



Saddle goes
to top roper

Kinzua Corporation General Manager Allen Nistad and the 1978 Fair and Rodeo Court look over the handmade Severe Bros. saddle that will go to the top open class roper in Friday night's show. From left are Princess Kim Pettyjohn, Queen Donna Palmer, Nistad and Princess Laurie Childers. Kinzua Corp. donates the saddle each year for the open roping event.

Rodeo this weekend

If you aren't already, you best get ready for the 1978 Morrow County Rodeo this weekend in Heppner.

Action starts with the Morrow County Show Friday night at 7:30 p.m. with cowboys and cowgirls vying for purse money and trophy prizes donated by area merchants. On Saturday and Sunday open rodeo shows with top competitors from throughout the Pacific Northwest will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Rodeo secretary Dennis Doherty said all performances will have several special races

added this year for spectator enjoyment, including two-lap cow pony and cowgirl races, kids races and chariot races.

Another added attraction will be a "mystery cow rider" in the Friday night show. Indications are the "mystery rider" may be a little surprised to learn who it is, too.

The Fair & Rodeo Parade is scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. on Main Street. Parade Chairman Jim Wishart said more than 60 entries have been received for the event.

Evening entertainment will be provided by the Jim Ackley

Band at rodeo dances both Friday and Saturday evenings in the pavilion at the fairgrounds. Dancing starts at 9 p.m.

Rounding out activities this weekend will be the All Saints' Episcopal Church beef barbecue Saturday at the corner of Church and Gale streets. The barbecue starts at 5 p.m. Then on Sunday morning rodeo-goers can get an early start with the Wrangler's

Riding Club Cowboy Breakfast, served from 6-10 a.m. at the City Park on Main Street.

3 vacancies on panel

Mills and Sargent resign from Pioneer Memorial Hospital board

Two members of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees resigned this week, leaving only two persons on the hospital's administrative panel.

Letters of resignation were received by the County Court on Wednesday from Larry Mills and Dick Sargent. Heppner Postmaster Hubert Wilson resigned the panel several weeks ago.

Remaining on the hospital's board of trustees are its chairman, Fred Martin, and board member Cheryl Ammons of Boardman.

In his letter of resignation, Mills stated that he did not "intend to be a candidate for a position on the new Morrow County Health District," and suggested that "perhaps it would be judicious for the court to consider the appointment of someone who wishes to be a candidate for the new board in order to provide an orderly transition."

In a telephone interview, Mills stressed his support for

the creation of the proposed health care district, stating that he would continue to work towards its formation. But, he added, serving on the board of the health care district would "require a lot of time that I don't think I'd be able to devote."

Mills stated in his letter to the county court that he would continue "to support the administration and trustees of the hospital in their efforts for improved service and health care." He asked that the court

Applicants sought to fill slots

Morrow County Judge D.O. Nelson said persons wishing to apply for appointment to the hospital board are urged to do so as soon as possible at the county court office.

Further information may be obtained by calling 676-9233.

accept this resignation no later than Oct. 1, giving about a month's time for a replacement to be appointed.

Sargent's letter echoed Mills' sentiments on his reasons for resigning, stating that he had "no desire to serve on the health care district board," and recommended that in the interim time period before the new district is formed, "a member should be serving who also desires to serve on this new board."

"I have great respect for the hospital board members that I have served with during my tenure," Sargent continued.

"Their commitment of responsibility and unselfish dedication toward a common goal is beyond question. It has been a privilege to serve with them."

Sargent pledged to continue his support for the creation of the health care district.

The first step towards creating the district came with the Aug. 8 election, in

which voters approved a hospital budget separate from County Court control.

A petition drive began shortly after the election, to place the creation of the health care district on the November ballot. Formation of the district would allow a separate tax base to be created for the hospital, and would require that its directors be elected, rather than appointed.

Weather

by Don Gilliam

	Hi	Low	Pre.
Wed., Aug. 16	66	50	.05
Thurs., Aug. 17	74	47	
Fri., Aug. 18	81	48	
Sat., Aug. 19	72	53	
Sun., Aug. 20	64	53	.17
Mon., Aug. 21	70	52	.11
Tues., Aug. 22	71	53	1.27

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Bennett, Bellamy address issues of Dist. 55 Campaign in Heppner stop

Democrat Chuck Bennett of Gates and Republican Bill Bellamy of Culver, the two candidates for District 55's seat in the Oregon House of Representatives, made campaign appearances in Heppner this week.

Both candidates addressed a Monday meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, and responded to questions asked by members of a capacity audience attending the Chamber meeting.

The lack of aid available from state and federal sources towards easing Morrow County's health care problems "is not just sad, it borders on being scandalous," Bennett told the Chamber, noting that local communities should not be expected to carry the entire burden of locating doctors and building clinics.

Bennett said he would propose state legislation that would: Establish a recruiting office for placing physicians in rural areas; set up a low-interest loan program to help build and equip medical clinics; offer incentives to Oregon medical students to locate their practices within the state; and beef up the state's nurse practitioner program.



Chuck Bennett

In addition, Bennett said the state should provide authorization to allow physician assistants to operate in satellite clinics, acting on doctors' orders from a central hospital. Doctors from state operated hospitals, such as the facility in Pendleton, should be made available to communities facing health care problems due to the lack of available physicians, he said.

Bennett said his health care proposals were received favorably by the Legislature's Democratic caucus.

In his opening remarks to the Chamber, Bellamy, a Jefferson County Vo-Ag instructor, stressed his lifetime association with district 55. Having lived and been associated with agriculture in east central Oregon for 25 years, "I feel I have a strong background in which to represent the people of this district," Bellamy stated.

The Jefferson County Republican said that ballot measure 6, the property tax initiative, is the most important issue facing candidates campaigning for the upcoming election.

He acknowledged that he had previously been on record in favor of the initiative, but has since pulled his endorsement of the initiative.

"I still totally endorse the concept," he stated, "that people are saying their taxes are too high." But as the measure is currently worded, "I could only give it lukewarm support," he said.

The most significant problem with the ballot measure is

the question of whether the exclusive farm use (EFU) property tax classification would be altered, Bellamy stated. The EFU classification has provided agricultural landowners a substantial tax break. The Republican candidate said he understood that the Attorney General's office would hand down an opinion stating that the EFU classification would not be altered by

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Bill Bellamy

Tough transfer policy upheld; School Board hires new teachers

Parents seeking to transfer their children from one county school to another will likely be in for a bigger struggle than they anticipated, as a result of action by the Morrow County Board of Education.

During a meeting Monday night, the board agreed to let stand a strict interpretation by Superintendent Matt Doherty of a recently approved new transfer policy.

Earlier this summer, the school board adopted a new transfer policy that stated transfers could be made if students showed "evidence that future educational or life work plans will suffer if they remain in the present school." The new policy forbade granting transfers on the basis of athletic or other extracurricular activities, and rescinded wording of an older policy that made transfer students ineligible to participate in athletics at the school they transfer into.

Doherty told the board that he has received "more applications than ever for transfers this year," most of them from students seeking to leave Lone High School for Heppner.

The schools superintendent said he interpreted the new transfer policy to mean that transfers could be granted only if a desired educational "program" was not available at the home school. He defined "program" as meaning a general course area, such as

English, science, fine arts, or vo-ag.

"Most of the requests I have been receiving are not to attend a program not offered, but to take enrichment courses," Doherty said. He defined enrichment courses as elective classes that are not required for school graduation. Courses such as advanced mathematics, college prep English, chorale, and literature offerings would fall into the "enrichment" category, and thus not provide grounds for transfer.

Doherty noted that there are some 30 classes available at Heppner that are not available at Lone. Lone parents seeking transfers for their students "are arguing that they can't get the same kind of program they can get at Heppner—and I guess they're right, in a way," the superintendent said.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid appeared at the meeting to request transfers to Heppner from Lone for two of their children. "There's a difference in interpretation between the superintendent and ourselves," said Mrs. Kincaid. "There is an English program at Lone, but for a child interested in majoring in English in college, there aren't enough electives for a good background. They need some background in poetry and the playwrights. If a child wants to major in

English in college, the program (at Lone) is inadequate."

"When you're paying tax," added Mr. Kincaid, "you'd like to take advantage of some of the services you pay for."

In addition to educational enrichment, the school board should also "consider the effect transfers will have on the school," said Lone Principal Chuck Starr. The school's budget, size and number of classes would be damaged "if transfers are allowed on the basis of enrichment," as would a board policy aimed at equalizing educational opportunities at the three county high schools, Starr said.

Mrs. Kincaid argued that she felt her children "met the criteria for transfer outlined in the policy, and stated that under Doherty's interpretation, only students wishing to take shop would be allowed a transfer, since Lone lacks a vo-ag program.

"Most requests for transfer will be denied," Doherty admitted.

Mrs. Kincaid stated that she did not believe that a less stringent interpretation of the transfer policy would result in a mass exodus from Lone. "You have to feel very strong about wanting a transfer, or you wouldn't go through with it," she said. "It's a very unpleasant experience."

While the school board

members agreed to go along with Doherty's transfer policy interpretation, several expressed reluctance.

"It leaves an inequity, I have to admit," said Irv Rauch, "but I don't know how to correct it."

"We could have a rough time denying students these programs, if they're available," said Pauline Winter.

In other developments at the Monday night meeting, the board voted to hire Dixie Blankenship as home economics teacher at Lone and Heppner junior high. Mark Carnathan, a University of Oregon graduate, was hired as PE and math teacher at Heppner Junior High, where he will also serve as head football coach and assistant basketball coach. Rod Fife, a Whitman College graduate, was hired as science teacher at Riverside High.

Karen Howe, a graduate of Aurora College in Illinois was hired as math teacher and assistant volleyball and basketball coach at Heppner High. Sheila Lemcke, a graduate of the University of Montana, was employed as business education teacher at Riverside. Cherie Marston of Eastern Oregon State was hired as a Riverside social studies teacher.

Kathryn Miller was hired as librarian at Heppner Elementary.

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