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HEPPNER, OREGON

## 1980 Morrow County Rodeo

### Gentry takes All Around, Marlatt best calf roper

Jerry Gentry, Heppner, walked away with the All Around Cowboy honors this year, as the 1980 Morrow County Rodeo came to a close Sunday.

Joedy Marlatt, also of Heppner, claimed the Amateur Calf Roping title winding up three days of Rodeo action which saw attendance up over last year.

For his efforts, Gentry won several prizes, including a handmade Severe saddle donated by the Morrow County Grain Growers, a two foot high trophy, and a \$50 cash award from the Orville Cutsforth family.

Marlatt picked up a Severe saddle also, this one donated by the Kinzua Corp. of Heppner.

Attendance for this year's three days of rodeo action was apparently up over 1979, as rodeo organizers said they took in over \$700 more in gate receipts.

Spectators were treated to some fine rodeo action starting with Morrow County Only contestants competing Friday night.

Saturday and Sunday saw the action open up as cowboys from throughout the north-west competed in the WRANRA sanctioned events.

All-Around winner in the open events was Pat Minor of Ellensburg. Minor also won the calf roping with a time of 10.9.

In Morrow County action, Bob Steagall and Roice Fullerton took first place in team roping and won a pair of spurs.

Jerry Gentry took first in Morrow County Steer Wrestling. Tony Currin and Joedy Marlatt captured first in the Cow Milking. Janice Healy won the barrels in a time of 17.95; and Libby Britt won the Pee Wee Barrels. In Cow Riding, Jerry Gentry took top honors, and in Open Calf Roping, Dick Hoffman won it all. In the Breakaway, Steve Currin won first with a time of 4.53, and in Cow Pony Races, Dick Hoffman and Tami Smith won first place on Saturday and Sunday respectively.

In the Baton Relay Heppner managed second on both Saturday and Sunday against Umatilla riders. However, Heppner did capture

first in the Pony Express run on Sunday, beating Umatilla. They took second to Umatilla on the Saturday run.

The Mahoney family won the Hard Luck Cowboy award this year, after their horse was injured seriously Friday night on the grass at the rodeo grounds.

Following is a complete list of winners in the Morrow County rodeo:

All-Around: Jerry Gentry  
Amateur Calf Roping: 1. Joedy Marlatt, 27.58; 2. Tony Currin, 28.6; 3. Cliff Dougherty, 31.66.

Team Roping: 1. Bob Steagall-Roice Fullerton; 2. Cliff Dougherty-Monte Evans; 3. Rick Samples-Blair Philippi; 4. Cliff Dougherty-Roice Fullerton.

Steer Wrestling: 1. Jerry Gentry, 2. Tim Daly, 3. Brett Sherer, 4. Joedy Marlatt, 5. Blair Philippi, 6. Rocky Steagall.

Cow Milking: 1. Tony Currin - Joedy Marlatt; 2. Rocky Steagall - Eric Clow; 3. Max Hellberg - Carl Smith; 4. Bob Steagall - Monte Stookey; 5. Bob Mahoney - Joe Taylor; 6. Don Papineau - Wayne Papineau.

Barrels: 1. Janice Healy, 17.95; 2. Maureen Healy, 18.06; 3. Trisha Mahoney, 18.24; 4. Andrea Ball, 18.28; 5. Teresa Proctor, 18.66; 6. Tara Mahoney, 18.68.

Pee Wee Barrels: 1. Libby Britt, 4. Angie Ashbeck, 5. Jennifer Currin.

Cow Riding: 1. Jerry Gentry, 2. Rocky Steagall, 3. Lee Rice, 4. Tony Currin, 5. Jim Van Winkle, 6. Jeff Bailey and Brett Sherer.

Open Calf Roping: 1. Dick Hoffman, 2. Tony Currin, 3. Jerry Gentry, 4. Joedy Marlatt, 5. Tim Daly, 6. Wayne Evans.

Breakaway: 1. Steve Currin, 4.63; 2. Janice Healy, 4.88; 3. Cindy Dougherty, 5.83; 4. Dalarie Philippi, 6.04; 5. Jana Steagall, 7.42; 6. Pat Schwarz, 14.40.

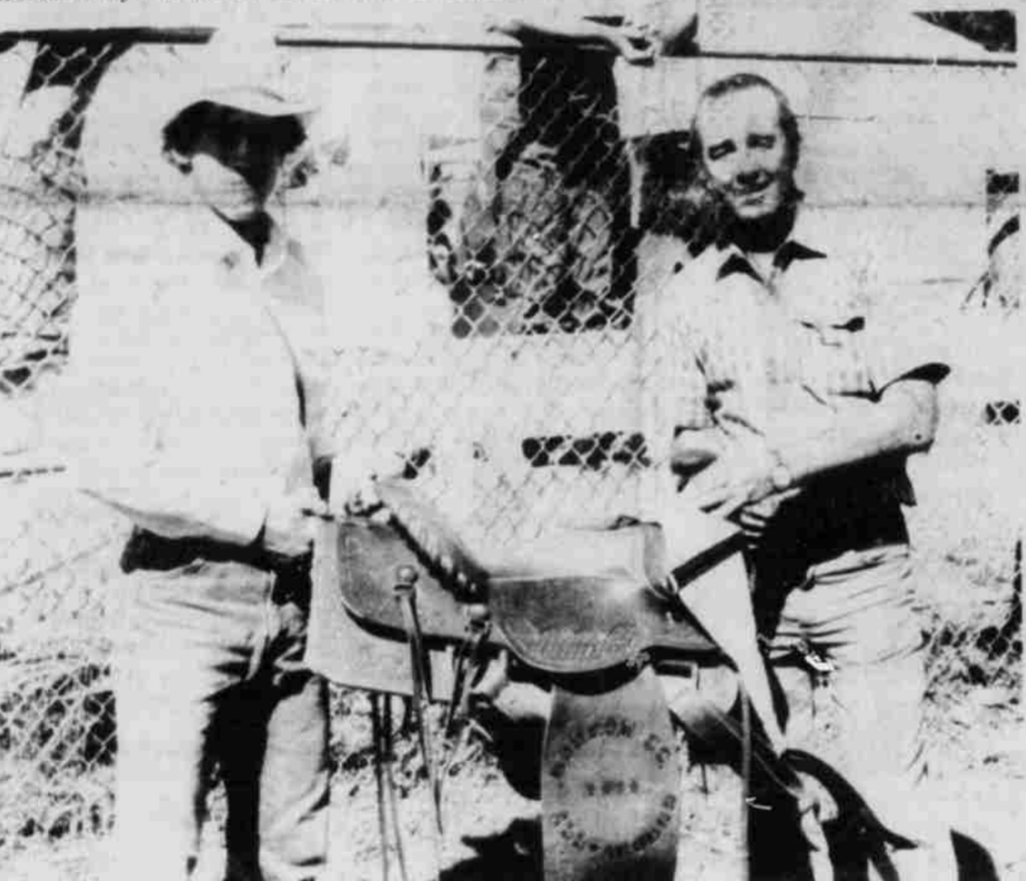
Cow Pony Races: Saturday - 1. Dick Hoffman, 2. Katrina Ray, 3. Patti Smith, Sunday - 1. Tami Smith, 2. Patti Smith, 3. Gail Papineau.

Baton Relay: Saturday - 1. Umatilla, 2. Heppner; Sunday - 1. Umatilla, 2. Heppner.

Pony Express: Saturday - 1. Umatilla, 2. Heppner; Sunday - 1. Heppner, 2. Umatilla.



The 1980 Rodeo Court (left to right) Nancy Miller, Queen Lori Edwards and Lottie Laughlin present Joedy Marlatt with the Amateur Calf Roping saddle donated by Kinzua Corp.



Bob Laughlin, (right) on behalf of the Morrow County Grain Growers, presents Jerry Gentry with the Morrow County All-Around saddle.

### Smith says he will spend more time in district

Republican candidate for the Second Congressional District, Denny Smith, said last week that if elected he will

spend more time in the home district than has incumbent democrat Al Ullman.

Smith was in Heppner Wednesday to attend the Morrow County Fair. He was on a campaign swing through the area preparing for his November election bid against Ullman.

"I was encouraged five years ago to run (for Congress)," says Smith. "And at that time I noticed that he (Ullman) didn't come back here very often, nor was he well received."

Smith says Ullman only made six trips back to his district in 1978, and eight trips in 1979.

Smith says a congressman gets 33 trips per year to his district, and that he will use many more of those trips than does Ullman.

"I plan to maintain a house in Salem," he says, "I plan to be here personally."

In addition he says he will be up front with his constituents. "He (Ullman) talks one way in Washington, and another

way in Oregon."

Smith hits on several issues when explaining his goals if elected to congress, all standard Republican themes.

Smith says the United States budget must be balanced, and that taxes and government must be reduced. "There has been one balanced budget in the last 20 years," says Smith. He says he is convinced inflation will come under control once the budget is balanced.

He says the government benefits from the high inflation rate, and does not necessarily wish it to come down.

Smith says that because of "bracket creep" (inflation pushing people into higher tax brackets), the government collects more money in taxes.

Smith says taxes must be cut back. "The proposed budget for 80-81 is \$613.7 billion." "To arrive at this budget there have been large tax increases," says Smith. "The vision in government is we

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### Winter says county clerk shouldn't have promoted registration at fair

Pauline Winter, candidate for Morrow County Clerk said Monday that incumbent clerk Barbara Bloodworth should not have promoted voter registration at the Democratic Party fair booth last week.

In a written statement released to the press, Winter said:

"The incumbent county clerk had voter registration materials at the Democratic Party fair booth last week. Several people have asked me about this.

"The county clerk is the county's election officer and,

of course, it is important for that official to encourage and facilitate voter registration. However, this incumbent clerk is also a member of and officer on the Democratic Central Committee.

"It seems to me that an inherent conflict is created when a clerk promotes voter registration at a political campaign booth. That alone, is reason not to do it. Just as bad, however, is the possibility of achieving a reverse effect by actually discouraging people from registering—particularly, if they do not share the political persuasion

of the Democratic Party.

"Among other things, my 'Fresh Approach' campaign is aimed at this kind of partisan practice that uses the legal functions of the clerk's office to the distinct advantage of her political party.

"I believe voter registration should be encouraged and a non-partisan atmosphere provided for that purpose to the citizens of Morrow County. I am committed to this philosophy."

Winter will face Bloodworth in the election this November.

### Boardman man named to plan comm

The Morrow County Commission appointed Jack Strege, Boardman, to the county planning commission last Wednesday.

That leaves one more position on the 9-member commission to be filled. Strege works for Portland General Electric.

In other business at the meeting held last Wednesday, Aug. 20, the commission accepted an LCDC grant of \$7,630 for the county.

### Irrigon man Hospital officials make injured Portland recruiting trip

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department says that Benito Bedolls Villegas, Irrigon, was involved in a one car accident on old Hwy. 30 near 8th Street West in Irrigon on Friday, Aug. 15.

Villegas was taken to the Umatilla hospital by Irrigon police, the sheriff's department says.

The department also reports that Cecil Rock of Irrigon reported a theft of welding leads, valued at \$354.95, from his vehicle. Rock reported the theft Monday, Aug. 18.

Hospital Administrator A.K. "Lucky" Felt, Board Chairman Fred Martin and Vice Chairman Ed Dick traveled to Portland Thursday, Aug. 21, to interview a doctor in the hospital's continued effort to recruit a physician into the area.

"So far we've talked to about 50," says Felt. "I have a file an inch thick."

Felt says the hospital is

"deeply" involved with physician recruitment. "We are most concerned with quality and people who have a desire to live in a small community such as this (Heppner)," Felt said.

Earlier he said the recently added \$500,000 in improvements to the hospital should make it easier to recruit a physician into the community.

### Green to run for mayor

Heppner city council member Clifford Green has submitted a petition to have his name on the ballot in November for mayor, city hall reports.

Green had originally planned to run for the council, but changed his mind when no one had filed for the mayor's spot

by the filing deadline Tuesday.

In addition to Green, as of Tuesday morning, two others have filed for city positions. Joyce Winter and Ron Forrar both submitted petitions for two of three council seats.

Closing date for positions was Tuesday, August 26, at 5 p.m.



Firemen took about forty five minutes to douse the flames of a fire in Heppner Friday behind the old Bill's Body Shop building on Riverside street. The fire burned grass, part of a wood fence and some wood that was stacked there. The fire started around 1 p.m.



### Is it that time already?

Fresh paint on the school crossing signs portends back to school days for Morrow County Students.

School starts in county schools at 8:30 a.m. the day after Labor Day, Tuesday, September 2. School will run only until 1:30 p.m. that day. The regular school schedule from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. will resume on Wednesday, September 3.

Buses will run starting the first day, September 2.