

A horse's eye view of M.C. court activities



Walking along the parade route

Do you know how cold the water in a garden hose is at 3 a.m.? Usually, my girl bathes me in the afternoon when it's warm and comfortable, but sometimes she wants to squirt that cold water on me in the cool morning.

I don't know if it's all worth it or not. She combs my mane, combs and braids my tail and cleans my hooves. Then she

puts a funny-looking bag on my tail. She even puts a blanket on me when she's through scrubbing and it does feel good when the water's cold, but even if the sun's warm she covers me up like I'm a yearling.

The afternoon bath is more comfortable, but then I have to stand all night tied to my trailer-boring. Sure, she gives

me water and a string bag with hay, but it's not like having the freedom to wander around my pasture.

When they let me get out of the trailer, my girl's people put my after-bath stuff away and start brushing and combing, like she hadn't already done it. They spray stuff on me to make my coat shine and put something in my mane and tail to make it shine. They even paint my hooves. I usually make my girl clean my face and ears because I don't understand why she has to let them bother with me at all. And, I like her better.

They get my saddle and stuff and the silly people put grass with something funny-colored behind my saddle; I don't know how they expect me to eat it that way. I expected my girl to straighten them out the first time they did it, but she just left it that way.

Anyway, when we do this, she has on some funny-looking stuff, not what she normally wears to go for a ride with me at all. We are always with the some other horses and their girls. We all get in a line with

lots of other horses and buggies and odd stuff. It's not much fun to stand there for an hour or more while people come by and stare at us. Sometimes they come back and put a ribbon on my saddle.

Then we finally walk down one of those trails with real hard dirt with everyone else in line. There's not much to see but a bunch of people; they clap and yell because we horses look so good. Our girls wave to them to tell them to clap some more.

When we get to the end of the route, it's back in the trailer and when they let me out, my girl isn't there, just her people. She comes along after I've had a drink of water and a bit of hay.

She's wearing more normal clothes now, so she puts my saddle back on and we go in an arena with a bunch of other horses and walk and lope around a bit. It's not so bad

really; sometimes we get to trot along with other horses. After all the horses go out of the arena, we go back in one at a time, and the people love us.

We run around the rail as fast as we can with our girls motioning the people to clap while they tell the people about us. It doesn't last long, but it sure is fun.

The people really like us horses, too. After we run around the arena, we usually stand in a row while some loud music plays to honor us and then we run out of the arena with everybody clapping and yelling again. It doesn't last very long, but it's the most important part of the day.

We go get back in the trailer and I have to move around some in the trailer to let my people know it's important to get me right home to my pasture again. By this time I'm tired and I want my own water trough and not just a bucket.

Gardeners can enter vegetables in fair

Home gardeners who like competition can begin preparing their best vegetable produce for local judging competition at the Morrow County Fair.

The first step in entering vegetables in the fair for judging competitions is getting a copy of the Fair Premium Book, which contains exhibition rules for vegetables. The 1996 Fair Books are available from the Fair office, the Extension office and at city post offices and businesses.

Follow the specific rules for exhibiting vegetables. If the guidelines specify five items, don't send three. Here are five guidelines for selecting winning vegetables used by judges: Trueness to type-this simply means selecting vegetables that look like they're supposed to. For example, tomatoes are supposed to be evenly round, so don't select one that is oblong and looks like a squash in shape. Quality and condition-fair

judges look for vegetables that are at their best for eating. Select normal-sized vegetables that are ready to serve. Vegetables scarred by insects should not be entered. Also discard vegetables marred by disease, rough handling or careless cultivation.

Uniformity-entry vegetables should be similar in size, shape, color, texture and stage of maturity.

Size-contrary to popular opinion, large entries do not have the competitive edge over other entries (except for special entries such as largest pumpkin, watermelon or head of cabbage). Largeness suggest coarseness, over-maturity and possible poor quality. Medium-sized vegetables are more typical of a variety and are most desired.

Cleanliness-dirt detracts from the natural attractiveness and conveys an unfavorable impression to judges and the public.

Morrow County Rodeo set for Sunday, Aug. 18

The Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo, for Morrow County residents and county school alumni only, will be held Sunday, Aug. 18, at 1:15 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Slack will be at 10 a.m., with two go-arounds in team roping at 10 a.m.

The events and sponsors are as follows:

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Audience Program Jewelry Giveaway-Montana Silversmiths.

The entry fee will be \$50 for the amateur calf roping (two head, saddle), which is limited to those with less than \$5,000 lifetime earnings; \$45 for team roping (per man, top eight teams in short go); \$45 steer wrestling (one head); \$45 open calf roping (one head); \$30 breakaway roping (one head); \$35 cow riding; \$35 calf riding (ages nine-13, can use two hands); \$20 goat tying (boys and girls nine-13, girls only 14-18); \$15 pee wee barrel racing (12 and under); \$20 junior barrel racing (13-17); \$30 senior barrel racing (18 and over); \$1 stickhorse race (five and under groups, Sheree Mahoney will take entries); \$20 mutton bustin' (must ride with rope-first 36 entries only, 12 each on Friday, Saturday and Sunday). To enter, call Marlene Currin,

Morrow County Rodeo secretary, 676-9711, Sunday and Monday, Aug. 11-12, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Fees are due by Thursday, Aug. 15. Mail to Currin, Rt. 2 Box 2290, Heppner, OR 97836. The rodeo office at the fairgrounds will be open Tuesday-Friday, 5:15-8 p.m. Tickets for the Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo will be \$5, with children six and under admitted free.



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