

## Flower show to be the "best ever"

Heppner, Ione and Lexington are going for the "best ever" flower show at the Morrow County Fair. The staging committee, co-chaired by Birdine Tullis and Pat Pettyjohn of Ione, are working on decorations which will extend along the exterior north wall of the exhibit building expressing "Hats Off" to Morrow County gardeners as part of the fair theme this year. In addition to the latticed areas displaying horticulture and arrangements, the scene will include patio/garden scenes, around 100 planters and lots of hats.

New to the show this year, Bill and Tom Rawlins will present a special exhibits division showing the products of Rawlins Dahlia Gardens, a local nursery growing dahlias, glads and cannas.

Good flower shows mean many entries so Jean Nelson, Lexington, chairman of the entries committee invites every flower grower to bring exhibits, even if only one. "It's sure to be competitive," says a spokesperson. Exhibitors need to check the schedules in the premium book, page 55 ff. and use the helpful hints for exhibitors and pick up an exhibitor's number from the fair office.

"If the flower you have doesn't appear on the schedule, bring it anyway. We will make a class for it. We do not turn any flower away," said Nelson. The purpose of this department of the fair is to show growers and the general public the things being grown in Morrow County. New and unusual varieties are especially educational and should be labeled with the plant/variety name, if possible.

The artistic arrangement division provides an outlet for creative expression and gives fair visitors ideas that they may use in their homes or community. Flowers for this division do not have to be grown by the exhibitor. The schedule includes both novice and amateur classes with titles like "Hats Off to Morrow County," "Fields", "Sunshine", "Irish", "Wee Ones", and "Resourcefulness" where anything goes. Exhibitors should check the premium book for further information.

Another special interest display class shows a garden scene to be staged in an eight foot wide covered outdoor space, page 60. This may be entered by a group or an individual and will receive a guarantee of \$10.

An enthusiastic group of garden club members and their helpers are working on the show. They are: Lea Mathieu, Janel Lacey, Andrea Denton, Kathy Clark, Kathy Tellechea, Rene Ledbetter, Eleanor Gonty, Irene Swanson, Verna Brinda, Helen Martin, Dorothy Jackson, Cathy Dowrey, Delta Huber, Donna Bergstrom, Betty Carlson, Wilbur Jackson and others.

However, the final test of a "best ever" show will be entries brought by growers. Entries will be received from 1 to 8 p.m. Aug. 18 and from 8 to 10 a.m. Aug. 19.

## Community band practices

Community Band director Bob Isted has scheduled two practices to prepare for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade.

Practices will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 18 and Thursday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School band room. Anyone interested in playing an instrument in the parade is urged to attend.

## Ten Commandments for parents

Ten commandments for parents of youngsters showing livestock

1. Thou shalt not feed, train, and care for the animal for thou art trying to teach the child responsibility.

2. Thou shalt forgive a child for making mistakes in the showing for thou hast made mistakes too.

3. Thou shalt not get mad when thy child forgets items in the showbox for one day thou may forget the showbox.

4. Thou shalt help the show management for they are doing a job that thou would not want to do.

5. Thou shalt see that thy child is on time for show activities for thou would not want to wait on another.

6. Thou shalt make sure thy child has animals entered and registered papers in order by the designated time.

7. Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.

8. Thou shalt not complain about the judge for it is his opinion that has been sought.

9. Thou shalt remember that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money-making projects.

10. Thou shalt remember that the livestock project is a family project that shall be enjoyed and supported by the entire family.

Source: Jefferson County 4-H News.

## Be aware of drug withdrawal times

Many market animals are exhibited and sold during fair. Now is the time to remind ourselves of compliance requirements with the FDA/USDA Residue Avoidance Program regulations for drugs. Animals that do not go through withdrawal times from medication correctly are unsuitable for slaughter.

Withdrawal periods vary by drug and animal species. Cattle

withdrawal times, for example, can range anywhere from one to 80 days, depending on the drug. For swine, the range is between one and 70 days; for sheep, it is between three and 40 days; poultry ranges from one to 28 days.

If you have any questions about any drug, read the label. If there is still a question, contact your local veterinarian.

# "Have a great 1992 Morrow County Fair & Rodeo"



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