

Around about with Justine Weatherford

Beautiful Morrow County really came into full bloom this week. The fair was tremendous, and now we expect a wonderful Rodeo. All ages were involved—and the educational satisfaction that participation brings, especially to younger citizens, is so valuable.

Saturday and Sunday were really busy times at the fairgrounds. Some organizations were at work on their booths earlier than Saturday, but the main push came that day as the community booths had to be completed that evening. Rodeo royalty and their subjects met face-to-face during this busy getting-ready time.

The judging of 4-H clothing and knitting and favorite outfits was away from the fairgrounds at the nearby junior high gym this year. This Saturday morning arrangement probably made the event easier for first-time participants, but not many viewers were there, being too busy elsewhere.

The 4-H Horse Show was going on in the playing field Saturday, and young riders and their mounts mingled with folks transporting exhibits—however, the traffic was not as hectic as it would be later in the week.

On Sunday the Wranglers Open Class Horse Show was a main event. Did you also watch the butchering service demonstration, or take in the delightful Oldtime Fiddlers' program? How about the miniature car races?

This year the edibles available at the Fair included new items such as Polish sausage, sauerkraut, Polynesian chicken and more. My favorite was the Oregon Wheat Leagues super-great, tiny, fresh-hot muffins. They just melted away in many mouths.

Oh Yes! The Slipper Kicking contest was another new, exciting event. The Wednesday evening 4-H and FFA Livestock Sale drew a full house and put money in the pockets and bank accounts of the youthful stockmen.

All day Saturday and Sunday and Monday, too, the faithful department superintendents and their assistants were kept busy receiving entries in open class sections and in 4-H exhibits other than livestock. These important workers are the contact people for the very important exhibitors who are the real foundation of the fair. They are so helpful and patient in receiving entries from eager, harried exhibitors, some of whom are new to fair routines.

The commercial exhibitors add much to the Fair. One of these that was attracting much attention was the T-Shirt booth of the Jerry Holloman family, who carry on this colorful business year-around in a special section of their Shoe Box Store on Heppner's Main Street. They equipped their booth with a tremendous assortment of T-Shirts and with a big, delightful, thought-provoking collection of transfer designs and were busily combining these as buyers selected their favorites.

The shirt that father Jerry wore on Sunday stated "Be Alert—The World Needs More Lerts!" Each sex and every age person could find a shirt and an appropriate, amusing design. The Fair and Rodeo logo, a special custom design, was proving popular.

Judy Laughlin, the new court secretary, purchased gift shirts for the queen and the princesses with the fair logo on

the fronts and with each girl's name on the back. Judy wears one, too, which says "Lottie's Mom" on its back.

Everyone really enjoyed visiting collector Shorty Peck's special Fairground Historic Museum. Shorty was one of the busiest fair workers, and he always manages to bring different exciting exhibits. Among other things he brought this year are the many neat bundles of grasses. Displaying Shorty's grasses was a real challenge to Bill Rawlins, the fine perennial superintendent of the Grain, Grass and Hay Division.

Although the 1980 fair schedule packs much into four days (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday), the County Fair Board and the Fair and Rodeo Committees have worked all year arranging details. These civic-minded folks meet regularly as they have to arrive at many decisions concerning the scheduling and the expenditures of fair and rodeo funds.

Everyone must realize that without exhibitors there would be no Fair. It seems like some of the divisions have finer entries each year. The Baked Foods section had a magnificent group of Wheatheart's Sunshine Cakes this year. The superintendents, Helen Currin and Sue Vinson, said that our fair had more entries in that category than the Umatilla Fair had.

The beautiful orange and white, two-tier decorated cake was the work of Kathy Maben. The Senior Citizens cookies for tasting needed a few more entries!

Citizens who become involved, who get out and really participate in the Fair and Rodeo, have such a good opportunity to learn and to grow. It is so sad to hear some folks say, "Oh I never take anything to the Fair—because I feel I wasn't treated right in 1959 or in 1965" or "I don't like the schedule" or "The committees aren't running it properly."

Today at noon (Thursday) all signs of the 1980 Fair will be cleared away and some of those who participated might be vowing "I'm sure going to do better next year."

Did you notice the bright lights burning in the Motor Vehicles Office all last weekend? Whoever was working there was invisible.

There were four or more yard sales last Saturday which drew the attention of many. The sellers offered amazing assortments of pre-owned goods. The sales prove each weekend that "One man's meat is another man's poison." They certainly manage to keep their poisons at pre-inflation prices. Going from sale to sale on Saturday mornings is a form of summer fun that often proves very practical.

Maybe you have been solicited for a contribution to the Swim-A-Thon. Heidi Samples, one of Heppner's leading swimmers, came to my door to explain the event to me. It will be interesting to see how many laps of the pool Heidi and the other philanthropic swimmers complete.

As August moves toward its close, most of the 1980 high school graduates of the county are seriously preparing to leave. Some are enlisting in the Army, the Navy or the Air Force. My informant didn't think that any were set on serving with the Marines. We'll miss our recent grads.

Senior Citizens

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, ten seniors and Pat Brindle went to Meacham to become part of the gathering of over 100 at the mountain estate of Area Agency on Aging Director Rollin Reynolds. A large and tasty hamburger and salad and pie, picnic luncheon was served the crowd at noon by hostess Mrs. Reynolds and the cooks and directors of the mealsites in the five-county area.

In attendance from Morrow County were Doris Gollyhorn, Helen and Fred Martin, Ione; Catie Padberg, Leita and Truman Messenger, Lexington; Pat Brindle, Blanche and Paul Jones, Freda Majeske and Justine Weatherford, Heppner.

During the forenoon the Project Council (mealsite personnel) met separately as the Area Council's larger meeting was being chaired by area President Paul W. Jones. It was during the morning meeting that Heppner's Director Pat Brindle learned that other mealsites were not serving meals during their county fairs, and she decided that the Heppner and Ione mealsite would not open on

Tuesday or Wednesday of Fair Week.

After lunch and visiting, everyone met together when President Jones rapped his gavel for attention. Many matters of concern were carefully considered, and reports were heard from representatives of each of the many mealsites who attended. The area staff persons gave their reports. Transportation problems were aired. Several counties reported that their buses were being used for great summer outings.

New things discussed included plans for White House Conference on Aging meetings in the counties; the Vial of Life program which is so helpful if any emergency occurs in a senior's home; the growth of day care centers for the elderly.

It was brought out that politicians may speak at senior mealsites if they will confine their remarks to issues. Again it was stated that anyone over 60 is encouraged to come to these centers to enjoy nutritional meals and fellowship. Each mealsite should have posted the rule that anyone under 60 years who comes to eat is expected

to pay \$1.50 for the meal. As the meeting adjourned it was determined that the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council's next meeting will be on Monday, October 13, in John Day, beginning at 10 a.m.

Next week the following meals will be served in Morrow County:

At Irrigon, Monday, Aug. 25—fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered beets, sliced tomatoes with

zucchini and onions, cabbage and carrot salad, bread, butter and apple butter and melons and cookies.

In Heppner, Tuesday, Aug. 26—beef stew with vegetables, blackeye peas, molded fruit salad, sliced cucumbers and tomatoes, corn bread and jelly and tapioca pudding.

At Ione and Heppner, Wednesday, August 27—Turkey cold plate, relishes and salads, rolls and heavenly hash and cupcakes.

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We will be closed Friday at 5 p.m. and all day Saturday so our staff can enjoy the exciting Morrow County Rodeo!

School Information

Ione schools set registration schedule

School will be starting soon and those students who will be attending Ione Elementary, Junior High or High schools should make note of the following important dates: Week of August 25 -

Registration for all new students - kindergarten, first grade or transfers at the high school office from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. These students must have completed the goldenrod physical exam and provide proof of immunizations before starting school.

Registration for all returning junior-senior high students and payment of fees at the high school office from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Ninth graders must have completed the goldenrod physical exam before starting school.

Fee schedules are as follows:
Grades K-6, pay only an insurance fee of \$2.50.
Grades 7-8 pay Insurance, \$4.00; Student Body Fee, \$6.00; Towel (P.E. & Sports) \$2.00; Annual (optional) \$6.00.
Grades 9-12 pay Insurance, \$6.00; Student Body Fee, \$6.00; Towel (P.E. & Sports) \$2.00; Annual (optional) \$6.00.
Lunches for all students are 40 cents per day, or \$71.60 per year.

September 2:
First day of school. School will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. Buses will run. Wednesday will begin the regular schedule from 8:30 a.m. until 3:25 p.m.

Coal plant rate increase okayed

Public Utility Commissioner John Lobdell has authorized Portland General Electric Company to begin earning its \$408 million investment in the Boardman coal-fired generating plant.

The company will raise rates 19.6 percent overall to collect an additional \$84 million annually. Residential rates will increase 19.4 percent.

Lobdell provided for the Boardman increase in January as Phase III of the company's general rate case. However, Lobdell disallowed Boardman in the company's rate structure until the plant was in full operation. Under the provisions of Ballot Measure 9 passed in 1978, utility companies are not allowed to receive a financial return on any plant while it is under construction. Consequently, the entire investment is

placed in the rate base at one time.

"I realize that this is a second substantial increase in PGE rates this year," Lobdell said. "But the law requires that utility companies meet the demand that exists in their service area and building tremendously expensive generating plants has been necessary."

"Ballot Measure 9 precludes us from 'paying-as-we-go,' so the increase must come all at once," Lobdell said. "This does, though, help make consumers more aware of the ever-increasing cost of energy production, and provides renewed motivation for conservation."

In 1979, PGE's average residential customer used 13,800 kilowatt-hours of electricity. This increase will raise costs for the average customer \$7.80 per month during the heating season.

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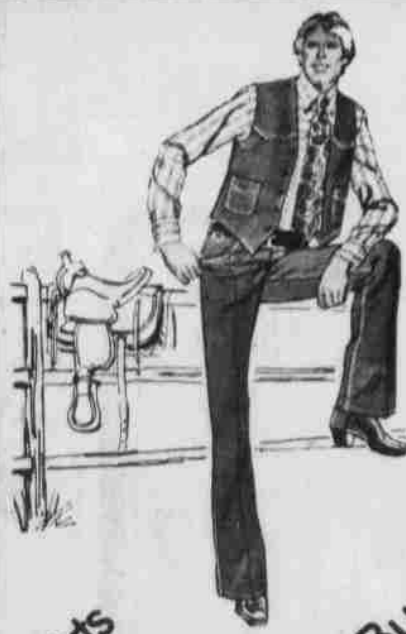
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