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Record crowd attends PRCA rodeo



A large crowd enjoys Saturday's rodeo

A record crowd of around 2,000 people attended the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo held Saturday, Aug. 18 in Heppner. The rodeo, held under clear skies and beautiful weather and with a refurbished rodeo arena, was the first PRCA rodeo held in Heppner since 1977.

Rain diminished the crowd for Sunday's performance, somewhat. Around 1,200 were estimated to have attended the PRCA performance Sunday, Aug. 19.

The rodeo grounds were refurbished to speed up the rodeo events and accommodate more spectators. The rodeo purse was \$20,000 with \$7,000 contributed by local businesses.

The rodeo was dedicated to Mike Currin, rodeo cowboy and son of Ron and Judy Currin, prominent rodeo family of Butter Creek, who died in an airplane crash on Monday, July 2, 1990, en route to the Ponoka Stampede, a rodeo in Ponoka, Alberta, Canada.

Top money maker was Joe Beaver, past world champion calf roper from Victoria, Texas, who won \$1,164 with calf roping time of 8.7. He took home the Mike Currin Memorial buckle which was donated by local individuals and presented by Currin's widow, Judy Walchli Currin.

Davey Lowe, of Ogden, Utah, won the bareback riding with 77 for \$642.53. Butch Knowles of Heppner was the saddle bronc winner with a 76 for \$740.30. Top team ropers

were Wes Moore of Redcrest, Ca., and Ricky Green of Valley Spring Co. with 4.7 for \$717.80 each. Mike Smith was the steer wrestling champ with 4.1 for \$970.18. Top bull rider was Gene Bob Palmer of Terrebonne with a 75 for \$768.24 and Christy Finley was the top barrel racer with 16.42 for \$625.16. Bill Bishop won the Kinzua saddle for the amateur calf roping event.

Other rodeo statistics are as follows:

Bareback riding: first-Davey Lowe, Ogden Utah; second-a tie between Mark McKinlay, Apache Jct., Arizona and Rocky Steagall, Irrigon; (4-7) a tie, Richie Hamilton, Wellsville, Utah; Scott Corey, Silverdale, WA.; Kent Rannels, Kearny, Ariz. and Jo Jo Talburt, Winston.

Calf roping: first-Joe Beaver, Victoria, Texas; second-Shane Crossley, Hermiston; a tie (3-5) Gene Baker, Curtis Pederson and Brad Gleason.

Saddle bronc riding: first-Butch Knowles, Heppner; second-Mike Ramsay, Arlington; a tie (3-5) Chance Dixon, Ritter, Billy Etbauer, Maree Heights, S.D.; and Ben Bailey, Burley, ID.; sixth-Rocky Steagall, Irrigon.

Team roping: first-Wes Moore, Redcrest, CA.; Ricky Green, Valley Spring, CA.; second-Lee Woodbury, Nampa, ID.; Jake Milton, Torrington, Wyo.; third-Troy Frazier-Wade Jess, both College Place, WA.; fourth-Robert Scogin, Frieron, LA.; Walt Rodman, Galt, CA.

Steer wrestling: first-Mike Smith;

second-Doug Houston; third-Lance Robinson; fourth-Brad Gleason; fifth-Ron Currin, Heppner; sixth-a tie (6-7) Clay Ring, Toppenish, WA.; Robert McDonald.

Bull riding: first-Gene Bob Palmer, Terrebonne; a split for second 2-4 Del Everano, Chelan, WA.; Dave Best, Omak, WA.; Jeff Jonas, Roy WA.; fifth-Charles Sampson, Casa Grande, Ariz.; sixth-Wacey Cathey, Big Spring, Texas.

Barrel racing: first-Christy Finley; second-Tina Daries, Salinas, CA; third-Kelli Fletcher, Dayton, WA.; fourth-Charmayne Rodman, Galt, CA; fifth-Didi Taylor, Caldwell, ID; a split 6-7 Lisa Mainey, Hamilton, Mont.; Sharee LaRue; a split 8-10 Dee Dee Schumacher, Bend; Joan Eckman, Unity; Charyl Luman, Cutten, CA.

Stock contracting was by McLean Rodeos from Coulee City, Wa. and announcer was Gary Rogers of Midville, ID. Joe Sanford, the "Bull Toy" was rodeo clown from Pasco, Wa. Timers were Ramona Rogers and Lori Hajek and secretary was Crystal Longfellow.

Rodeo committee members are chairman-John Moyer; security-John Schiller; tickets-Wayne Evans; secretary-Larry Scroggins; sponsor director-John Kilkenny; awards and grounds-Mike Proctor; and advertising and promotion-Jerry Gentry and Sally Ingraham.

Rodeo sponsors are Miller Wheat Inc., MCGG., Seitz Aviation, Kinzua Corp., Anderson Seed Co., Hamm's, Les Schwab and Hawkeye Construction.

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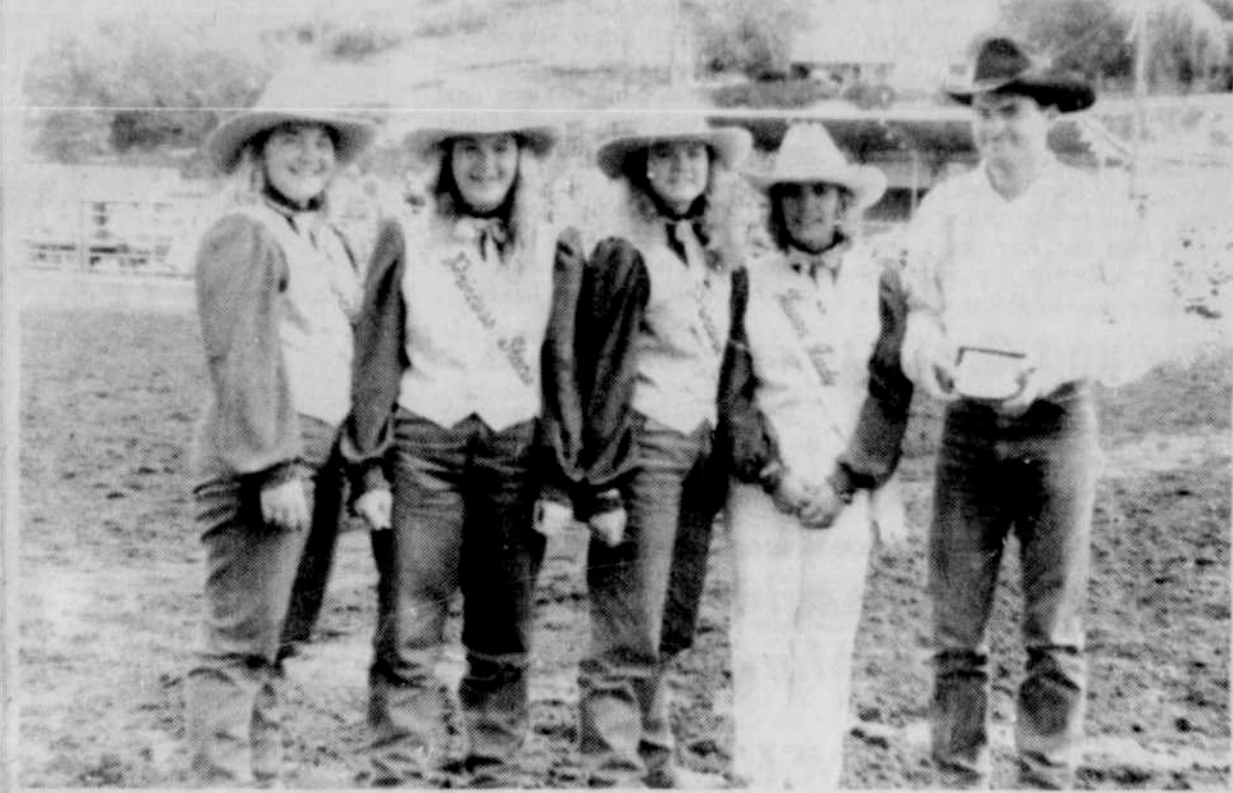
According to Bergstrom, the Medical Board was informed of St. Anthony's decision on Aug. 20 by telephone. On Tuesday, Aug. 21, the board received a certified letter from St. Anthony's to that effect. Bergstrom said only that "St. Anthony is in the process of reorganization and will not be able to provide management services any longer."

with the board.

Bergstrom said that the Morrow County Medical Board has offered the administrative position to Ernest Wick, current administrator and St. Anthony employee, and negotiations between Wick and the medical board are underway.

Bergstrom stressed that "business will be carried on as usual," and said that PMH employees' jobs are "not

Jack McGuire takes Morrow County All Around title



Jack McGuire accepts all-around buckle from Queen Judy and her court

Jack McGuire of Boardman captured the Morrow County Rodeo All Around title at the local rodeo Friday night, Aug. 17. He took first in open calf roping and he and Bob McGuire took first in team roping.

Second in team roping was the team of Tom Martin, Lexington and Shad Bishop, Irrigon, and third team was Bob and Mike Mahoney, Heppner.

Jerad Eckman was the buckle winner in the calf riding event.

The Kinzua amateur calf roping saddle winner was Bill Bishop. Bob Mahoney was second, winning a pair of boots from Gardners.

Second in open calf roping was Tony Currin and third was Kyle Robinson, both of Heppner. Currin also took first in steer wrestling. Sid

Jr. Britt, Echo, was second and Jack McGuire, third.

Annie Hisler, Heppner, took first in pee wee barrels, with Kathleen Greenup, Heppner, runner up, and Blake Knowles also of Heppner, third.

Top in cow riding was Terri Gentry, with Larry Palmer coming in second.

Shanna Rietmann, Ione, galloped to first in the stick horse race, three and under, with Madison Bailey, Heppner, second and Devin Doutre, Pendleton, grandson of Bob and Sherree Mahoney, third.

Vince Berretta, Heppner, won the stick horse race, four years old. Shelly Rietmann, Ione was second.

Blake Knowles was first in mutton busting with Annie Hisler, se-

cond and Amy Papineau, Lexington, and Shad Hisler, Heppner, tying for third.

Joely Williamson, Heppner, took first in breakaway roping. Terri Gentry was second and Monte Johnson, Boardman, third.

In the junior barrels, Kim Burke, Boardman was first. Tiffany Munkers and Kelsey Evans, both Heppner, were second and third, respectively.

Angie Hughes, Heppner, was first in senior barrels. Joely Williamson was second and Libby Britt, Heppner, third.

First place in team branding held Thursday night was the team of Bob Mahoney, Mike Mahoney, both Heppner, Bob Steagall, Lexington, and Jeff Biggerstaff, Stanfield.

Fair and Rodeo gate receipts up



Fairgoers enjoy talent contest

Total gate receipts for the 1990 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo were up \$3,000 over last year, from \$9,500 in 1989 to \$12,595, according to fair officials.

Opening day receipts, also up, were \$3,310, surpassed only by Saturday's receipts of \$3,463, when a capacity crowd attended the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Rodeo.

The number of fair exhibitors was about the same as last year, at 487, but fair officials said there were more entries per exhibitor.

The Wednesday night talent contest was well attended, with warm daytime temperatures cooling down for the evening performance. Overall winners of the contest, now able to compete at the Oregon State Fair are singers Patty Smith and Debbie White, Boardman.

Trevor Rhea, five, the son of Steve and Molly Rhea, won the six and under contest with his lip sync of "Hunka, Hunka Burning Love." Todd Copenhagen of Boardman took first with a lip sync number in the seven to 12 age group. Kristine Bedortha, Ione, sang for her first place in the 13 to 17 age group.

Wheat League cake winner was Linda Morter, Ione.

Judges choice went to Shirley McNary, Ione, for her painting.

Ida Farra, Heppner, won the Creative Hands award, as outstanding exhibitor in home economics. Pat Pettyjohn, Ione, took the best of show in the scarecrow contest and Kendra Martin won the kids'

scarecrow division.

Helen Martin, Ione, won the most blue ribbons and had the most entries in the flower division.

Fair results received as of Aug. 21 are as follows:

Sweepstakes award winners: Best community booth-Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Guild; best of show in open class vegetables-Seth Forquer, Heppner; fruits-Jean Brazell, Lexington; wearable art-Janie Allen, Ione; clothing-Pam Worden, Heppner; foods-Nancy Miller, Ione; needlework-Volcan Forquer, Heppner; photography-Annie McKendry; horticulture-Jean Brazell, Lexington; best flower arranging-Pat Pettyjohn, best houseplant-Delta Huber, Lexington; freak entry exhibit-Esther Minnich, Boardman; canning-Gladys Hobbs, Irrigon; thresh grain-John Edwards, Lexington; barley-Keeneth Smouse, Ione; wheat sheaf-George Luciani, Butter Creek; alfalfa hay-Eastern Oregon Farms, Boardman.

Open class sweepstakes, youth: superkids-Shannon Marcum, Hermiston; teens-Eric Orem, Ione; kids-Cally Lovett, Ione.

4-H Livestock Judging: team results: first-North Lexington Livestock Club, 895; second-Cow-A-Rama Club, Boardman, 895; third-Ewes R Us, Heppner 894; fourth-North Morrow Junior Ranchers, 879.

High individual 4-H judge: senior member Nancy Morter, Ione;

Grand champion 4-H steer from the heavyweight class shown by

Jossie Evans, Heppner. 4-H reserve grand champion steer was reserve champion in the medium weight class, Jason Proudfoot, Ione; reserve champion, heavyweight steer-Ryan Evans, Irrigon.

Grand champion 4-H market lamb-Kelsie Evans, Heppner; reserve grand champion-Shelley Ashbeck. Both lambs were winners of the heavy weight class.

Lightweight champion lamb class-Annie Hisler; reserve champion-Jenny Krein.

Medium weight champion-Kelsie Evans; reserve-Shelley Ashbeck.

Grand champion market hog heavy weight class-Bridget McElligott; reserve grand champion and champion medium weight-Megan Proudfoot.

Light weight champion market hog-Richard Rockwell, Boardman; medium weight reserve champion-Sara Clark, Heppner; heavy weight reserve champion-John Qualls, Heppner.

Style Review winners were: Beginners champion-Sarah Tovey, Irrigon; reserve champion-Willow Adamson, Irrigon;

Junior champion-Heather Anderson, Irrigon; co-reserve champions, Mandy Gutierrez, Heppner and Lynde Minster, Ione.

Intermediate champion-Alecia Tarnasky, Heppner; reserve champion-Bridgett McElligott, Ione.

Senior champion-Linda Morter, Ione, reserve senior champion-Amy Wagenblast, Lexington.

St. Anthony terminates PMH contract

St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton is terminating its management contract with Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner effective Dec. 1, 1990, Jackie Bergstrom, Morrow County Medical Board Chairman, told the Gazette-Times Tuesday.

Bergstrom said that St. Anthony will continue to provide support services for PMH and is in the process of drafting an affiliation agreement

with the board.

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