

# Morrow County Fair and Rodeo starts Friday at Fairgrounds

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo opens its gates Friday for two week of activities...the county's big event of the year.

It all starts Friday with the judging of 4-H clothing and knitting style revue at the Heppner Junior High Gym, beginning at 9 a.m. All exhibits will be accepted at the Fairgrounds from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and community booths completed by 9 p.m.

On Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, is the acceptance of all livestock, poultry, small animal, adult, open fruit, vegetable and flower exhibits, with judging beginning at 8 a.m. There will be judging of 4-H clothing at 9 a.m. and judging of commercial potatoes at the FFA shop at 10:30 a.m. At 12:30 p.m., the amateur horse-shoe pitching contest starts and at 1 p.m., all premium sheets are to be turned into the fair office.

Judging starts at 1 p.m. for open class flowers, vegetables, home economics, crafts and collections, kids' corner vegetables, judging wheat, hay and grass.

At 3 p.m. is the Day's Butchering Service Demonstration.

Family Fun Night starts about 5 p.m. and runs until midnight with an antique car parade leading off the events, the crowning of the Pioneer King and Queen following the dinner of Big Jake's Fried Chicken, from 5:30-7 p.m., a potato auction at 7:15 p.m. and entertainment and dance by the Jesse Rucilez Group of Nevada.

## Artist in residence

Sunday, August 19 is Senior Citizens Day at the fair beginning at 8:30 a.m. with judging of all poultry, rabbit and small animal exhibits, judging of the children's corner, judging of the open class home economics and collections. At 9 a.m. is the Open class horse show on the rodeo grounds which will feature all-day show of equestrian skills. The amateur horseshoe pitching contest starts again at 12:30 p.m. for competition left over from Saturday's contest and at 1 p.m. is judging of the teens corner.

From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. is the annual pet show parade. The event is open to children aged 5-11 and all pets are eligible.

The senior citizen cookie judging contest is also slated for 1:30 p.m. and at 3 p.m. is the women's nail driving contest in which women strive to drive nails with the least possible swings.

The kid's coin hunt in sawdust will be held at the Little League field between 4-5 p.m. and at 7 p.m. is the 4-H Public Style Show.

A highlight of Sunday's events with the scheduled landing of a motorized hang-glider into the fairgrounds arena between 6-6:30 p.m. by Rick Peterson of Ione. The event is tentatively scheduled after the Wrangler Horse Show and weather permitting. Rick will take off from the Heppner High School Field. In the last two weekends, the national hang gliding competi-

Marlene Gray of Heppner was hard at work during Sunday's clean-up day at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Volunteers were active in readying the site for this week's fair.

tor has made several flights over Heppner.

Fair activities run throughout next week beginning with Monday's scheduled judging at 9 a.m. of 4-H and livestock conformation classes, 4-H contests and presentations. Between 1-5 p.m. are culinary demonstrations. At 5 p.m. is the judging of the open class livestock division.

An entertaining event, the adult livestock showmanship exhibition in which adults try their hand at showing livestock, is slated for 8 p.m. Monday night.

Beginning Tuesday at 9 a.m. is the 4-H and FFA showmanship contests and 4-H contests and presentations, at 3 p.m. is the all-around showmanship contest; at 5:30 p.m. is the awards program for 4-H, FFA and open class in the covered show ring. Exhibits will be released between 9 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. The fair clean-up will be on Wednesday from

10:30 a.m. and noon.

The Morrow County Rodeo starts at 7 p.m. Friday night and at 9:30 p.m., the rodeo dance is scheduled at the Pavillion.

The county rodeo will feature competition in Calgary cow milking, open calf roping, bulldogging, cow riding, junior and senior barrels, breakaway, team roping and calf roping.

The Rodeo Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday with floats and horse groups parading through the streets of Heppner; at 1:30 p.m., the open class rodeo begins and will be held two days on Saturday and Sunday with competition in bareback, team roping, saddlebronc, bull riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and barrels.

On Sunday, the 1979 Morrow County Parade and Rodeo ends with more of the open class rodeo events beginning at 1:30 p.m.



**Barnyard clean-up**

Someone has to clean up the stalls and Marie Van Schoick and Janell Bailey were hard at work Sunday getting the job done. The effort marked pre-fair clean-up efforts before this week's fair and rodeo.



**It's Okay Dad**

Volunteers worked hard to ready the sheep holding pens at the Morrow County Fair. Hard at work were Bob Laughlin, his son Chris and Loren Hayes.

## Local community needs to become involved during county fairtime

County fairs have occupied an important place in the long history of our country.

Some might argue that county fairs are no longer appropriate for the way of life in America today. Others have many strong arguments for their contribution.

It is of no consequence at this moment which philosophy you hold, for Morrow County does have a county fair, August 18-21. It is about to happen. It is not intended as a youth fair, or an open class fair, nor is it operated that way. The Morrow County fair is a total county fair. It is for everyone! Our pioneer heritage impels us to believe that the county fair is important, and it's success is the responsibility of everyone living in the county.

Everyone is invited, and encouraged, to be a part of the fair by exhibiting and participating. Everyone has something to share. It might be a flower or a cake. It might be a garment made or some art or craft; or even a piece of antique furniture restored; animals—poultry, cattle, sheep, horses too have their place at the fair.

There are classes for all ages, ranging from Kiddle Korner for the very young through the Teen Corner for that generation on to the open classes for adults. There are classes for wheat and classes for all other produce. There are classes for the individual and for the commercial producers of the county. Youth programs, 4-H and FFA, have their departments where those who are actively involved show and share their

accomplishments and skills. If it was produced or made in Morrow County, bring it to the fair.

Community participation is necessary for the success of the fair.

Who makes a fair happen? The list is long and varied. Start with the Fair Board, for instance. Five individuals who donate time and expenses to the year-long project of the fair. Then there is the fair committee, 10 interested citizens who also work year around with plans and preparations for the fair. How about the fair board secretary, and the caretaker? Their work also goes on all year.

Who are the superintendents? Where do they come from? They are your neighbors, from all parts of the county who volunteer their time and talents to helping make the fair a success. Without them, there would be no fair. The list of superintendents is long. You see them in all departments. The job is hard and the hours are long. The pay is zero, just the satisfaction of helping make a county event worthwhile and pleasant.

Very important to all events and activities is the audience who come to enjoy. Your attendance and appreciation is needed.

Fairs are synonymous with the harvest season, dating back through history. Our forefathers shared their products by showing them at fairs.

Fair has traditionally been the time when rural people get together...see those whom they have not seen for a time, and re-new acquaintances. A

social time, a time for remembering, as well as enjoying the progress of the area. A time to see the new, and reappraise the old. A prideful time, where the best of all things receive recognition and where you may learn something new.

The Morrow County fair is a true county fair, a special event in our fast moving society. If you miss the fair you'll miss something good. Think of it as a heritage event and get involved. It's the best way to see a fair.

### Lots Of Room In The Ark

The Ark Preschool For 3-5's Not Attending Kindergarten



Morning and Afternoon Classes

MWF 9:00-11:30 1:00-3:30

TTH 9:00-11:30 1:00-3:30

Rates: \$25 Month 3 Days Per Week \$17 Month 2 Days Per Week

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### DEADLINES

General News & Society Friday, 5 p.m.  
Sports & Weekend Events Monday, 5 p.m.  
Late-breaking News Tuesday, 12 noon  
Classified Advertising Monday, 5 p.m.  
Display Advertising Monday, 5 p.m.

The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES 676-9228

## Residents of Lexington-Heppner-Ione Area

Peter Kiewit Sons' Co. will start construction on Heppner-Lexington road and up to the Boardman road turnoff.

There will be traffic delays and rough road for the next 14 weeks.

We would appreciate your cooperation and patience while we complete this project. Hopefully with your help we can finish before winter and have a newly paved road open for your use.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Harry Bosler  
Job Superintendent  
Peter Kiewit Sons' Co.