

Around About

How quickly the 1981 Morrow County Fair ended, then the county rodeo, the parade, the open rodeo, the beef barbecue and the Wrangler's breakfast whizzed by before the final performances of the rodeo. Friday and Saturday nights saw rodeo dances at the Fair Pavilion, and many local folks and visitors enjoyed the carnival rides and booths during the action-filled days.

How good it is to live in a community where volunteers give their time, energy and skills to work with these special annual events. So many hundreds of man, woman, and youth hours went into all of the community-originated events, that even at sub-minimum wages, the cost of that labor would be tremendous. Bless those who worked willingly and well so that everyone could enjoy attending these late-August activities.

Probably statistics will be published soon telling how many attended the various events. Right now, I am only able to guess at how attendance compared with former years - and my personal experience goes back only 15 years now. It seems that the fair was well attended. The special events such as the tractor contest, the pet show, the horseshoe pitching and the miniature car races pleased many.

It was a surprise to learn that the Family Fun Night last Wednesday drew more individuals than the committee ordered dinners for. When Irene Anhorn's Rooster Crowing Contest brought forth a dozen or so roosters while the barbecue equipment from Milton-Freewater was still visible in front of the grandstand and when people were hungry who were shorted chicken dinners -- it took some restraint on the

part of several not to toss a few prize roosters onto the grills. Jim Ackley's good musical presentations seemed to inspire more crowing than did the youthful rooster coaches, including Queen Nancy Miller and Princesses Anita and Kathy.

Each year many people marvel at the fine work displayed at the fair by the youth and adults of this county. It is a fact that the FFA and the 4-H work here is outstanding. The open-class exhibits in baked food, canned food, needlework, crafts and art and photography surely rank very high. It seems like the flower and vegetable divisions may have had more and better entries other years. The grain division was, as usual, outstanding. I can't compare the animal entries or the livestock sale with other years, but these are always very good.

The community booths seemed to really stress the theme "Expanding Horizons of the 80's." The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the VFW Auxilliary certainly had a deserving sweepstake-winning booth. Perhaps the fact that the Fair Premium Books came out in mid-June made for a better number of good entries this year than in years when the premium books have been released much later.

Somehow there seemed to be a smaller number of commercial exhibitors at this year's fair. There also seemed to be a fewer number of participants in this year's Saturday parade. Did Ione or Boardman participate? Weren't there fewer visiting court groups than usual? Maybe the high cost of travel, which has curtailed the trips that our own court makes, has cut into the schedules of others, too. It was so good to see the fine number of folks from Pendleton pass by. Everyone enjoys the colorful Sroptimist clowns.

Attendance at the Friday night Morrow County Rodeo and at the Saturday and Sunday afternoon open rodeo shows seemed good. People have been saying that the rodeo shows were well run. It was sad to hear that several performers and at least one horse suffered serious injuries.

The Sunday morning breakfast certainly proved again that the Wranglers know how to put on a first-rate Cowboy Breakfast. Even though the early diners found the air chilly, the food and the crowd were warm and very good.

So, now it is back-to-school time and back-to-regular-activity schedules for all family members.

One of the cute stories that came out during fair week, which I shall long remember, concerns jolly Monsignor Murphy who is the substitute priest at St. Patrick's church. He told his congregation that a little girl he met at the fair was puzzled by his clerical collar. She studied it a little while and then asked him "Is that a flea collar you are wearing?"

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL
Sept. 8 - 11

Tues., Sept. 8 - minute steaks, scalloped potatoes, watermelon, lettuce salad, milk.

Wed., Sept. 9 - chicken noodles, whole wheat muffins, corn on cob, mixed fruit, or

salad bar, milk.
Thurs., Sept. 10 - beef stew, pineapple slices with cottage cheese salad, corn bread and jelly or salad bar, milk.
Fri., Sept. 11 - peanut butter or pork sandwiches, cabbage and carrot salad, tomatoes, bar cookies, milk.

HEPPNER ELEMENTARY

Tues., Sept. 1 - sandwich, pork & beans, vegetable, fresh fruit, and milk.
Wed., Sept. 2 - pizza, corn, salad, fruit and milk.
Thurs., Sept. 3 - hot turkey sandwiches, gravy, fresh frozen vegetable, fruit, and milk.
Fri., Sept. 4 - tacos, cheese and lettuce, vegetables, cookies, fruit, and milk.
Tues., Sept. 8 - macaroni and cheese, vegetable, fruit, muffin, and milk.
Wed., Sept. 9 - corn dogs, cheese stix, lettuce and tomato, fruit, and milk.

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What's Your Opinion?



"Did you enjoy the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo this year?"
"Yes," said Dee Dee Rood of Heppner. "But it could have been better."

Bergstrom new manager of Mobil station



Nick Parsel (right) district manager for Pettyjohn Oil in Ione, stands with Bruce Bergstrom, new manager of the Mobil station in Heppner.

The station had been shut down for a time, but has been open for business since last Friday, said Parsel.

Bergstrom, a native of the Heppner area and now living in Ione, will be providing lube jobs, oil changes and other automotive services as well as selling gasoline and other products to customers.

Bergstrom is an ex-Air Force mechanic, and has completed school for further training.

The convenience market next to the station will probably be opened again at a later date said Parsel.

Road report

The Morrow County Public Works Department has released the following work report for the week ending August 29.

In the Boardman Irrigation area, sand and dirt were removed from the shoulders of Toms Cabin Road, No. 582, and the Boardman Airport Road. Pot holes were patched with hot mix on Peters and Kunze Road, 1 1/2 miles of Wilson Road is undergoing

major repair. Rough areas are being patched with hot mix using the blade and roller.

In the south end of the county the hot mix patching has been going well. This past week roads patched were Ella, Brenner, Clarks Canyon, Blackhorse, Sandhollow, Balm Fork, North-South Morgan and Morgan East.

Gravel was spread on Meadowbrook Road and some bridge repair was done on Bergevin Road.

The mechanics worked on blade No. 29, trucks 13, 16, 18 and No. 58 backhoe.

Allstott assumes new duties at Gazette-Times



Patti Allstott this week assumed the duties of editor of the Gazette-Times.

Allstott, 21, has been with the G-T for the past year in reporting, proofreading and layout.

A 1977 graduate of Heppner High School, Allstott attended Blue Mountain Community College at Pendleton. She and her husband, David, live in Heppner.

Mary Ann Cerullo, a columnist for the G-T, will be assuming Allstott's position.

Former editor, April Hilton-Sykes, is away on maternity leave.

Hope Lutheran Plans Wash - Bake Sale

Hope Lutheran Sunday School kids will be out in force this Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Heppner Chevron Station. Their desire is to clean cars and sell baked goods to help underwrite a barbecue for the congregation.

The kids will be on hand to make cars shine and mouths water from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jeff Maben, operator of the Chevron Station, is donating the space and some of the supplies the kids will use in the project. Jeff's wife, Kathie, is the superintendent of the Sunday School.

Bookworms to resume meetings

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Heppner's venerable ladies' literary club, the Bookworms, will hold their first meeting of the new school year at the home of Marion Abrams on Tuesday evening, Sept. 8.

The evening will begin with

a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. for which Inez Erwin and Frances Mitchell will be co-hostesses. They will provide meat, rolls and beverages, and members are to bring a vegetable dish, a salad or a dessert. After dinner the group will elect new officers and will establish the year's program of meetings.

HOSPITAL NOTES

The following patients were admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner over the past week:

R.G. Watkins, Heppner, admitted August 25, discharged August 26;

Mary Ann Davis, Heppner, admitted August 25, discharged August 27;

Steve Peck, Lexington, admitted August 26, discharged August 28;

Kenneth Nairns III, Heppner, admitted August 30, discharged Sept. 1;

Peggy Moyer, Heppner, ad-

mitted August 27, discharged August 31;

Elmer Palmer, Heppner, admitted August 28, discharged August 31; and

John Campbell, Hermiston, admitted August 29, discharged August 30.

Patients remaining in the hospital as of Tuesday, Sept. 1 are:

Shirley Connor, Heppner, admitted August 29;

Georgia Lynch, Heppner, admitted August 29; and

Coleen Greenup, Heppner, admitted August 29.

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