

Tom paints 30 windows for Fair & Rodeo time

A sure sign that rodeo and fair time has arrived in Heppner is the appearance of Big Tom Simonton, Pendleton, painting his brush across the windows of the city.

Simonton arrived Wednesday to begin the task of painting rodeo and fair scenes on 30 merchant windows, using a different design and humorous message for each work of poster paint.

A retired Postal Service worker, Simonton's next job will be to start painting the windows of businesses in Pendleton for the Pendleton Roundup. He also paints windows in La Grande, The Dalles, at the Athena Caledonian Games and as far away as Hillsboro.

Although wearing a neck brace and suffering from muscular dystrophy, Simonton says he enjoys his work and talking with passersby who stop to admire his works of art.

He says he has been painting for 33 years. According to a local source, Big Tom has hosted exchange students and guests in the American Field Service, and Rotary Club programs and has returned the visits to students in their native countries.

The window painter doesn't use any set designs or patterns to follow, he simply paints his designs and leaves off a signature.

Asked if he planned to attend the Heppner Fair and Rodeo, Simonton said no; he had to go back to Pendleton and start painting windows in that city to ready Umatilla County seat for the September Roundup.

Each year Heppner windows come alive under the brush of Tom Simonton of Pendleton, depicting fair and rodeo scenes. A trip down Main Street to see the works of art is worthwhile travelling.



4-H presentations a highlight with youth

The 4-H'ers will teach you how to make a puppet, or bake a bread or almost anything that suits your fancy.

Presentations is the magic word, showing and telling, sharing information. The Morrow County 4-H members are famous for their excellent presentations, often amazing the judges at state fair with

their creative ideas, poise and confidence in presenting information to an audience.

A good presentation should bring about some kind of change in the audience...and awareness of a new idea, a desire to try the technique or skill shown, or just more information on a subject.

For many years this parti-

cular learning and teaching tool was called demonstration. Recently, the name was changed to presentation to allow members to use more advanced and varied methods in sharing materials with an audience.

The presentation may still be a demonstration which shows and tells how. Usually the member will have a finished product at the end of

the demonstration. It may be an illustrated talk...telling you how, but using slides, pictures, charts or models to illustrate points. It could be a slide show, or a slide show set to music. The member is free to choose any topic they wish to share with others!

"If you hear about a thing, you soon forget it.
If you see it done, you remember half of it.
If you do it yourself, you remember all of it. For only then is it part of you."

4-H Snack Shack

Does the atmosphere of a fair make you think of hot dogs or hamburgers? Give you an urge to munch on something good...or a cool drink to quench the thirst?


The 4-H Snack Shack is the place to look for at county fair. The Snack Shack is a multi-purpose activity. It provides food for the busy at fair. Those there to enjoy, as well as all those participating in events, plus it is also the only money-making project undertaken by

4-H parents and leaders each year. Prices are kept to the minimum, for 4-H know that a week at fair can be costly to families. Good food is offered, although the menu is limited to hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries.

Breakfasts are available to those who come early to tend the livestock, or perform other

pre-opening hour duties.

All friends of 4-H are encouraged to sign on for a shift in the Snack Shack...it's a place where you see almost everyone at fair. To volunteer, call 676-9642. Pete Richards, Irrigon, will be chairman and purchasing agent for the important project again this year!



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