

## New groundskeeper, helpers spruce up fair grounds



Ed Struthers

Ed Struthers is the new caretaker at the Morrow County Fair grounds. He went to work for the Fair Board June 1 and will keep the grounds in order year round.

He and his family have lived in Morrow County since 1969. Ed and his wife, Marie, have four children: Pat, Renee, Sophia and Dan. In his

spare time, he likes fishing, golf and hunting.

Struthers has been busy painting, making repairs to buildings and pens, and pulling weeds. Since June 10, three teen-age girls funded by the East Central Oregon Association of Counties employment training program have been helping with whatever needs to be done to get the grounds in shape for next week's fair and rodeo.

Sheila Coe graduated from Heppner High School last June and plans to attend Blue Mountain Community College this fall majoring in nursing. She is active in three 4-H projects this year in addition to traveling with the Court as a pennant bearer.

Cindy Piper has lived in Heppner all of her life. She took 4-H projects to Fair when she was younger. She is now active with the H.H.S. dance team and outdoor club. She wants to attend college in Bend.

Stacey Kennedy will be a Junior this fall. She is active in 4-H and FFA. She went out for track last year and plans on it again next year. She also has been busy since last November serving as a princess on this year's Fair and Rodeo Court.

Since all three girls are involved with activities which take place at the fair grounds, they have shown much enthusiasm for their work, says a fair committee spokesperson.

They are taking pride in their work because it's more than just a summer job.

## Open rodeo offers good purse

Many sponsors help the Morrow County Open Rodeo stay competitive with other rodeo for the draw of top cowboys. Without good purse money the top cowboys would simply overlook the Morrow County Rodeo and travel further for better money, says a rodeo committee spokesperson.

Morrow County Grain Growers have generously donated a total of \$800 in purse money to the Open Rodeo which will support four events at \$200 per event.

Hop's Body Shop has a strong interest in the Bareback event and Mark Hopkins has donated \$100 to help this event.

A special event this year is Barrel Racing, besides purse money, Stan Folley, of Folley Construction, is donating a Silver Belt Buckle valued at \$300. Folley's interest in Barrel Racing stems from his daughter's active participation in this event.

Green Feed and Seed and Tri County Seed Cleaning Co. are also

donating custom made breast collars to the top team ropers in the Open Rodeo.

Morrow County is certainly lucky to have such thoughtful business people in their county, continues the spokesperson, without these people's support many nice projects besides the two rodeos would not be possible.

Other businesses which have contributed at this time include: Swanson Insurance Agency, Ione; Les Schwab Tire Center, Heppner; Devin Oil Company, Heppner-Arlington; Central Market, Heppner; Coast to Coast, Heppner; Heppner Garbage, Heppner; Heppner Bowl, Heppner; Lexington Cheveron, Lexington; and Del's Market, Lexington.

## Park downtown and ride the bus

Fair officials have announced that the parking space inside the fairgrounds this year will be given only to the handicapped, emergency vehicles, and some people working directly with putting on the fair and rodeo. This is because combining the fair and rodeo and the increased commercial and open class exhibits have made parking space extremely limited.

Visitors will park outside the grounds. When nearby space is filled, they may park in town or on the lots at the high school and take a bus that will run from the school every hour from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. with stops at Water Street and Gale (by DeSpains), at Gale and Main (by McDonald's Chevrolet) and on Court Street in front of the Courthouse. The rides are free.

These parking regulations will begin on Wednesday, August 14. Open access to the grounds on Tuesday will allow exhibitors and performers to set up the show.

## Richardson to demonstrate skill



Sandy Richardson, owner and operator of Sandy's Gourmet Soup and Sandwich Shop and Catering Service in downtown Bend, will be giving demonstrations of her culinary skill on the indoor stage of the main exhibit hall on Friday, Aug. 16. At 11 a.m. she will show how to make her Teriyaki Steak; at 1:30, Chocolate-Almond Bread, and at 4:30, Fajita, a Mexican meat dish.

Richardson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carlson, is widely known for her cooking ability. A winner in the national Beef Cook-Off a few years ago, she has since won other gourmet cooking prizes and has established a reputation for giving both informative and entertaining cooking demonstrations.



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