

Identify 1949 court and win rodeo tickets



photo courtesy of the Morrow County Museum

Do you know who these young ladies are? The first person to come into the Gazette-Times office and correctly list all of their names will win two tickets to the rodeo, courtesy of the Rodeo Committee.

This 1949 court will ride in the 1999 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade, mounted on horseback, on Saturday, August 21, beginning at 10 a.m.

Crowd turns out for playday, barbecue

Over 40 people took part in the July 25 playday sponsored by the Lone Martingale Horse Club and the Lexington Buckaroos.

The playday started at 1 p.m. with the gaming, which was followed by a potluck and barbecue. The day concluded with team penning.

Results of the gaming are as follows:

Poles: 8 and under-1st Jacob Gregory, 2nd Joseph Pranger, 3rd Mary Rietmann, 4th Justin Pranger, 5th Thomas Holland; 9-11 years-1st Emily Rietmann, 2nd Amy Jepsen, 3rd Justin Gregory, 4th Kristal Temple, 5th Jason Wainwright, 6th Cory McGuire; 12-18 years-1st Jason Zinter, 2nd Jared Thompson, 3rd David Flynn, 4th Jessica Wainwright, 5th Brian Bunch, 6th Andrea Hayzlett; over 18-1st Sharron Woodside, 2nd Mike Rosenbush, 3rd Kim Thompson, 4th Camille Peck, 5th Les Thompson.

Walk-Trot-Scout-Walk: 1st Jared Thompson, Brian Bunch, Kelly Thompson, Stephanie Holland; 2nd Dick Paris, Emily Rietmann, Amelia Peck, Justin Pranger; 3rd Mary Rietmann, David Flynn, Jason Wainwright, Kristal Temple; 4th Stacy Wainwright, Les Thompson, Lacey Thompson, Donna Rietmann; 5th Jason Zinter, Jannika McGuire, Joseph Pranger, Cory McGuire; 6th Jacob Gregory, Justin Gregory, Jessica Wainwright, Andrea Hayzlett.

Individual Quad Poles: 8 and Under-1st Jacob Gregory, 2nd Mary Rietmann, 3rd Joseph Pranger, 4th Justin Pranger, 5th Thomas Holland, 6th Lacey Thompson; 8-11-1st Emily Rietmann, 2nd Amy Jepsen, 3rd Justin Gregory, 4th Kristal Temple, 5th Jason Wainwright, 6th Cory McGuire, 7th Stephanie Holland; 12-18-1st Amelia Peck, 2nd Jared Thompson, 3rd Jason Zinter, 4th Jessica Wainwright, 5th Brian Bunch, 6th Jannika McGuire; over 18-1st Barb Zinter, 2nd Clint Sexson, 3rd Les Thompson, 4th Tonya Aitkin, 5th Dick Temple, 6th Dick Paris.

Team Figure 8: 1st Jason Davis and Clint Sexson; 2nd Kim and Les Thompson; 3rd Jason Zinter and David Flynn; 4th Barb Zinter and Tonya Aitkin; 5th Jared and Kelly Thompson; 6th Marilyn Allison and Camille Peck.

Gate Race: 1st Dick Temple, Justin Gregory, Jerry, Kim Thompson; 2nd Barb Zinter, Amy Jepsen, Jannika McGuire

Joe Rietmann; 3rd Marilynn Allison, Lee Palmer, Emily Rietmann, David Flynn; 4th Clint Sexson, Marilynn Allison, Jason Davis, Thomas Holland; 5th Donna Rietmann, Jessica Wainwright, Mary Rietmann, Les Thompson; 6th Jared Thompson, Karen Temple, Anita Pranger, Dick Paris; 7th Jason Wainwright, Jacob Gregory, Tonya Aitkin, Brian Bunch.

Road Construction Status Report

Notice to the citizens who utilize and enjoy the Willow Creek (Coat Mine Grade) area:

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation lists its planned construction activities on Willow Creek Road for the week of Monday, Aug. 2:

This week, Tidewater Contractors will be continuing to haul base aggregate material from the Summerfield Ridge Quarry site to the project and this should continue through this week and for at least the second week and most likely the third week of August. This site is near the intersection of Black Mountain Road and FS 53 Road. There will be between 10-12 trucks utilizing the main road between Black Mountain Road and Cutsforth Park, hauling the base aggregate material. There has been a truck sign placed at each side of the intersection to the quarry site.

They have completed the subgrade to the Smith Ditch area and are placing the base aggregate on the first mile plus of roadway. They will continue blading the subgrade from Smith Ditch, working towards the Penland Lake Road intersection.

There is still one culvert that has to be set, which they did get started as planned last week. The surveyors will continue setting stakes for the top of subgrade as they continue towards the end of the project. There should not be any trucks hauling material to the 20 mph corner waste site this week.

Emergency access through the project will be maintained throughout the construction

season.

Willow Creek Road will remain open to local traffic only, as far as Cutsforth Park. The park will remain open through the normal season. The detour route through Shaw Creek Road to the four corners, to Penland Lake and Ukiah, is and will remain open to all traffic.

During the 1999 construction season, Willow Creek Road (Coat Mine Grade) (FS 53 Road) will remain closed to through traffic, from Cutsforth Park to the intersection of FS Roads 5350 (Texas Pit Road).

Watch for travelers, campers and wood cutters, observe the warning signs, including the speed limit, on the Shaw Creek Road detour route, and observe the barricades at both ends of the construction zone. Have a safe summer and remember that the barricaded road closures are for the traveling public's safety.

Federal Highways asks the traveling public for their patience, consideration and cooperation, and appreciates input from the public.

Contact Robert G. Toops, project engineer, at (541) 676-5904 in Heppner for additional information.

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Bring your picnic basket and join in helping Lone celebrate our 100th year!

On Aug. 12, 1899, citizens of Lone voted to incorporate into a city called Lone. To celebrate this event, Lone will have music in the park during August. All performances are from 7-9 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, Aug. 13 ~ Tim Cundell
Friday, Aug. 20 ~ Old Time Fiddlers
Friday, Aug. 27 ~ Final Warning

If you are an arts and crafts person, you are invited to bring your wares and sell them during this time.

Lone is very proud of the amphitheater, stage and extended park. They are available for public use.

If interested, contact Lone City Hall, (541) 422-7414

County Court meets

By Doris Brosnan

The Morrow County Court, at its July 28 meeting, briefly discussed with County Counsel Bill Hanlon the lawsuit against the Corps of Engineers, regarding the drawing of water from the Columbia River, filed by Water Watch.

The court approved a road approach permit off Montana Road. They asked public works director Guy Van Arsdale for a load of gravel spread at the front of the museum elevator property. The court and Van Arsdale discussed the question of a fence placement by Valby Road, attempting to find a solution satisfactory to the county and the property owner. Van Arsdale agreed to be signor on the application to add Clarks Canyon quarry to the Goal 5 List.

In discussion of a bike path on Patterson Ferry Road, reaching from the Wildlife Refuge to the river, Van Arsdale observed that one separate from the roadway would be best but costs more money and agreed that one issue is future maintenance. The court suggested the possibility of using TEA-21 funds, should the county receive them, and agreed to further discuss it with Van Arsdale and planning director Tamra Mabbott.

In a public hearing on the addition of Perennial Pepperweed, Houndstongue and Whitetop to the "A" list of weeds, four individuals appeared. Loyal Burns shared his concerns about having an organized, overall strategy for weed control before expanding the list, believing in the importance of training. He further observed that the program is loosely defined and has no "measuring stick" for success. Ned Clark expressed concern over adding new weeds when the current "A" list weeds are not being controlled. Dave Pranger reported reservations about adding Pepperweed because it is so prevalent in the north end of the county and observed that there is not a widespread problem with the Houndstongue, which warrants consideration because it is toxic to cattle. He explained that there are only "spatterings," mainly at creek drainages, of infestation of Whitetop, which may not be eradicated but can be controlled. Burns suggested an educational program. Janet Greenup explained that the Weed Control Board and the Soil and Water Conservation District implemented the weed management plan system so they could measure the success of their efforts. She further explained that these weeds must be on the list if they are to be enforced. In agreeing that Pepperweed is too widespread in the north end to be enforced effectively, Greenup reported that they want Whitetop added before it becomes pervasive like Pepperweed. She added that the board has tried to conduct educational programs but could not get anyone to attend. Clark noted the impact of additional weed control on budgets, and Pranger observed that using the weed plans benefits the landowners by recognizing that most budgets cannot include everything in a single year. In response to other input, he also said that the county will prepare a standardized form for landowners to use in the future.

Further discussion included comments about guidelines from the county, funding issues, north-south county weed differences and education.

Pranger reported that Star Thistle and Knapweed are on the run" with the bugs. He also reported that a group of people through RC&D have put together a grant application to hire a person to handle weed education for a five-county area.

The public hearing closed and the court approved amending the Weed Control Ordinance to add Houndstongue and Whitetop to the "A" list, with the understanding that the court will look at Pepperweed again next year.

In response to questions from a landowner with land adjacent to "Act of Congress" land that the county got from the railroad, the court explained that the deed for the property is a quit claim and the value of the acreage was established by the county assessor. County counsel explained that the rental agreements resulted from notices sent to the adjacent landowners, but a check of the mailing list noted the omission of one such landowner. Further discussion about sale and/or lease of such properties continued.

The court received a petition to the court to form a livestock district, signed by landowners who live within the proposed district of about 10,000 acres. They heard discussion of the statutory requirements, including the need for a landowner outside the district to prevent his/her livestock from going onto land within the district. The court approved a public hearing on the petition to form a Liberty School Livestock District, setting the hearing date for September 22, 1999.

With county counsel, the court discussed the issue of collection of delinquent personal property taxes, in particular when the value of the property is less than the cost of collecting the tax. The court agreed that the tax collector's office should continue to bring these few cases to the court on a case-by-case basis.

Counsel informed the court of the "Inland Land" lawsuit status and presented a new jail use agreement with Umatilla County, which has a reduction from last year's daily per bed cost. The court approved signing the 1999-2000 Jail Use Agreement with Umatilla County.

A question has resulted from a landowner's moving a fence to what another landowner says is a public access road. Hanlon said that the county needs to examine how the site has been used, access to other property, and planning and public works issues surrounding the land in question.

Morrow County School Superintendent Bruce Anderson, addressed the court about current issues in the district, including the evacuation of children under the CSEPP Program, a proposed bond issue to build two new schools in the north end, and the budget's being a half million dollars short.

Anderson answered several questions from the court, as well: According to Anderson, the district ran out of money to finish the Heppner grade school windows job; he has not formed an opinion on the four-day school week, which, he says, seems appealing in terms of cost savings but may not be instructionally sound for younger students, and transportation and support services for a five-day week could possibly take a quarter of

a million dollars and mean a loss of staff; he expects enrollment to remain about the same, roughly 2100 for the district, although the enrollment is down in south county and up in the north end, creating an issue of class size differences; the district bought land near Columbia Middle School for building two new schools in the future; the board has asked him to conduct a statistically accurate survey of voters' positions on the four-five day school week issue; he does not know if Morrow County has experienced the high absenteeism of teachers, as seen in Umatilla County, but it will be investigated as part of the four-day week issue; he will encourage school district employees to work with county employees as much as possible. The court voted to approve the amendment to the Principal Life Insurance Company Group long-term disability plan.

As the bank requires an opinion of bond counsel before granting a line of credit for additional fair building expenses, the county will issue a short-term loan from the general fund to the fair fund, and Hanlon will contact bond counsel.

Director of Children and Families Services, Dar Merrill, advised the court of the status of the budget through the state and of some funding decisions by the commission. He reported completion of the budget, which must be signed by the governor, which includes additional monies that will mean more for programs. The court approved an allocation to the Boardman Child Development Center.

Keith Lewis and Judy Buschke reported to the court on the courthouse doors, which have been ordered and should arrive in approximately six weeks. The two doors will be solid mahogany with windows. Some help with finish work and installation might be donated, so cost of installation is not now known, but the court was asked to help with installation expenses.

Hanlon reviewed the earnest money agreement for the Docken Building. The court added some language before approving the agreement and approved the securing of financing for the purchase.

The court agreed to write a letter to the governor declaring Morrow County a drought disaster. It also approved ratifying the collective bargaining agreement between Morrow County and Morrow County Employees Local 2479, Sub Local 002.

W.C.C.C. Golf

WCCC Ladies' Play
Tuesday, July 27

Low gross of the field: Jan Paustian.

Low net of the field: Lois Hunt.
Least putts of the field: Luvilla Sonstegard.

Flight A: low gross-Deborah Kendrick; low net-tie between Carol Norris and Bev Gunderson; least putts-Sharon Sample.

Flight B: low gross-Barbara Gilbert; low net-Joyce Dinkins; least putts-Betty Rietmann.

Flight C: low gross-Elaine Miller; low net-Della Heideman; least putts-Doris Graves.

Chip ins: Barbara Gilbert #8 and Luvilla Sonstegard #5.
Birdie: Jan Paustian #6.

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