

Folk duo plans fair performance



Mountain-Aire

Mountain Aire, a folk duo featuring traditional and modern songs of both Celtic and American origin, will perform at the Morrow County Fair on Thursday, August 14, at noon at 3 p.m.

The Orkney Traditional Folk Festival (Scotland) described their style as "feeling music", as the group conveys a sincerity that focuses on each song's message.

Guitars, fiddle and vocals provide their music's foundation, with other instruments such as flute or mandolin occasionally adding spice to performances.

MC Court raffles off gold ring

This year the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court is raffling off a Black Hills Gold ring with black onyx, in addition to a half of beef.

If you have not already purchased at least one ticket you still have time to do so. Tickets may be purchased at Gardner's Men's Wear, the fair office, or from a court member--Queen Dawn Boor, Princesses Kara Miller and Maci Childers or pennant bearers, Tracey and Bobbi Rankin or Katie Bacon. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The drawings will take place on Sunday afternoon, August 17, during the Morrow County Rodeo. Winners do not need to be present to win (but it would be more exciting if they were).

Chili Cook-off

The second annual Beef Chili Cook-Off will be held at the Morrow County Fair on Friday, August 15, starting at 10 a.m.

Everyone is asked to register at the fair office by Tuesday, August 12, so there will be room set aside for all entrants.

Cook-off rules are as follows: All preparations must be done on site; You must bring your own cooking surface, pans, and supplies; Judging will take place at 4 p.m.; Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers.

Mountain Aire embellishes songs with background or stories, derived from historical books or personal experience. Their travels to Scotland began as an adventure to experience family roots.

Bob and Ronnee-Sue, Mountain Aire's husband-wife team, have been married since 1981. Claiming only to be "hometown and heartfelt," this rural Idaho-based duo brings its love of life to its audiences through folk music. "They are good entertainers ... and genuine nice folks," says the Phoenix (AZ) Folk Traditions Music Festival.

Mountain Aire is included in the juried roster of performing artists by Arts Northwest, a tri-state arts organization serving Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

In addition to performances, Mountain Aire has conducted workshops on the Scot language and history through folk music.

Ronnee-Sue was previously on the board of directors of the Challis (Idaho) Arts Council, and Mountain Aire is a member of the Folk Alliance and the Idaho Falls (Idaho) Arts Council.

BBRC this year's stock contractor

The Big Bend Rodeo Co. (BBRC), stock contractors for this year's Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, was started in 1992 by Don Hutsell and Sonny Riley. BBRC has a "Born To Buck Breeding Program" going which has been very successful.

BBRC has had many horses and bulls at the National Finals Rodeo (NFR). Their bull, Dog Face, a big Red Brangus, was chosen the second best bull of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) in 1996. Dog Face was also selected the best bull of the year for the Columbia River Circuit Finals in 1992-94 and also in 1996. Dog face was voted the second best bull of the 1993 NFR.

Their saddle bronc Holly (a mare in their "Born To Buck" program) was the best saddle bronc of the year for the Columbia River Circuit in 1993-94 and 1996. In 1996 Holly and her son, Major Holly, tied for the best saddle bronc of the year for our circuit.

Kid-a-Ride back at fair

The Kid-a-Ride carnival will be returning to Heppner for the 1997 Morrow County Fair. Everyone who enjoyed them during the St. Patrick's Celebration weekend can enjoy them again at the fair.

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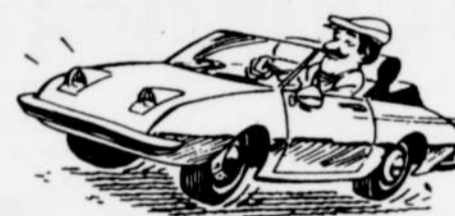
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