

Wranglers to hold cowboy breakfast

Morrow County Wranglers Cowboy Breakfast will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21 from 7 a.m.-10 a.m. in the picnic area of the fairgrounds.

The menu will include hot cakes, ham, eggs, hashbrowns, milk and coffee at a price of \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

Wrangler members are asked to contact Tara Adams for work schedules. Everyone is invited to come early and stay for the Morrow County Rodeo. This year the Morrow County Rodeo will be held Sunday, Aug. 21, instead of a Friday night show.

Rodeo contestants need to stay in shape to perform

A professional rodeo contestant must rely upon more than his own talent and skill for a winning ride or run.

Roughstock cowboys know well the importance of healthy, athletic livestock. In their specialties, the performance of the animal accounts for half the score. They get paid only if the animals perform well.

Timed-event cowboys consider their horses essential members of their team—and a winning run requires the best effort of both partners. Most timed-event horses of the PRCA are registered American quarter horses.

The calves and steer used in timed events also must be in peak form. Any cowboy will

tell you that a quick, alert calf or steer is essential to making a winning run.

The owners of the top professional rodeo animals are rewarded each year through a variety of sponsor programs.

Copenhagen Skoal Pro Rodeo awards bonuses to the owners of the roughstock animals selected by the PRCAs as the best bucking stock of the year. Wrangler jeans rewards the owner of the fighting bull of the year, selected by fullfighters on the Wrangler Bullfight Tour.

The American Quarter Horse Association annually recognizes the top horses in professional rodeo's timed events—calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping (both heading and heeling), steer roping and barrel racing—and their owners. Only registered quarter horses qualify for the awards.

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Talent show back by popular demand

Back by popular demand is the Morrow County Talent Show. This year's show will be held Wednesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. on the Outdoor Stage in the picnic area. Please contact the fair office at 676-9474 as soon as possible if you or someone you know would like to perform.

Matheny to lead parade



Dusting off his cowboy hat and boots, Orval Matheny is ready to ride in the parade as the 1994 Grand Marshal of the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo.

Born in Stanfield and growing up near Echo, Orval worked on ranches as a young man. During World War II he was a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne and he served three years in the South Pacific.

After the war Orval worked at several jobs. For six years he was an employee of Pacific Power and Light Company. As a lineman he worked for a contractor helping to build Rural Electric Administration lines in this area. That career ended when he was severely injured in an accident in 1953. Since 1959, Orval has been farming the Rauch farm in lower Sand Hollow which is now being farmed by a son, David.

Orval and Pauline Rauch were married on New Year's Eve in 1945. They continue to live in their country home that they built in 1950. That home on Hinton Creek is the historical site of an 1880's brick factory that later became a slaughterhouse.

During the 1960's, Orval served six years on the Rodeo Board. He spent long hours as the groundskeeper of the large rodeo field. Orval says that they didn't have much to work with in those days. It was difficult to prevent the ground from becoming too muddy or dusty, particularly in front of the bucking chutes. And the race track had a dangerous

curve that caused many accidents.

The Mathenys seldom miss a rodeo. Orval says that the new rodeo arena with its sandy soil is a big improvement thanks to a hard working rodeo committee and many volunteers. The smaller arena contributes to a faster show as rodeo stock can be handled much easier.

The Mathenys have three children. A daughter, Sandy Feeney and her husband Mark live in Montana. Their youngest daughter, Sally, is married to Mike Ingraham. Son David and his wife, Patty, as well as the Ingrahams have homes on the Sand Hollow farm that belonged to their grandparents. There are three grandchildren, Casey Ingraham and Shane and Stefan Matheny.

Although Orval claims to be retired he still helps out at harvest and with field work. However, they now have more vacation time using their recreational vehicle. For many years a family favorite has been a trip to the Wallows where they enjoy camping and horseback riding. And they also enjoy big game hunting seasons.

The Mathenys are members of Hope Lutheran Church. They were active 4-H parents and Wrangler Riding Club members when their children were involved. Orval now enjoys refinishing furniture and his wife, Pauline, is an accomplished artist. But their favorite pastime is watching their grandchildren participate in sports.

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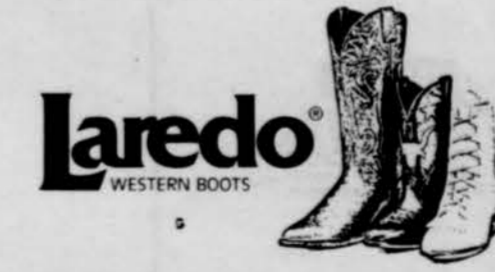
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