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Horse show contestants

Entries line up at last Saturday's Morrow County Open Horse Show. Look for a list of the horse show winners in next week's newspaper.

Tony Currin attains Morrow County Saddle

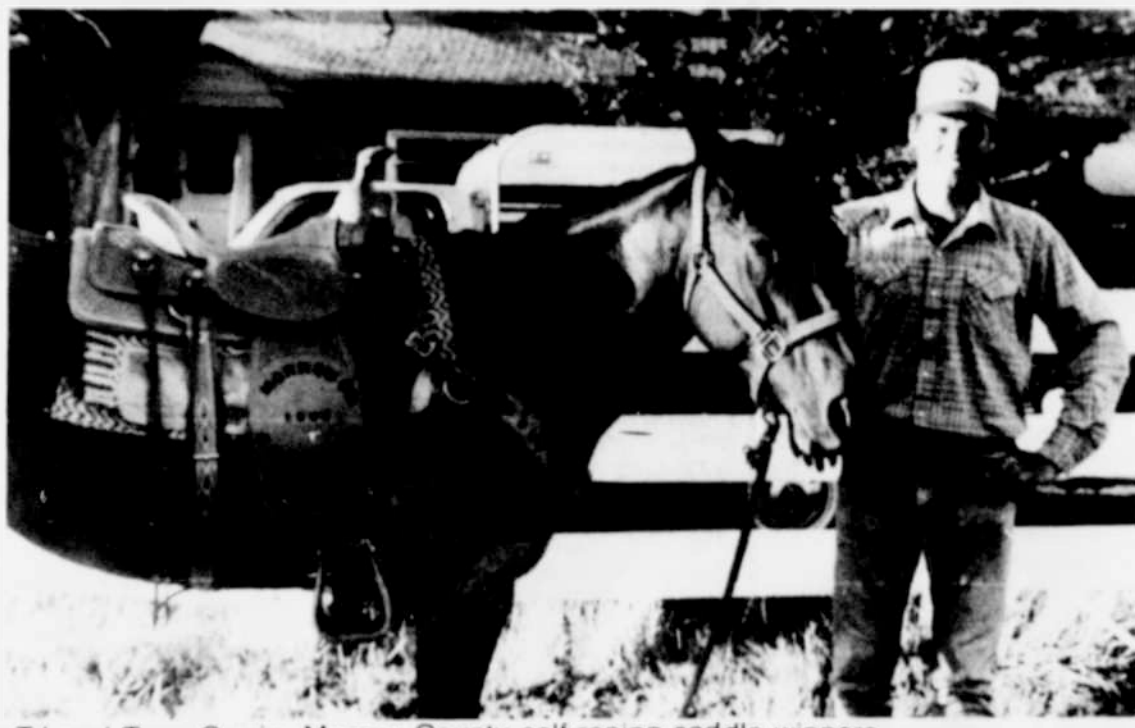
Having won the Morrow County calf-roping saddle, Heppner cowboy Tony Currin says there's one other big goal in his career, to finish "in the money" at the Pendleton Round-Up. Over 100 calf-ropers compete at Pendleton, "so if you win there, you know you did good," he said.

Currin, 23, the son of Ron and Judy Currin, has lived at the family ranch between Heppner and Echo since shortly after he was born, with only a brief two-year sabbatical while attending California Polytechnic at San Luis Obispo where he majors in Agri-Business and will graduate at the end of fall quarter.

Currin explains matter-of-factly that he has four other saddles so far in his career: last year's Northwest Rodeo Assoc. calf-roping saddle, last year's Oregon Rodeo Association Steer Wrestling saddle, the 1981 Morrow County All-Around Saddle, and a steer wrestling memorial saddle at a competition in Norco, California.

So far this year, in addition to the Morrow County calf-roping championship, Currin has also won the All-Around title at Morrow County, Spray, Fossil. He competed at the collegiate national rodeo finals for four years.

"It doesn't seem like there should be, but there kind of is something special about the Morrow County Calf-roping saddle," the veteran cowboy acknowledges. "The other saddles are easy to win. You just



TJ and Tony Currin, Morrow County calf-roping saddle winners.

earn the most points from the event during the season. In Heppner, you only have two shots—just two calves—and all your friends and the people you grew up with are watching—if something is going to go wrong, it will go wrong at Heppner.

"Kinzua has donated the saddle every year now for 36 years; they even let the crew off at 1 p.m. to attend the rodeo. And Severe Brothers are as fine as any saddle makers in

the country. There's a two-year waiting list for one of their saddles. It's a top-of-the-line hand tooled saddle. It makes it (to win, the saddle) real special."

"I had about given up on ever winning the Morrow County saddle," the impressive cowboy said, but now that he's won, he's automatically eliminated from future competition for the county calf-roping saddle. He has entered the

calf-roping event every year since he was in seventh grade and says he would probably have tried again and again every year "until I died," although "I've probably already paid enough entry fees to have bought it."

"It was nice to win on my own horse, too," he said. TJ is a six-year-old Quarterhorse which the easy-going wrangler has trained himself. TJ is considered young, "green as

far as the different circumstances horses meet at rodeos is concerned," he said. Horses are under as much or more pressure as the cowboys at a rodeo and "your horse is about 75% of whether you win or lose, because cowboys are pretty evenly matched and make fewer mistakes than horses do."

This rodeo season seems to be going well for the calf-roper and for his older brother Ron who is a professional rodeo cowboy. It hasn't always been so for the seasoned horseman. His mother recalls that when he was in first grade riding in the Heppner parade, his horse, a former racehorse named "Peanuts," ran away with him when it heard shots from the Main Street Cowboys. The horse was going fast enough that nobody could step out to stop it without causing a wreck, she said. "That was Peanuts' last parade with the Main St. Cowboys," she said.

Currin said when his horse took off, "I just hung on," but admits that he still doesn't care much for parades.

Last year he bought a permit which entitled him to enter professional rodeos after earning a total of \$2500 in competition at approved rodeos. He reached that amount last year, so now, he says he will "enter the pro rodeo ranks and hope to hit the big time."

Congressman Smith's campaign swings through Heppner



Bob Smith

Congressman Bob Smith will make a campaign swing through Heppner Friday, Sept. 5. The Congressman is up for re-election on the November general election ballot.

He will begin the day with a coffee hour followed by visiting on Main Street in Heppner. A noon luncheon is planned also with an afternoon tour of local businesses. Time will be provided for the Congressman to meet with local groups.

For further information about Smith's agenda, contact local campaign chairman, Merlin Hughes.

Area schools open Tuesday, Sept. 2

Morrow County schools will resume Tuesday, Sept. 2 following the three-day Labor Day weekend. The first day will be a full day.

Heppner and lone school principals encourage new students to the county to stop by and register prior to the first day of school. School offices are open this week from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Returning students or their parents are encouraged to stop by and pay fees before the first day of school.

School lunches are 50¢/day or (\$10/month) for grades 1-6 and 65¢/day (\$13/month), for grades 7-12.

Class assignment lists are posted at Heppner Elementary School; students may stop by and check to find their name.

Additional fees at Heppner Junior High include a \$2.50 towel fee, and a \$6 per year fee for Occupational Versatility Homemaking and Shop. Heppner High School fees include a \$6 student body fee, a \$3 refundable text book deposit, a \$2 towel fee for all physical education students and athletes, and an optional \$12.50 yearbook fee.

Additional fees at lone schools include a \$2 fee for grade 1-6 industrial arts projects; \$6 student body fees for grades 7-12 and \$2 towel fee for grades 7-12.

Teachers have requested students bring the following supplies to Heppner Elementary School:

Kindergarten: old shirt or apron for painting, large box facial tissues, small bottle Elmer's Glue and box eight crayons (not fat crayons).

First grade: box 16 crayons, 2 No. 2 pencils, pink pearl eraser, small box facial tissues, small box for desk

items, old shirt or apron for painting and one small glue stick.

Second grade: pink pearl eraser, pencil tablet—8½ x 11 white, four No. 2 pencils, box eight crayons, large box facial tissues, two red pencils, PeeChee folder, glue stick and zippered pencil bag.

Third grade: one wide-lined spiral notebook, four No. 2 pencils, pink pearl eraser, small box facial tissues, box crayons, bottle Elmer's Glue, pencil tablet, box to hold pencils, red pen, and ruler.

Fourth grade: wood ruler (inches on one side, metrics on the other), box crayons, pink pearl eraser, Erasermate pen (blue), red ball point pen, five No. 2 pencils, package wide-line notebook paper, Spiral notebook (wide-lined), bottle Elmer's glue, PeeChee folder and colored pencils.

Fifth and sixth grades: notebook cover (3-ring), package wide-lined notebook paper—3 hole, two No. 2 pencils, 2 spiral notebooks (wide-lined), two ballpoint pens—1 blue, and 1 blue erasable, pink pearl eraser, set colored pencils, wood ruler inches on one side, metric on other, set notebook dividers, and protractor.

Seventh and eighth grades: two ball point pens blue ink, two No. 2 pencils, eraser (ink and pencil combination), wood ruler inches on one side, metric on the other, colored pencils, plastic notebook for science, box gummed reinforcements, protractor, compass, two spiral notebooks (wide-lined), looseleaf notebook cover (3-ring), one package wide-lined notebook paper, one set notebook dividers, and one hard-bound writing journal.

Lone schools recommend the following:

Kindergarten: three primary pencils, pink eraser, large box tissues, small box of crayons (8, 16, or 32 size), small bottle of school glue, box water color paints with brush, paint shirt, set water-soluble (writing point) felt tip pens.

First grade: two pencils, pink eraser, jar paste (not liquid glue), box crayons, box watercolor paints, box facial tissues and paint shirt.

Second grade: pink pearl eraser, two No. 2 pencils, box 16 crayons, small box for desk items, small box facial tissue, composition tablet—9½" x 7½" (wide ruled), 4 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue and old shirt/apron for painting.

Third grade: three spiral notebooks, pair scissors, Elmer's glue, three pink erasers, 10 No. 2

pencils, box 16 crayons, ruler (metric/inches), small box facial tissue, old shirt or apron for painting and pair old tennis shoes for gym.

Fourth grade: four wide lined (not college) ruled spiral notebooks, four pencils, box colored pencils, box crayons (24 or more), small Elmer's glue and art gum eraser.

Fifth grade: three three-subject spirals 150 page, two seventy-page spirals, one gum eraser, three No. 2 pencils to begin school, two erasable pens, and standard/metric ruler.

Several teachers, new to Morrow County School District will greet students on September 2, including Cara Costa at Heppner Elementary School, Martin Perlot at Heppner High School, and those pictured below:



New teachers at Heppner Elementary School: Robert Briggs (left) and Terri Gentry.



New teachers at lone schools (from left): G. Ann Thomas-Heddle, Mary Holmes, and David Presley.



New teachers at Heppner High School (from left): Bill Hudson, Terri Gentry, and Steve Wicks.

Schools may close as soon as November, says Superintendent

McCaslin said that district administrators and school board members weren't sure why people have voted against the levy. He said district efforts to ask voters why they voted no, have produced many varied and different answers.

McCaslin said volunteers would be calling voters in the district soon to find out reasons for the levy defeats. McCaslin said that the district would be able to operate until November without a levy approval using state and federal funds, and cash on hand at the district.

He said if the special levy of \$5 million passes, but not the three-year serial levy, the district will be able to operate until March of next year. "We will have to make some hard decisions in March if that happens," he said.

Morrow County schools may run out of money and be forced to close as soon as mid-November if the current tax levy request is not approved by voters. Superintendent Doyle McCaslin said Tuesday.

It had earlier been reported that the schools would be able to stay open until December 31 without a levy request, however, McCaslin told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at a noon luncheon Tuesday he saw no way the district could operate that long.

The district is asking for two levies on a mail in ballot to end Sept. 16. One levy is for \$5,140,643 for one year only, and the other is for a three-year levy of \$473,786 each year for the next three years.

"I can tell you the schools will not be able to stay open until December 31, without borrowing a third of a million dollars," McCaslin said.

He said earlier estimates saying the schools could remain open that long were incorrect, and that although he could not give a specific date, there might only be enough money to operate until "maybe mid-November."

He urged voters to approve the current levy requests. "It's crucial we pass both levies," he said. "We need both of them."

McCaslin went over a list of extra-curricular activities and the amount that could be saved if they were cut,

but said no activities or programs had been cut, because "we don't believe people want extra curricular activities cut."

Reminder

This is your last chance to "tell all" why you voted for or against the school budget in the last election.

Friday, August 29 is the deadline for returning coupons to the Heppner Gazette-Times, Box 337, Heppner, or the Boardman Enterprise, Box 21, Boardman.

Remember to check if you voted for or against the levy and limit your reason to 40 words or less. Replies may be anonymous; there is no need to sign your name.

We promise to print all replies received by August 29 (except those which are libelous or personal attacks) in the September 3 issue of the Gazette-Times and the September 4 issue of the Boardman Enterprise.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

	August 19 - 25		
	High	Low	Precip
Tues.	88	52	0
Wed.	86	59	0
Thurs.	92	56	0
Fri.	92	61	0
Sat.	89	51	0
Sun.	87	54	0
Mon.	89	54	0

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, August 26		
Soft White		
Aug		\$2.73
Sept.		\$2.75/\$2.77
Oct.		\$2.79/\$2.81
Nov.		\$2.83/\$2.85
Dec.		\$2.87/\$2.89
Jan.		\$2.91/\$2.93
Barley		
Aug./Sept.		\$71
Oct.		\$72
Nov.		\$73
Dec.		\$74
Hard Red Winter Ordinaries		\$2.66