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Rodeo town U.S.A.

Western Rodeo action and pageantry marked the 1979 Morrow County Rodeo this week with cowboys attempting to wrestle steers in Saturday and Sunday's Open Class Rodeo to the winning of the Grand Sweepstakes Award by the Grand Square at Saturday's Parade on Heppner's Main Street. Both the rodeo and parade drew sizeable crowds and turned Heppner into Rodeo Town, U.S.A.

Donald F. Gilliam, official weather observer for Heppner, reports the following high and low temperatures and measured rainfall for the past week, starting Tuesday, Aug. 21.

	Hi	Low	Pre.
Tues., Aug. 21	75	57	.32
Wed., Aug. 22	79	52	
Thurs., Aug. 23	79	55	
Fri., Aug. 24	80	50	
Sat., Aug. 25	83	49	
Sun., Aug. 26	85	55	
Mon., Aug. 27	81	59	



Wild West takes over in county's 3-day, rodeo bash

A full weekend of Western Rodeo held the attention of Morrow County residents at Friday's Morrow County Rodeo and the Open Class Rodeo Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

In the final results, the Morrow County All-Around saddle donated by the Morrow County Grain Growers was won by Jana Steagall who originally tied with Jerry Gentry on the two point system but defeated the male rodeo cowboy by a slim \$22.08 on the money system, according to Judy Currin. Jana recently placed tenth in the nation in high school rodeo and is Oregon State High School All-Around Champion for 1979.

The county cow roping honor went to Blair Philippi of Boardman and he received a saddle donated by the Kinzua Corporation. Philippi earned the honor with an amassed time of 27.50 seconds compared to Joedy Marlatt's 46.91 and Tony Currin's 60.02 seconds.

Helping Steagall to her all-around victory was her second place finish in the team roping finals with partner, Roice Fulleton, her second place in the open barrels in 18.83 seconds behind Janice Healy in 18.38, and a first in the breakaway with a 4.03

time (which gave her spurs donated by Fulleton Chevrolet).

The N.R.A.-W.R.A. Rodeo All-Around Buckle, sponsored by Pettyjohn's Supply and Bob Harris Insurance, was won by Rick Thompson.

In the County Amateur Cow Roping Contest, a record 18 cowboys vied for the Kinzua saddle with most competing Friday night. That was out of the 80 county cowboys competing in Friday's Morrow County segment of the three day rodeo program. In the first go-around, Blair Philippi led the ropers with a time of 14.07 seconds trailed by Joedy Marlatt, 23.81, Tony Currin, 36.03, and Roger Henry, 38.98. Philippi led the second section of the event with a time of 13.43 over Ron Currin's 15 seconds, David Steagall's 19.20 and Don Papineau's time.

The Morrow County Rodeo Friday night began with the grand entry of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court and the first event was the Calgary Wild Cow Milking Contest which produced a wild scene of horses and riders chasing a herd of beef around the arena until pairs of cowboys managed to wrestle the animals to the ground and run with their beer bottles to the judges' corner.

Bob Mahoney was injured in the event and received the rodeo's hard luck cowboy award—a horse blanket and a certificate presented by Kit and Shirley George from the Sears' Catalogue Store.

Jerry Gentry and Jim Lynch won the cow milking contest and second was the team of Dick Hoffman, and Rick Johnston, third, Blair Philippi and Rick Samples, fourth, Rocky Steagall and Eric Glow, fifth, Roice Fulleton and Archie Ball and sixth, Monte Evans and Dwight Bailey. A belt buckle was awarded by Black Mt. Repair and Bucknum's.

In the open barrel competition, Janice Healy won the event in 18.38 seconds; Jana Steagall was second in 18.83; Sherree Block was third, 18.85; Mary Daly, fourth in 18.86; Dawn Peterson, fifth, 19.11 and Rocky Steagall, sixth, 19.48. A watch was presented to Janice from Peterson's Jewelry.

Neil Beamer won the open calf roping event and a belt buckle from Les Schwab Tire, compiling the lowest average on two go-arounds or 31.18. Blair Philippi turned in a time of 32.22 for second place, Ron Currin was third with 44.10 and Wayne Evans had the fourth place slot with 51.36 seconds.

In the team roping finals, the team of Howard Bryant and Tony Currin each won buckles from Gardner's Men's Wear for their first place time: second was the team of Jana Steagall and Roice Fulleton, third the team of Cliff Dougherty and Jerry Dougherty and fourth, Ron Currin, Sr. and Ron H. Currin;

Recreation plan is scrapped now

A proposal to split the cost of a future recreation area with the Corps of Engineers at the proposed Willow Creek Dam site has been scrapped by the Morrow County Court because of the estimated cost of \$125,000.

Jerry Eyestone, Corps project manager, Walla Walla, has estimated the recreation area with such planned improvements as restrooms, lawn, trees, paved parking area and other amenities would cost around \$250,000. The Corps suggested an agreement with the county dividing the cost equally and before the amount was reached, county officials had hoped to provide in kind work from volunteers of local service clubs and the community.

Everybody loves a parade and Heppner was no exception as people lined Main Street Saturday morning to catch a glimpse of floats, royalty, antique cars, horse riders and bands in the 1979 Morrow County Rodeo Parade. With Cornett Green, a long-time rodeo cowboy, riding at the head of the parade as grand marshal, parade entries featured everything from antique automobiles to square dancing at the rear of a pickup truck. The grand sweepstakes win-

ner was the Grand Squares of Morrow County, who dosie-doeed while their truck drove up the street. In the adult organization division, the Morrow County Search and Rescue Posse claimed first prize trailed by American Legion Post No. 87 of Heppner in second, the Boardman Harvest Festival float in fourth and the Whiskey Flats Gang (Pat Patterson's logging crew) in fourth. First in the business floats was Pioneer Memorial Hospital, second, Bucknum's Ta-

vern with its characterization of early-day Western entertainment, the U.S. Forest Service's Smokey the Bear float, and fourth, the Morrow County Grain Growers. Best out of county float winner was the Mainstreet Cowboys of the Pendleton Roundup, Happy Canyon of Pendleton and Gus Peterson's old engine, Monument, Oregon. This year's parade had an abundance of horse groups entered and the Rainbow Riders of Milton-Freewater

won first place followed by the Umatilla Sage Riders in second place and the Morrow County Wranglers in third. The best mounted family group was Monte, Becky and Josilyn Evans, in second place was Joan, Heather and Holly Eckman and in third place, the Bruce Bergstrom family. Merlyn Robinson, was named as the best mounted cowgirl and the best mounted cowboy, Jim Monahan. Jim Farley was the best comic. Eighty-seven year old Ethel Lehman of Echo was unable to attend the parade this year with her 18 year old horse and there was no "oldest cowgirl" title this year.

The Morrow County Volunteer Band won first place in the band division with assistance provided from Jim Ackley of Heppner, Rick Bateman of Riverside High School, Bruce Martin new band instructor at Heppner High School, Gene Surtain of Ione and Kathy Doherty of Stanfield. The Morrow County Fair Cont. on page 10

Man indicted on arson charge at Kinzua fire

Steven Neal Pratt, a resident of Wheeler County, has been indicted by the Wheeler County Grand Jury on a charge of Arson I.

The 27 year old is charged with intentionally setting the fire which destroyed the Kinzua Sawmill August 5.

Pratt was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Milton Boring Wednesday, August 15, according to the Condon

Times-Journal, and pleaded innocent to a complaint signed by Sheriff Caldera. Bail was set at \$20,000. Cont. on page 10

School starts Tuesday for youngsters; new teachers arrive, take bus tour

School starts next Tuesday for hundreds of Morrow County secondary and elementary school children after Monday's Labor Day holiday and gearing up for the event, the County School District's new teachers were given a guided tour of Morrow County by Supt. Matt Doherty and County Extension Agent Harold Kerr.

The 37 new teachers saw such sights in North Morrow County as a potato flaking plant, the new schools at Boardman and Irrigon, ate lunch at the school district headquarters at Lexington and toured the Kinzua facilities at Heppner before a full week of in-service activities. Students who have not registered for classes at

Heppner and Ione Elementary, Junior High and High Schools at the requested times may arrange a special time at their schools. Hot lunch fees have been kept at 30 cents per child and 40 cents for an adult which Assistant to the School District Administrator, John Edmundson, says are the lowest in the state. New teachers at Heppner

Elementary and Junior High School under Principal Don Cole are Jean Strange, physical education and art; Linda Shaw, reading; Dennis Kachelmier, science; Lisa Nelson, librarian; Brenda Weygandt, grade 6; Palm Ausman, grade 5; Barbara Fairchild, Grade 5, P.E. I Counseling, Paul Shringer, Russ Reed, mathematics at

Ione Elementary; Nancy Wilson, grade 2; at Ione Jr. and Senior High School, Duane Payne, language arts and Spanish; Gene Sartain, music, instrumental and vocal; Dan Adams, science, social studies and boys' physical education. Dan Adams and Carol Boeger, home economics and art (two-thirds time); at Heppner High School, Brent Eggers

language arts, physical education and coaching; Bruce Martin, instrumental music; Gordon Munck, language arts, photography and journalism and Reginal Clark, language, Spanish and reading. At Riverside High School and Columbia Junior High, new teachers are Principal Vic Marchek, Cynthia Kennedy, science, Spanish,

Kathryn Dean, language arts and business education; Patrick Christensen, business education, Benny Heape, industrial arts; Roger Rossberg, language arts; Maureen McElligott, social studies; Mark Bake, language arts, social studies and Rosanne Casseday, language arts. New teachers at A.C. Houghton Elementary in

Boardman are Principal Susan Black, Mary Taleck, grade 5; Geneva Coker, grade 1; Jennifer Byron, kindergarten; Karen Gronquist, grade 3; Al Roehl, art and Phyllis Geiger, grade 6.

New special education instructors are Kim Webster and Kathleen Chinen.