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Doug Dubuque of Kinzua Corp turns calf-roping saddle over to fair and rodeo court.

Kinzua donates 37th calf roping saddle

For 37 years Kinzua Corp. has donated a roping saddle to the lucky winner of the Morrow County Amateur Calf Roping contest.

The first saddles were purchased from various local saddle makers. In 1959, the first saddle was purchased from Hamley's in Pendleton for \$360. Kinzua was then known as Heppner Pine Mills. The saddle now

is made by Severe Bros. in Pendleton; its value is estimated in excess of \$1500. A Severe saddle is a prized possession for any cowboy and the amateur Calf-Roping saddle is no exception.

The saddle is the largest single effort in sponsorship toward the 1987 rodeo, states Gail Papineau, and is

a prized possession for the remainder of the recipients lifetime. The saddle is such a cherished possession of each cowboy that in 1985 when 18 of the saddle winners rode in the parade only one rider had to set another saddle and that was Don Greenup whose saddle had been stolen.

Irrigon plans Watermelon Festival

The Fourth Annual Irrigon Watermelon Festival will be held on August 22. Irrigon Lions will host a Watermelon Pickers outdoor breakfast from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. at the marina park. A Fun-Run for walkers and runners of all ages begins at 8 a.m. at the park.

A parade gets underway at 10 a.m. on Main Street and includes a "Kiddie Parade". Festivities begin at the Marina Park at the completion of the parade. Several exhibitions including a sheep shearing demonstration by a former New Zealander, Allen Lambert; a Tae-Kwon-Do demonstration by the Northwest Tae-Kwon-Do School of Ken-

newick, Wash., and a Jaws of Life device demonstration by the fire department, just to name a few.

Food booths including hamburgers, tacos, stuffed baked potatoes, corn on the cob, and homemade nutty buddies, with something to tempt every member of the family. Of course, there will be cotton candy, snow cones, and plenty of ice cold watermelon for everyone.

Free entertainment begins at 11:30 and goes on all day long. The festival committee has secured the talents of the Tri-City Fiddle Kids, Sunset Country Shufflers, and the Blue Mt Old Time Fiddlers to name a few.



Look at This

Tom Kenney, son of Bill and Marge Kenny of Heppner, holds a 20 1/4 lb. 5 oz. Bass he caught about noon Friday at Willow Lake. He had been fishing from the bank with his brothers Jim and John since early morning. He caught the fish with a purple jig.

Time to talk about fire control

Has the seeding of over 100,000 acres of grassland under the Conservation Reserve Program created a potential fire hazard in South Morrow County? And if so, would present firefighting techniques be adequate to control the blazes?

These are questions to which no one knows the answers, but several people think it's time to talk about it.

"I'm suggesting there is going to be a problem, and I think we should do something about it," says Morrow County Extension Agent Fred Lundin.

Lundin is concerned that once a fire starts in CRP ground, it may be difficult to stop.

Presently crop land in the county is broken up by acres of fallow ground, which acts as a natural barrier to slow the speed of fire. CRP grassland would have no fallow ground, and thus no barriers.

Approximately 107,000 acres out of 450,000 tillable acres in the county will be planted into grass, and depending on variety, could reach heights of 20 to 40 inches.

"Perennial grasses (the types used in CRP) will not be as dry as wheat," says Lundin, but he says that in two, three or four years there will be an understory of dry grass that could be potentially hazardous.

Lundin suggests a rural fire district may help control the threat of large grass fires.

"A fire control district doesn't necessarily mean more taxes and equipment," he says. Coordination of the placement of existing equipment around the county, and maybe controlling burning in the spring, will help. "Meeting once or twice a year to talk about coordinating fire fighting would be a good idea too," he suggests.

Land within a 7.5 mile radius of Heppner is presently served by a rural fire district, which contracts with the Heppner volunteer fire



Morrow County Extension agent Fred Lundin examine grass in field north of Lexington. Lundin says there is a fire hazard from the large amount of grassland now planted in the county.

department for protection.

Harvey Childers, lone fire chief, says a rural fire district was laid out around Lone in the mid-1950s; however, there is no board of directors or budget.

"We had a lot of people say they thought it was a good idea, but we never had anyone willing to be on the board and put in the time," Childers said.

He said he worked on getting a board two years ago, but had no luck and has done nothing since.

Boundaries of the lone rural fire district extend approximately from

the Heppner-Condon highway across to Strawberry to north of Lexington.

Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson is another one who feels it is time to discuss a rural fire district.

"With all the grassland in Morrow County there isn't going to be any summer fallow to stop those fires," said Carlson. "We need to have some sort of plan."

While Carlson says he is not necessarily advocating a large tax base to purchase equipment, he feels it is time to discuss coordinating the firefighting efforts in the county.

Look for special edition inside

A special Fair and Rodeo Edition is included with this week's newspaper. The 16 page special edition is full of pictures, schedules and information about

events coming up during this year's fair and rodeo. The special edition was made possible by the support of local merchants.

Youths gain summer work experience

Six Morrow County youths have been at Cutsforth Park this summer as part of the county's Training Guidance program.

The seven-week program provides the youths with an opportunity to be away from home in an outdoor environment; learn to use hand tools; budget their own money; purchase and prepare their own food; build a good self-image while learning good work habits; and to take pride in a completed public service project.

Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson said.

Summer project director Jay Harman is an industrial arts teacher at Riverside High School in Boardman, who has a background in construction work. Under his guidance the boys have extended the pole fence along the paved road, built six cedar picnic tables and re-painted the men's bathroom at the park.

The county provides the materials necessary for the projects and some

of the tools. The school district is donating a bus to transport the kids to the mountains, and some tools. Juvenile Services pays Harman's wages and East Central Oregon Assoc. of Counties pays the boys' wages.

This is the third year the county has sponsored the program. The project director each year has arranged fishing and swimming opportunities and scheduled guest speakers during the non-working hours.



Back row from left: Jim Stark, Dennis Whitaker, Jeff Davis, and Shane Finkbeiner, all of Irrigon.

Project Director Jay Harman (left) and Judge Louis Carlson are seated. Roy Olson of Heppner and Chad Wynn of Boardman are also members of the project but were not present for the photo.

Contract talks stalled

Contract talks between Morrow County and America Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2479; the Union representing Morrow County Road Department workers, have broken down. Lowell Ashbaugh a state assigned mediator, was unable to get the county and union to agree on a new contract. The road department contract expired on July 1, 1987.

According to Bob Allen, Union President, "We're just trying to get our wages in line with other road departments in the region. We're pretty close to the bottom of the heap in wages." Another big issue is insurance coverage. The County is pushing for new contract language that could result in employees paying part of the insurance costs currently paid by the County.

Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson said that the employees in the Road Department are our friends and neighbors and it is not the county's intention to do them out of their due earnings. "We do have to live within a budget, though," he pointed out. "There are a certain number of dollars in the budget for labor items and that amount of money is based on the ability of Morrow County taxpayers to pay the bills. We need to

be responsive to the economic conditions in the county rather than across the state," he said.

The Union has requested factfinding to attempt to resolve the deadlock. In factfinding, both sides

Search for doctor continues

"So far we have talked to 12 physicians, and have had three come in for interviews," Hospital Administrator Ernest Wick said Tuesday, on efforts to recruit a doctor to the Heppner area.

Two physicians recently left the area, and active recruitment is underway to bring another doctor in.

Wick said at this time he is working on securing only one doctor for the area. "When we get one, then we will go back to the (county health) board and determine where

present their case to an impartial factfinder who then issues a recommended settlement. Cost for factfinding is about \$1,000 to the County and Union.

The Union has requested that the we will go from there."

Wick said also that he has been appointed by the board as the county health administrator, and as such has been working on health issues at both ends of the county.

"I've been working on finding a new physician at Boardman and on getting a new ambulance there also," he said.

On the Heppner doctor search, Wick said he has an interview scheduled with a doctor and his wife. It will be their second visit, he said.

County negotiator, Don Scotland Assoc. of Salem, schedule a face to face meeting between the commissioners and employees to reach agreement on this contract. No meeting had been scheduled as of Monday.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

August 4 - August 10 High Low Prec.		
Tues.	92	50 .0
Wed.	85	46 .0
Thurs.	84	50 .0
Fri.	91	58 .0
Sat.	97	61 .0
Sun.	98	59 .0
Mon.	82	48 .0

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, Aug. 11	
Soft White	
Aug.	\$2.72/2.74
Aug.	Barley \$84.50/85
Aug.	Hard Red Winter \$2.87
PIK	
Generic Certificates 110% cash less 3% Aug. expiration.	

Don't miss Sidewalk Sale Fri

Circle this Friday on your calendar because you don't want to miss the big Heppner Sidewalk Sale.

Downtown merchants will be offering lots of specials on sale, and Central Market will be holding a produce tent sale in the parking lot.

Look for a display by the Heppner Art Club, a bake sale by the

Soroptimist Club and a display by the Morrow County Grain Growers. The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court will also be on hand to sell fair buttons.

The sidewalk sale runs all day Friday. There is still time if your group or organization would like to participate in the sidewalk sale.