the elementary school the group will split with some continuing on to the Fairgrounds and the others returning to Main Street via Quaid Street.

Entries in the float category so far include; the Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse, Heppner American Legion, Soroptimists, Oregon State Forestry, Boardman Lions and Auxiliary, Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Dean's Appliances.

Also scheduled for the 1½-mile trip is some farming equipment from Morrow County Grain Growers, several antique cars, the Main Street Cowboys from Pendleton and a little marching music provided by an authentic calliope.

As far as the music goes, Jim Ackley is again trying to assemble another edition of Heppner's Amazing Hodge-Podge Marching Musical Menagerie. Anyone is welcome to participate and practices will be held Monday and Tuesday, August 22 and 23, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Heppner High School band room.



*Parade last year drew many participants*



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