

Fair grounds keeper works year-round

Many people vital to the success of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo never seem to get credit for it.

Steve Estberg, who is in charge of grounds and building maintenance year-round, and his wife, Dorothy, who is Fair secretary, seem to fit in this category.

During the year many

organizations use the facilities at the fairgrounds. Steve is always available to aid them.

This week and during fair, you will find Dorothy at the fair office in the Pavilion from 8-5 and 7-9 daily.

Steve was raised in Heppner by his grandparents, Lewis and Margaret Cason. They moved to Beaverton when Steve was 16. Steve always

dreamed of returning to Heppner to live and that dream came true in 1978. Always interested in farming, he enjoys his closely related work.

Are you a slipper kicker?

Have you ever sat around the house and seen how far you could kick your slipper across the room?

Well now you can turn those special talents developed over the years into use, by entering the all new slipper kicking event in this year's county fair.

The ladies should practice

Steve gives much credit to his summer helper, Cindi Bergstrom. Cindi's job is funded by CETA. Cindi has repaired, scraped and painted many chutes and corrals.



Pierce has 10 years as announcer

This year's Parade and Rodeo announcer, Gene Pierce, packs a lot of experience behind that microphone - he's been doing it here in Heppner for the past 10 years.

Gene, who has been involved in fairs and rodeos all his life, came to Heppner from Pendleton in 1957, 23 years ago. In Pendleton he was director of the Happy Canyon night show. He was born in Haystack on the land his grandad homesteaded, and has lived in eastern Oregon all his life.

He said he first began announcing when, minutes before a show was to begin, he discovered that the Rodeo Cowboy's Association announcer did not announce for hometown shows. Tom Currin came in and said 'You've got a job, Gene.' Gene stepped in and pulled it off at the last minute.

Gene will announce for the parade which will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 23 and for the hometown night show which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22.

"This fair ought to be a good one," says Gene, "we have good facilities for a fair."

"It's an all volunteer effort. If it wasn't for those people, (volunteers) we wouldn't have a fair or rodeo. It's a whole town project."

Gene is the president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner. He and his wife, Faye, have five children.

Good breakfast Sunday morn.

If ham, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and coffee sound good to you during the Rodeo, then be sure to stop by the Heppner city park Sunday, Aug. 24, between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. for the Wrangler breakfast.

All you can eat is only 2.75 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 12.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Heppner Wranglers.

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