



Cow Belle Corner

By CATHY PECK

The Morrow County Cow-Belles will celebrate their 25th anniversary on March 20. The actual date the organization was established was March 19, 1957, and since that time the CowBelles have made many contributions to Morrow County.

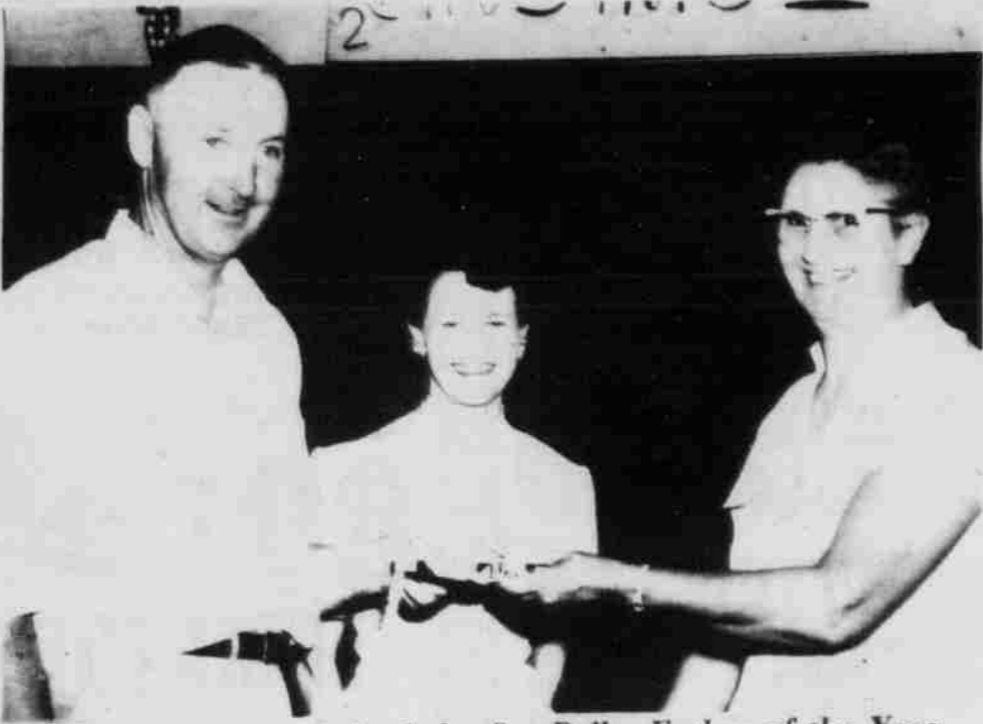
The CowBelles made their debut in the 1957 rodeo parade in a horse and buggy. The buggy was driven by Shirley Rugg, who was accompanied by Dorris Graves, complete with moustache. The entry was decorated with Eat More Beef signs - a theme and purpose maintained by the group today.

Another activity sponsored by the CowBelles was the Father of the Year Award. The first winner in 1958 was Bernard Doherty. Also pictured are his wife Jerry Doherty, and Emma White, Cecil (deceased), president of the CowBelles. One of the most memorable events in the CowBelles' history was the selection in 1972 of Bob Jepsen, the Morrow County winner of State Father of the Year.

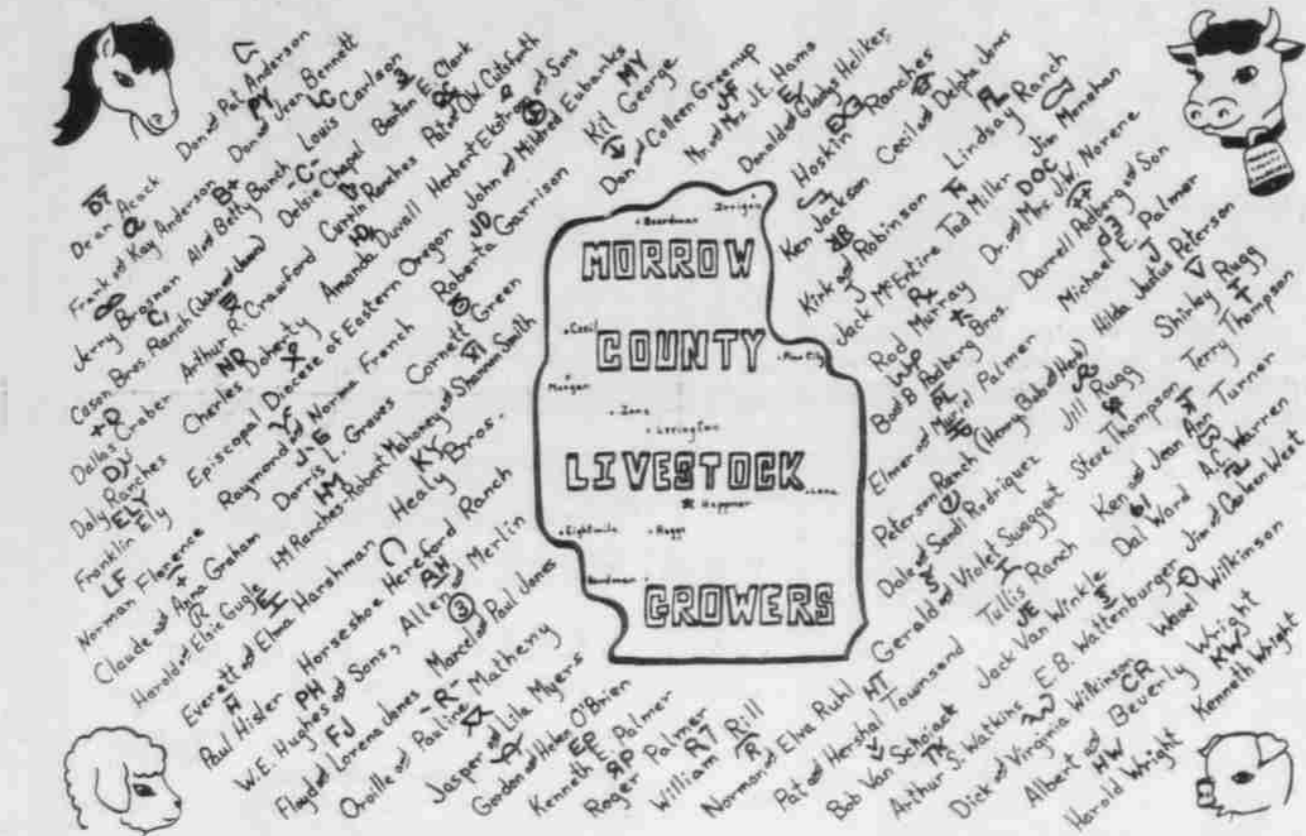
Throughout their 25 years, the CowBelles have consistently supported and promoted the beef industry in particular and the meat industry in general with demonstration displays concerning ways to select, prepare and serve meat.



CowBelles make debut in 1957 rodeo parade



Bernard Doherty received the CowBelles Father of the Year Award in 1958



Placemats designed in 1959 display the brands of over 100 area livestock growers

The CowBelles have supported their industry in other ways too. Since 1958, the group has awarded a beef certificate to the father of the baby born closest to Father's Day in Morrow County.

The CowBelles have also played an important role in the Morrow County Fair by promoting demonstrations during the fair, participating in the parade, and making available items which endorse their industry.

Two such memorial items in 1959 were their cookbook and their placemats which displayed the brands of over 100 livestock growers in the area.

The CowBelles' influence has also been extended to the youth of the county. Since 1959, when the Home Ec and FFA classes were invited to a public demonstration of meat cookery, programs have been instituted in the schools to instruct students in the preparation of meat. Beef certi-

icates are donated to the schools, enabling students to learn to prepare meat as an integral part of a meal.

In 1973, the CowBelles became involved in still another way in the life of Morrow County residents. Books, entitled "Brand of a Boy" were presented to each of the grade schools to be used in the seventh and eighth grades to help the students understand better life on an Oregon cattle ranch.

Throughout their 25 years, the CowBelles have made a vital contribution to Morrow County. On March 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge the CowBelles will celebrate their founding date.

The public is invited to a no-host dinner and festivities to be MC'd by Harold Kerr. The group has invited Wayne Leathers, "The Country Philosopher" to offer his remarks in those attending. The evening promises to be great

Women's Aglow plans bake sale Friday, March 19

Women's Aglow Fellowship will hold a bake sale on Friday, March 19, 3:30 p.m. in front of Murray Drug Store in Heppner.

Funds raised from the sale will aid women wanting to attend the spring Aglow Re-

treat, who otherwise would not be able to attend, said a spokesperson. The retreat will be held at McNary, April 3-4, at a cost of \$42.50 per person, she added.

Any woman interested in attending is asked to call Lynnea Sargeant, 676-9621 to obtain a registration form. The forms must be completed

and returned to Mrs. Sargeant by March 24, the spokesperson said.

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Out of today's circular the following 2 items did not arrive:

4 Nobility Credit Card calculator. No. 815-506 sale \$5.00.

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Lexington family recognized in Pathfinder

Gary and Virginia Grieb and son Ken of Lexington have been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having registered Angus cows qualified to be listed in the association's "1982 Pathfinder Recognition Report."

The pathfinder program identifies superior Angus females in the breed based upon economically important production traits including regularity of calving and weaning weight, according to Dick Spader, executive vice president Angus cows with superior performance records are listed in a pathfinder report, published annually by the American Angus Association, with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

To qualify a breeder must have his herd actively enrolled in the Association's Angus Herd Improvement Records Program. In order to be listed in the pathfinder report a cow must produce a calf at a young age and continue to

wear a heavy calf on an average of every 12 months. Each calf must have a weaning weight ratio of 105 or higher with at least 10 herdmates evaluated each year. A minimum of three calves is required for a cow to be listed in the report, said a spokesperson.

In the 1982 pathfinder report a total of 2,900 cows are listed. That represents less than one percent of 300,000 head reviewed for publication. In addition a total of 80 bulls that have sired five or more pathfinder cows in the report

are listed in a Sire Summary. The pathfinder report is published each year in the May issue of the "Angus Journal." For a copy, contact John Crouch, director of breed improvement, American Angus Association, 3201 Frederick Blvd., St. Joseph, Missouri 64501.

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To answer these and other questions you are invited to join representatives from Morrow County and the school district in a panel discussion **Monday March 22 7:30 p.m. at the Lexington Grange Hall.**

Heppner Mayor Cliff Green will also answer any questions about the proposed county jail. Dick Wilkenson will moderate the panel.

Bring your questions! and a dish for the potluck dinner at 6 p.m. The Lexington Grange will be providing beverage and dinner rolls

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A Letter to Morrow County Citizens from Dorothy Krebs Commissioner:

The recent incident involving the Neighborhood Center has brought to light that many people do not have a clear understanding of the problems that are involved. Perhaps an explanation is in order.

The Neighborhood Center, under local leadership of Pat Brindle, is a function of the Blue Mountain Economic Development Council, Inc. (BMEDC), is a non-profit corporation and operates as such under the laws of the state. Its articles of incorporation state that it will provide certain services to Morrow and Umatilla counties. This means that BMEDC would be in violation of its articles of incorporation if it closed the Heppner Neighborhood Center and continued to service Umatilla County. The recent threat to close the facility was not realistic. It was a threat made to invite public reaction and it was successful.

When Community Action Programs started under Lyndon Johnson's presidency, they were intended to stimulate economic development in order to provide programs and jobs for the low-income group. To get them started, some counties contributed funds, including Morrow County. However, lack of federal and state budget funds have reduced this function of economic development to the point where the most important function now is public assistance. Counties are not obligated to maintain public aid agencies. That is a function of the federal and state.

Following is a review of programs currently offered at the Neighborhood Center:

1. Emergency food including surplus cheese
2. Emergency clothing
3. Weatherization for those who qualify.
4. Thursday craft sessions for Heppner and area.
5. Gleaming project
6. Christmas Food Baskets
7. Low-income Energy Assistance

Some other agencies use the space to deliver other services but they are not funded by Neighborhood Center. Please note that the services offered are not the kind that make jobs but rather are those of offering public assistance. Is the County responsible for funding?

The booklet "Revenue Sharing Facts for Local Government," June, 1981, states "Governments are encouraged to use revenue sharing funds to help overcome imbalances in services and facilities which currently exist. If a government funds any program or activity which creates an imbalance of services or facilities, this imbalance must be corrected." How should this be interpreted? Is each one of our Morrow County communities entitled to a facility for its own use to obtain services of the Neighborhood Center since Heppner does? The questions deserved an answer before funds were granted.

The Heppner Neighborhood Center prides itself on making its space, heat and light available to other groups at no

charge. Some of these groups have taxing ability of their own. Since N.C. is funded in part by the county, the county was in effect agreeing to the free service. However, the county was put in a strange position because it charges a user fee in other rental situations. This is another one of the inconsistencies the county wanted to resolve before funding took place.

During the recent letter writing campaign, many references were made to AAA services and listed as projects of the Neighborhood Center. The Area Agency on Aging is an entirely different program from Neighborhood Center. It did some cooperative work for a while but they are entirely separated now. The local senior service program is under the direction of Lynnea Sargeant. It offers the following Senior Citizen programs in Morrow County.

1. Nutrition mealsites, Heppner and Irrigon.
2. Outreach services.
3. Transportation - Quintra bus, Ione to Heppner, weekly trips to other areas are planned.
4. Volunteer Escort Services, personal door to door travel to medical, dental, business, etc.
5. Oregon Project Independence (Homemaker) Intake and certification support.
6. Legal services - non-attorney in nature.
7. Medicare assistance.
8. Elderly Abuse - a new requirement of 1981 Legislature protecting elderly from abuse.
9. Nursing Home Ombudsman - Mrs. Sargeant is governor's designee for this position.

After July 1, 1982, fourteen other services will be added. On that date, AAA will assume a portion of the services previously delivered by Adult and Family Services.

As you can compare, there is no duplication of services between the Neighborhood Center and AAA. They are different agencies, have different directors, serve different people, and have different programs. There should not be any conflicts or controversy - theoretically. Unfortunately, there are many and they are devastating. There has been a surplus of untruths, misinformation and even some down right libelous words put in letters. Rumors are still circulating that are injurious to many people. This should not be. In a democracy, justice depends upon truth. It is the voters duty to find the truth even though it means scraping away dirt.

Since the people of Morrow County have by petition indicated they favor financing a public aid agency, the budget committee will include it in the budget. Now that the matter is settled there should be no further hostility.

Both Neighborhood Center and AAA should be allowed to be successful in conducting their programs. Both will receive assistance from the County and support of all the members of the County Court.