

# AROUND ABOUT

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Here we are again at our county's BIG WEEK—the County Fair and Rodeo. Last weekend participants and spectators saw fine horses and skilled riders during the 4-H Horse Show on Saturday and the Wrangler's Open Class Horse Show on Sunday.

Monday was a very busy day as all exhibitors and fair workers checked in exhibits (except the livestock). Work on the community booths had been going on for many days, but it had to culminate at 10 p.m. on Monday. The 4-H fashion revue provided extra morning excitement. All week this year's royal court, Queen Nancy Miller and Princesses Anita Palmer and Kathy Hansen ruled most graciously as they will continue to reign until after the rodeo finals on Sunday.

Tuesday, livestock entries came in. Much judging and the Pet Show and Horseshoe Pitching Contest led up to the evening's top event, the 4-H Style Show. Yesterday, Wednesday, more judging and 4-H contests along with the Kids Coin Hunt, more horseshoe pitching, the Senior Citizen Cookie Judging and the Rooster Crowing contest, all during the day, led into the Chicken-Dinner Family Fun Nite with promised entertainment.

Today, Thursday, there will be many more 4-H presentations, the finals of Livestock Showmanship, the finals of horseshoe pitching, the miniature car races and at 8 p.m. the 4-H and FFA Market Stock Sale. After 8:30 p.m. exhibits will be released until 10 p.m., and premiums won will be paid out between 9 and 10 p.m.

Tomorrow remaining exhibits must be picked up and the fair sections cleaned out. The Morrow County Rodeo begins at 7 p.m. and the Rodeo Dance will commence in the Pavilion at 9:30 p.m.

Four big events are slated for Saturday. The Main Street Parade starts at 10 a.m. The WRA-NRA Open Rodeo begins at 1:30 p.m., the Episcopal Church Barbecue begins at 5 p.m. and the Rodeo Dance beginning at 9:30 will terminate that busy day. Next Sunday will feature the Wrangler's Cowboy Breakfast from 7 until 10 a.m. and then the Rodeo Finals which begin at 1:30 p.m.

Although this week is the BIG WEEK, many people have been working on the Fair and Rodeo for the entire year. They saw that the building and grounds were clean and in good shape and that all department superintendents and their assistants were briefed. The big unknown quantities about a Fair are the enthusiasm and participation of exhibitors and of the viewing public. If people don't participate, don't enter the events scheduled and don't attend the contests the whole week will suffer and the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo will fail to be the great community event it should be.

Some folks may remember that there used to be three fairs in the county—a North County Fair, a South County Fair and a separate 4-H Fair. Now these have been combined and the single event is a unifying happening that brings folks from all parts of the county together.

It is great to have County Court members, Fairboard personnel, Fair Committee members and department superintendents who represent different areas of the county. They all work diligently at planning and providing arrangements for the scheduled events. But the success of it all depends on us, on the support they get from the good participation and attendance of the public. It seems like

those residents who never take exhibits, who never attend fair or rodeo events, who "Couldn't care less" are really hurting a good thing and are missing lots of fun, too.

Maybe this is enough said about the 1981 Fair and Rodeo. Most of us will sort of forget about the event until about July 1982. Those with Fair and Rodeo related responsibilities will not forget. They are already beginning to make plans for next year's big week.

Last week much interest focused on Columbia Basin Electric Co-op and the problems related to power and its increasing cost. The community meeting on Tuesday night surely did not have anything to do with the total blackout in Heppner on Thursday night which many of us had somehow missed learning about in advance. What a difference electricity makes. Candles may be romantic, but they are not good reading lights. Because in almost every home family members of every age are so addicted to nightly TV, they really were thrown off schedule by the power outage. With reading and TV almost impossible, did family members enjoy visiting with one another for a change that evening? I was delighted to find that my telephone still worked—that helped me feel not quite so helpless and alone.

Last week I wrote about the Heppner fieldtrip to Ashland. A significant part of that column needed to be dropped because of space pressure. It dealt with the learning experience that the high school students had—saying, "As we traveled homeward on Friday there was much discussion of the five plays we saw. The students carefully analyzed each performance. Besides becoming acquainted with the Ashland and Jacksonville communities they all had their first look at Oregon's magnificent blue jewel, Crater Lake. I surely hope that Jane Rawlins will be able to continue to arrange these excellent field trips long into the future."

Because I haven't spent too many hours with a group of highschoolers recently, I was very interested in their conversations. I found that as we went toward Ashland much of their talk centered on TV programs and performers. However after being in the uplifting Shakespearean atmosphere, the homeward conversation differed. Of course, they had been away from their TV's for five days.

I already felt rather acquainted with three of the students, but getting to know comparative newcomer Glenn Smith was such a pleasure. Glenn is a fellow who has read a great deal and who retains so much of what he reads. He initiated a little game of "Who am I?" and far outdistanced the rest of us. His breadth of knowledge thrilled me. He is by far the most knowledgeable person I have met in the field of various mythologies. Maybe Glenn Smith will come up with the correct names for the female statues at the front of our courthouse. I think he has a better chance of success than almost anyone.

Now as the school year begins, I am looking forward to seeing the four traveled, young thespians, Polly Fortenberry, Lisa Nix, Wes Mariatt and Glenn Smith appear in more Heppner High School dramatic productions.

### LAND TRANSACTIONS IN HISTORY

A vast array of federal, state and local laws and regulations has forever changed the way people exchange property.

In Colonial times, land transfers took place on the actual property with buyer, seller and a few witnesses present. Conditions of the transaction were declared and the seller symbolized the transfer by presenting the buyer with a twig and a handful of earth. If there was a home, the buyer was given the door knocker.

### Judd appointed to Irrigon City Council

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

Robert Judd has been appointed to the Irrigon City Council to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of former Mayor Vernon Stewart. Stewart said he found it necessary to be out of town much of the time, since his father's death, to care for his mother's ranch in Elgin.

### Unit IX Retired Teachers to meet Sept. 5

Unit IX Retired Teachers will meet in Hermiston, Saturday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m. at Frasu's, 675 N. 1st.

Bonnie and Rudy Rada will show the pictures from their trip to India.

## Miss Northwest Rodeo to attend Morrow Co. Fair & Rodeo

Miss Northwest Rodeo for 1981, Diane L. Elverud of Hillsboro, Ore., will be attending the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo on Saturday, August 29, and Sunday, August 30.

Diane will be riding in the Main Street parade on Saturday morning and will greet everyone at both performances of the rodeo by riding in the Grand Entry each day.

Diane proudly represents the Northwest Rodeo Association throughout Washington, Oregon and parts of Idaho. She also attended the Calgary Stampede in Alberta, Canada, where the Northwest Volcanos took the Team Rodeo Championship for the second year in a row. Her duties include attending over 20 N.R.A. approved rodeos this season, riding in parades including the Portland Grand Floral Parade and various other types of personal appearances.

Diane is a 1979 graduate of Hillsboro High School and is now employed by Washington County as a data processing technician. She also works parttime at a local Western

wear store to help with travel expenses as she must travel mostly at her own expense. She likes sewing and has other hobbies but her main interest is in horses. She enjoys breaking and training colts, barrel racing and is learning to team rope.

One other duty Diane has is to recruit young ladies to compete for the title of Miss Northwest Rodeo 1982. The horsemanship portion of the competition will be in Olympia on October 17 and the personality portion will be during the N.R.A.'s annual convention on November 21 in The Dalles. Anyone interested can get more information by writing to Diane at: P.O. Box 953, Hillsboro, Ore. 97123.



### Diane Elverud Bergstrom wins high honors in last meet

By CINDI BERGSTROM

Kelli Bergstrom, Heppner, won high honors swimming in the last meet of the season. Kelli won five of six events and placed second in the sixth event. Trophies were given to each high point winner in every age group.

Kris Donaldson also swam in Lewiston. Kris won medals in the 50 m. free, 100 m. freestyle and 100 m. backstroke. Kris said "It's not the freestyle it's the Australian crawl."

The Heppner Swim Team ended the season Aug. 24 at Hager Park with a picnic. All team members and their families attended. Ann Metz gave out the last awards saying, "We blew them away

in district". The Heppner team was small, but strong and hopes to be stronger next year.

### NAZARENE CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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Fri., Aug. 28  
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## NEW TELEPHONE RATES FILED.

On August 19, 1981, Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company filed a request with the Oregon Public Utility Commissioner to increase rates for certain communication services in Oregon. The request includes an increase in basic residence service exchange rates ranging from \$1.15 to \$1.80 per month. This equates to less than a 4% per year increase since basic service exchange rates were last increased in 1975. In addition, increases are proposed in rates for certain business services, local coin service, and installation related charges. The total proposed increases amount to an immediate annual increase, upon approval, of \$35.5 million or about 7.2% in Oregon revenues.

The three main reasons for this request are:

First, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has ordered changes in methods of accounting for the recovery of capital investment. The cost associated with this mandated change would be met through the rate increase for which PNB has filed.

Second, PNB's labor contracts require wage increases, which would be partially recovered through this proposed rate increase.

Finally, the Company has made significant investments for facilities to continue to meet customers' telecommunications needs. We are asking that this increase in our rate base be recognized by the Commissioner.

Copies of the Company's testimony, exhibits and tariffs are available for inspection in selected offices throughout the state. For additional information about this filing, write Pacific Northwest Bell, Room 814, 421 S.W. Oak Street, Portland, Oregon 97204, or call 224-0123 in Portland, toll free.

This notice is made to provide general information regarding the proposed rate increase and its effect on our customers. The proposal will be considered by, but is not binding on, the Public Utility Commissioner. No rate changes will become effective until the Public Utility Commissioner has reviewed and approved the request. To receive notice of the time and place of any hearings on the request, write the Oregon Public Utility Commissioner, Salem, Oregon 97310, or call 1-800-452-7813, toll free.

