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# Improvements add to rodeo grounds



Mary Ann and Barry Munkers show the new handicap ramp and viewing area at the Morrow County Rodeo Grounds. The ramp and viewing facility are just two of the many improvements made by the Rodeo Committee over the past year.

The Rodeo Committee and supporters have been really busy this year making improvements to the rodeo grounds at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. Improvements that participants and onlookers alike are sure to

appreciate include:

- installing a cyclone fence surrounding the football field;
- enclosing the fairgrounds facilities by the new bridge at the elementary school;
- building new pens for rodeo stock. Previously the stock had to be moved back and forth from

a nearby ranch before and after performances;

- building a new stock crossing bridge at the end of the horse stalls;
- finishing a new rodeo office;
- completing a handicap ramp and viewing area. John Wenholz

of Irrigon has donated a temporary cover and is helping the rodeo committee install in for this year's rodeo;

- installing new mercury vapor lights for rodeo contestant parking. Columbia Basin Electric donated the power poles

and labor to install the lights. The project was spearheaded by Ron McDowell and Brian Kollman.

- installing more lighting (two 1,000 sport lights) on the north side of the arena to eliminate shadows.

## Pennant bearers add that extra touch

The 1998 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Pennant Bearers are Nonnee Walters, Crystal Weseman, Salli McElligott, Meghan Bailey and Ashley Ward.

Nonnee Walters is the 15 year old daughter of Joe and Linda Halvorsen. She has two sisters, Monica and Stacey, and one brother, Erick. Nonnee will be a sophomore at Lone High School this fall, where she will participate in volleyball, basketball and track. Nonnee likes to show horses and she belongs to two 4-H horse groups. She also belongs to a dog obedience club. This is Nonnee's second time being a pennant bearer. She rides a mare named BB.

Crystal Weseman is the daughter of Glenn and Carolyn Maret of Irrigon. She has a brother, Matt. Crystal's favorite things are her horse, rabbits, softball, basketball and spending time with her family. Crystal shows pigs and rabbits in 4-H. She is doing a few of the parades this year, along with the other official pennant bearers.

Salli McElligott is the 14 year old daughter of Paul and Charity McElligott of Lone. Salli will be a freshman next year at Lone High School. She is involved in several community activities along with 4-H and sports. She has been a member of 4-H sewing, English and Western horsemanship, beef and swine.

Salli is riding an eight year old mare named Siss.

Meghan Bailey is the 14 year old daughter of Ken and Kaedene Bailey. She has a sister, Madison, and a brother, Lane. Meghan currently participates in 4-H sheep and 4-H cooking. Her other activities include basketball and volleyball, and she is a member of Wranglers Riding Club. She is an honor student at Heppner Junior High School. Meghan was also a 4-H counselor at 4-H camp. Her family is involved with the fair and rodeo. Meghan has helped pack a flag during the parade and rodeo the last two years.

Ashley Ward is the 14 year old daughter of Jim and Susie Ward of Heppner. As an eighth grader at Heppner Junior High School, she participates in basketball and volleyball. Ashley has one sister, Lindsey, currently a princess on the 1998 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court. Ashley carried a sponsor flag for two years and participated in the Morrow County Rodeo, winning the peewee barrels last year. She has also done 4-H sheep and currently has a pygmy goat breeding project. She has a small herd of commercial cattle that she currently runs on the family ranch. Ashley will be riding her barrel horse, Chip, or the family favorite, Buster, in her pennant bearer appearances this summer.

## Mud Springs Gospel Band to perform

Those of you who like Bluegrass music will enjoy The Mud Springs Gospel Band from Madras at the Morrow County Fair this year.

The Mud Springs Gospel Band was formed at Madras in 1985.

The four musicians all share a love for Jesus Christ, acoustic instruments, bluegrass music, precise three and four-part vocal harmonies and fellowship. They will perform on Saturday night, August 22, at 7 p.m.

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