

# Rodeo, auction top Fair week

Rodeo action and the 4-H and FFA fat stock auction highlight the remaining few days of the 1977 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

The livestock auction begins at 8 p.m. Thursday night with more than 70 head of cattle, sheep and hogs taking the block.

Thursday also marks the

last day for viewing pavilion exhibits as the main building is cleared for the first of two rodeo dances Friday.

The Morrow County Rodeo begins at 7 p.m. Friday with a full card of local contestants vying for prizes offered by area merchants.

RCA rodeo action starts with the first show Saturday

afternoon at 1 p.m. with a second show scheduled for 7 p.m. that evening. The third RCA show takes place Sunday at 1 p.m.

Live music by the Muddy Creekers in the pavilion provides dancing both nights following the rodeo.

Between rodeo shows Saturday, the All Saints Episcopal

Church will hold their annual bar-b-cue beginning at 5 p.m. on the church grounds, Church and Gale Streets.

Sunday morning breakfast can be eaten in the great outdoors—compliments of the Wranglers Riding Club. The organization is serving breakfast at the city park beginning at 7 a.m.

Rodeo secretary Dennis Doherty said a total of 296 event entries have been filed for the RCA shows, including many of the top 20 money earning cowboys for this season.

Doherty said all contestants will perform during the three shows, and not during slack time as in previous years.



Top prizes at the Friday night Morrow County Rodeo will be the Severe saddle, shown here by Kinzua Corp. General Manager Allen Nistad and Rodeo Queen Mary Anne Proctor, and the \$150 trophy belt buckle that Morrow County Grain Growers Manager Larry Mills appears to be trying on for size. Kinzua and MCGG are donating the prizes. Rodeo time is 7 p.m.

Morrow County's award winning newspaper...

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# Council approves paving; calls personnel session

The Heppner City Council Thursday approved the low bid of \$15,471 for 2,500 feet of paving work in the Lott-Rasmussen addition and Riverside Street areas.

The bid, entered by the Riverbend Construction Co., Pendleton, covers approximately 1,500 lineal feet of roadway in the Lott-Rasmussen area and another 1,000 feet on Riverside Street from the traffic triangle to Morgan Street. Work on the two areas was expected to begin this week.

Since the Riverbend bid left the city with some \$3,000 in the road paving fund, the council agreed to look into the possibility of contracting the county for some additional sealer work on Riverside and Gale Streets.

At Councilman Warren Plocharsky's suggestion, the council decided to check with the county road crew about applying a sealer coat to Riverside Street from Morgan Street to the sewer plant and on Gale Street south from the traffic triangle until funds are exhausted.

### Foreman on agenda

In other action, the council called a special meeting of the city personnel committee to review the current status of City Foreman Don Penney.

Penney's handling of the city water system and other operations has drawn fire in past weeks from several councilmen and he is now

unable to work due to a back injury. Personnel Chairman Hubert Wilson asked that Penney appear before his committee with "a complete resume of what he is capable of doing". Wilson also requested a report from Penney's physician concerning his physical condition.

A workman's compensation claim filed by Penney on July 25 stated that his injury had occurred May 16 while moving city equipment. After the claim was filed, Penney made several trips to Portland for treatment.

The special personnel meet-

ing has been set for September 1 at 8 p.m.

With Penney absent from the council meeting, Jim Dile of the city crew reported that work is progressing on the repair of a ruptured water line on Morgan Street near the high school. Dile said pipe is now being laid but work has been delayed until the delivery of coupling supplies from Portland. The necessary parts were expected to arrive this week and the job should be completed before the opening of school.

The council also granted liquor and beer license renew-

als to Central Market, West of Willow, Cal's Cafe and Lounge, the Elk's Lodge, Thompson's Grocery, Court Street Market, the Wagon Wheel Cafe and Lounge and Bucknum's Tavern.

At the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the council agreed to invite two state licensed building inspectors to the next council meeting to explain their program.

Commission members have expressed concern over the lack of enforcement of building permit regulations pertaining to building size and design. Commission Chair-

man Ed Dick had previously told the council that in some cases the finished buildings bore "virtually no resemblance" to the plans initially submitted for commission approval.

The inspection task is currently delegated to the city foreman.

Mayor Jerry Sweeney told the council each inspection by a licensed inspector is paid from building permit receipts. Since Heppner cut the permit fee to half the standard rate, Sweeney said the city would have to hike the fee before a licensed inspector would make the trip here.

# District Ranger named

Ben Seminoe was last week named to the position of District Ranger for the Heppner Ranger District of the Umatilla National Forest. He fills the vacancy left by Sam Miller's retirement last month and will begin his duties at the Heppner office on August 29. Seminoe comes from the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest where he was a Resource Assistant on the Pine Ranger District at Halfway. He received his Degree in 1967 in Forest and Range Management at Colorado State College. While attending college he began his Forest Service career working sum-

mers as a Range Aid on the Roosevelt National Forest in Greeley, Col. In 1968, he received an appointment as Range Conservationist on the Medicine Bow National Forest and then was reassigned in 1970 to the Nebraska National Forest, Hot Springs, S.D. before going to the Wallowa-Whitman in August of 1972.

Seminoe received a Quality Step Increase in 1972 for his highly effective performance in Range Management while on the Nebraska National Forest. He was given a special assignment as Camp Director to pilot their first Youth Conservation Corps program

and received a letter of commendation for his management of a successful camp. He is a member of the Society

for Range Management.

Seminoe and his wife, Renee, have two boys, ages 9 and 6.

# Aged, poor eligible for last winter heating dollars

A \$5,000 federal allotment to help pay last winter's heating bills is now available to Morrow County's poor and elderly but they have only until the end of the month to take advantage of the program.

The State Community Services Program finally received more than \$2 million after red tape delayed the dispersal more than seven months past the expected January 1 release. Now community agencies are faced with distribut-



Activities at the Fair this week included the style show Tuesday night and booth judging. Here a 4-H seamstress models her fashions. In the photo above, Ben and Lisa Doherty stand before the special sweepstakes award for wheat entered in the name of their grandfather, the late Bernard Doherty.

## Weather by Don Gilliam

	High	Low
Wed., August 17	102	62
Thu., August 18	98	61
Fri., August 19	97	65
Sat., August 20	97	63
Sun., August 21	92	70
Mon., August 22	85	61
Tue., August 23	85	55

## Accident shows need for care with firearms

As hunting time rolls around and guns are sighted in, those that tote guns are urged to be careful of their plinking locations.

A case in point happened just this past week near Cutsforth Park. At the edge of the park is a pasture, completely fenced with steel posts and barbed wire, in which there was a horse.

Someone picked up a can that Orville Cutsforth used to feed his Tennessee Walker and stuck it upside-down on one of those fence posts. Then they proceeded to do some target practicing—shooting at a metal can over a steel post, directly into the pasture area.

The horse took a .22 slug in the stomach and died. Cutsforth took a look at the can and steel post, seeing the marks where bullets had ricocheted, and commented, "I sure hate to lose my best saddle horse but I'm glad some person didn't catch one of those ricocheted bullets."

# New teachers prepare with countywide tour

By the time Morrow County schools open their doors to students on September 6, district teachers will have already put in several days of preparation for the upcoming year.

A county-wide introductory tour for all new teachers has been scheduled for Monday, August 29, in cooperation with Harold Kerr, county Extension Agent. The teachers will spend the day visiting the various schools, industries and other points of interest in the county.

After an initial stop at Riverside High School, the group will move on to the Oregon Potato processing

plant and then to Irrigon for a look at irrigated and dryland farm land. The tour will end at the Heppner Elementary school where Allen Nistad, general manager of the Kin-

zua Corp. will discuss the local lumber industry.

Other in-service training, staff orientation and special committee meetings will be throughout the week.

## Automatic car wash now open

Vern Wilson, owner of Vern's 76 station, announced this week the opening of an automatic car wash at his establishment.

Patrons don't have to do a thing according to Wilson, and their vehicle is washed and

waxed in just two minutes.

The new service facility is located in the present service station and will be operating Thursday. Vern's 76 is located at the edge of Heppner, heading toward Lexington.

## Utility shows energy usage conservation

When Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative issues a plea to its consumer-members for a voluntary cutback in energy usage...the firm does it by setting a good example.

Last March, when a need for curtailment became evident, CBEC cut electrical use at the main office and shop headquarters in Heppner.

The result—a 30.6 per cent drop in the amount of electricity being consumed in the two buildings.

CBEC Manager Dave Harrison said the main reduction in use has resulted from thermostat settings being lowered in the winter and raised in the summer. The Co-op has attempted to operate thermostats near an 80-degree setting during the past few summer months, according to Harrison. There is a 3.1 per cent saving in use for each degree of thermostat setting.

On September 1, all district teachers will meet for an in-service day at Heppner High School. The day will include a discussion led by Gerry M. Reed, publisher of the Gazette-Times and the Hermiston Herald, on communications with the public. The teachers will also conduct a panel discussion on accommodating children with learning problems and will trade ideas on the needs and directions for various school programs.

The first session of classes of Tuesday, September 6, will be a short day with afternoon bus service scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.