



Hang Tough Pardner

Two entrants in Sunday's Open Class Rodeo at Heppner had to hang on with arm power in the bull-riding and bronc-riding events. There were no reported injuries in the bull riding and a young rodeo clown managed to distract the animals after their rides were over. It appeared one entry in the bronc event lost the head of his horse but the animal was probably trying to bite him on the right side. Such excitement continued up to the closing moments of the 1979 Morrow County Rodeo.

Economist sees bright spots in local economy

Morrow County's unemployment rate climbed to 6.9 per cent for the month of July from 4.9 in June, but Roland Stewart, labor economist for the State of Oregon Employment Division, Pendleton, says the upturn in unemployment is about normal for this time of year. The increased unemployment is due to the layoff of 170 workers at food processing plants in the Boardman area—a seasonal variation. Stewart feels the county's economy will hold its own in spite of the national recession largely because of its strong agricultural base, and construction of the new I-82 freeway linking Washington's I-90 with Interstate I-80. Pro-

posed dam construction in Heppner should also alleviate the unemployment problems caused when the Carty Coal Fired Plant at Boardman is completed. So far, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has not released figures on the number of workers to be employed at the dam project.

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Joedy Marlatt downs steer

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in the first go-around, the team of Bob Steagall and Roice Fulleton led the field with a time of 10.84 and were trailed by Walt and Dick Coffman, 12.08, Jerry and Cindy Dougherty's 12.29 but in the second go around, the team of Max Hellberg and Rocky Proctor led with 10.34, in second place was the team of Rocky Steagall and Eric Glow in 11.39 and the team of Ron Currin Sr. and Ron H. Currin scored third with a time of 11.53 seconds.

First place in steer wrestling was won by Joedy Marlatt in 18.11 and received a belt buckle from Currin Ranches. He was trailed by Steve Marlatt in 36.63 and Rick Samples, in 46.10. Jerry Gentry led in the first go around with a time of 5.84 and in second place was Ron H. Currin, 9.32. In the second go-around, Philippi led with a time of 5.36 and Ron Currin Sr. posted a 5.62 clocking.

Don Papineau won the brahmin cow riding contest and buckle from the Wagon Wheel and Heppner Auto Parts, in second place was Lee Rice, third was Marty Britt and fourth, Jerry Gentry.

Tara Mahoney was winner of the junior barrels buckle presented by Jerry's Mobil and Trisha Mahoney, her sister, in second place.

The bareback riding contest was won by Lance Brewer of Eugene who received a buckle donated by Sid and Randy Britt; the saddle bronc buckle donated by Court Street Mar-

ket and processing was won by Brad Hoisington of Kennewick, Wash. and the bulldogging buckle donated by the Gazette-Times was won by Steve Crocker of Houston, Texas in 3.85 seconds. Ned Kyser of Centerville, Wash. won the calf roping buckle donated by Murray Drug and Central Market with a time of 12.2 seconds; the bulldring buckle donated by Bill's Body Shop and Dan's Body Shop was won by Gary Brewer of Eugene, Oregon and the open class team roping event was won by Scott Storley of Ellensburg and Hughie Reynolds of Grand Coulee, Wash. Fred Toombs, Rodeo ticket manager, reported Monday that the rodeo netted record gate receipts of over \$4,000 and thanked the volunteer ticket takers who volunteered their time to help out.

There were no serious injuries although a rider entered in one of the racing

events hit the track with his head when his horse slipped in the dirt; he did not require an ambulance.

The pony express and baton riding events produced some excitement for fans as well as a racing event which saw Queen Debora Palmer take the event.

A horse group from Walla Walla presented a halftime show of riding maneuvers.

A young rodeo clown protected bull riders from the anger of some enraged bulls Sunday.

Fair Committee seeks evaluations from volunteers

The Morrow County Fair Committee wants to hear evaluations of events by superintendents Thursday, September 6 between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the West of Willow Restaurant in Heppner.

Fair Courts ride in parade

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and Rodeo Court, Queen Debora Palmer, and her two princesses, Lori Edwards and Jennifer Wenzel displayed their riding abilities as well as royalty from St. Paul, Pendleton, Boardman and Umatilla. In the queens and courts division, the St. Paul Rodeo Court placed first, Pendleton Roundup Court (of which Janice Healy is a member), second, Boardman Harvest Festival Court, third and the Umatilla Fair Court, fourth.

Antique car buffs provided a plethora of cars to see in the parade and one of the vehicles driven by Bob Harrison had to be hand-cranked in the middle of the intersection before it could proceed. First among antique car clubs was the Blue Mountain "A's" of Model A Club of America; first among old cars, 1939 and older or trucks was Gar Peter's 1917

Gary of Condon, second, Harold Peck's 1907 International, third, Robert and Diane Stickney's 1923 Model "T", Pete Schwarzin's 1926 Model "T" and in the cars 1939 and newer, Cal Sherman of Heppner won first place with his 1948 Chevrolet Fleetline with Bob Peterson driving a 1946 Ford taking second.

In the children's division, Holly Eckman, 3½ of Heppner, was named as the youngest cowgirl; the youngest cowboy title went to Tyson Palmateer, age 7 months and the best girls' costumes were worn by Christi Stroeber of Heppner and Amy Greenup of Heppner respectively; the best boys' outfits were worn by Travis Greenup of Heppner and Ryan Shiller of Buttercreek.

Ted Schwarz was first in the tricycle division followed by Jarred Minger in second place. Jim Wishart, parade chairman for the past five years, organized the event again this year and thanked his judges for the effort shown in deciding on the winners. Jim Farley, who also participated in the parade, helped line up entries at the starting point at Green Feed and Seed since Cornett Green was busy as parade marshal.

Correction

The Gazette-Times incorrectly reported in its last issue that the Morrow County Amateur Calf Roping saddle was donated by Gardner's Mens' Wear in Heppner. The saddle for the top calf roper was donated by the Kinzua Corporation.

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