

Centennial court only happens every 100 years



Queen Shawn Admire

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THE SANDY Centennial Court, which was honored at the recent 4th of July celebration, includes, left to right, Queen Shawn Admire, Princess Anita Wadkins, Princess Patty Stone, Princess Kim Buhler, and Princess Pam Curtis.

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Her dad is Queen's biggest 'Admirer'

"She did it again!" This was the delighted reaction of Shawn Admire's father to her selection as Sandy Centennial Queen. He is getting used to the honors bestowed upon his active daughter.

"This year has really been my big year," explained Shawn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Admire of Boring. Earlier in the year, she was voted Winter Court Queen on a similar write-in ballot.

"I got Winter Court Queen, but didn't know it. I was gone, so they gave it to someone else. This more than makes up for that," she said of being chosen Centennial Queen. "I couldn't believe it!"

Also impressed were Shawn's two brothers, Randy, 16, and Marc, 12, and her sister, Rema, 14.

"They think it's neat, I guess."

Among other highlights of her senior year at Sandy High, was playing the lead in the annual school play, presented last November.

"The thing I enjoyed the very most this year was the part of Anne in 'Diary of Anne Frank,'" recalled Shawn, who has grown used to the spotlight after 12 years of dancing lessons.

The busy queen, who has "always been involved in a lot of things," is finding it difficult

to decide upon a future career. Shawn lists Dental Hygienist and Television productionist among the possibilities but finds it easy to change her mind.

"There are so many fields I'd like to go into. I'd like to try a little of each," she commented.

Shawn, who was awarded a scholarship in speech to Mt. Hood Community College, is currently trying her hand in cafeteria management. She works seven nights a week at United Medical Laboratories in Portland.

"It's really hard," she exclaimed. "On weekends, I work a split shift."

Because of her demanding job, it is a challenge for Shawn to fit the Centennial activities into her schedule. However, she has managed to appear with the court at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon, and the 4th of July festivities.

"When they introduced the court," related Shawn about the latter, "I couldn't believe all the hand-clapping and yelling."

"My knees were shaking so bad," she confided, "I wondered if everyone could see them!"

According to Queen Shawn, the anniversary celebration "already has been" good for the town.

"People are pretty enthusiastic over it," she noted.



Princess Kim Buhler

Princess Kim second royalty in family

Princess Kim Buhler's youngest brother, Brian, was not surprised that his sister was chosen for the Sandy Centennial Court.

"My little brother said 'you look just like a princess,'" she related. "And he thinks my mother looks more like a queen. She was a princess when she was 16 too."

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Buhler, Sandy, are parents of the sophomore princess, who has four brothers, Steve, 14, Gary, 17, Doug, 16, and Brian, 8. Kim has been the recipient of special attention from her family lately.

"They treat me like royalty—it feels kind of funny."

Kim is working at the Scenic Cannery this summer, where she "sorts berries on a belt." When she isn't working, she might be kitten-sitting with two feline families or listening to

the latest "Bread" album. Music is her favorite hobby.

"I sing with the Madrigals and the Symphonic Choir at school. We get to go everywhere. Next year, we are going to have a new vocal group."

Home Ec. and P.E. are also popular subjects with Kim, whose future plans don't include college. She would like to be an airline stewardess.

"It's what I've always wanted to be," enthused Kim.

As for the present, Kim is enjoying the Centennial activities, especially the 4th of July celebration.

"I liked the fireworks—everything was fun! It was a new experience."

According to Princess Kim, the Centennial will be beneficial for Sandy: "I think it's good. It will get the town advertised; then people might know where it is!"



Princess Anita Wadkins

Junior princess will remember 'special court'

"It's different than other courts," remarked Patty Stone, princess from the junior class at Sandy High.

"It's quite an experience," she continued. "We get to do all sorts of things. I've enjoyed meeting people and getting to know the other girls on the court."

Patty's parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Stone, were "kind of happy and proud," as were her sisters, Debbie, 18, and Judy, 11, and brother, Billy, six. They have been considerate of the princess in the family lately.

"I don't really get special treatment, but I might get out of chores sometimes," she grinned.

Chores for Patty might include working in the fields on her family's property in Boring, or fixing fences. Doing the bookkeeping in her father's dental office, or babysitting for her younger brother and sister also keep her busy during the summer. This week, she is attending a rally clinic in Vancouver, Wash.

"Rally is fun, but it takes up a lot of time," commented Patty, who is on the rally squad at Sandy High.

Still, she manages to work in other activities, such as riding horses, swimming, and flying with her father in his plane.

"I might go to ground school this summer," she mentioned.

Patty will "probably go to college," but doesn't plan to follow her dad's profession.

"I don't want to be a dentist; I'd have to go to school for seven years, and that's a long time," explained Princess Patty who might become a legal secretary.

However, the future is not as fascinating to this princess as the present. She is enjoying the Centennial festivities. What does she like best?

"Just being with the rest of the people, and Mrs. Schmitz. She's really fun, sort of like a grandmother to us," replied Patty, who thinks the Centennial was a good idea.

"It will make people proud of Sandy!"

Princess Anita adjusting to becoming 'royalty'

"It was exciting," bubbled senior princess Anita Wadkins about being voted to the Sandy Centennial Court.

"People would come up and say 'congratulations,' but I didn't think they were talking to me. It took about a week to believe it."

Anita, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin James Wadkins of Sandy, claims she gets "no special treatment," but the whole family, including brothers Jim, 16, and Jonathan, 12, and sister, Brenda, 14, are sharing the excitement.

"My mom thought it was nice, my dad bragged a lot about me. My brothers and sister are really proud of me," she commented.

The senior princess, who is "never home" has a clerical job at Hoodview Pharmacy, where she has worked since January under the work-studies program at Sandy High. Although she likes her job, she has found that working limits her time.

"Jobs really tie you down," remarked Anita, who went to school only half a day. She did find time to work on the prom and carnival at Sandy High, and play on the girls' tennis team, though she "never has

time for hobbies."

Secretarial work appeals to Anita, who plans to work in a legal office someday. She will start at Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls this fall, where "the girls are outnumbered five to one!"

Camping is a favored activity this summer, for Anita, who frequently accompanies her boyfriend's family. She is also learning how to water-ski.

"I'm having a hard time staying up on the skis," she confessed.

Among the court activities in which she has participated, Anita remembers the coronation of the Portland rose queen and the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

"It was really different," she said of the latter. "I had never seen the Chamber of Commerce in action before."

According to Anita, "a lot of people aren't that excited" about the Centennial, but these are the ones who aren't involved.

"It's special to us on the court—something we'll always remember. But unless you're involved, it won't be that special."



Princess Pam Curtis

Princess Pam proud of court selection

"Shock" is the way Pam Curtis described her reaction to being chosen freshman princess for the Centennial Court. Princess Pam, who had been on three courts before, feels this one is "special, since there won't be another one for 100 years."

According to Pam, her family was "pretty excited" about the honor. Pam, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Curtis of Sandy, has a sister, Penny, 12, and three brothers, Alan, 13, Danny, 11, and Marty, 10. The latter have given her more consideration lately.

"I overheard my brothers one night after I'd gone to bed, saying, 'quiet, Pam's asleep. Remember, she's got court tomorrow!'"

Pam, who moved here with her family two years ago, prefers her adopted town to Portland, where she had lived before.

"I like it a lot better in Sandy."

it's different here; everybody gets along."

Pam plans to be a Home Ec teacher, and has taken cooking and sewing classes, plus an exploration shop class open to girls, as well as boys. Understandably, it is popular with the girls.

"It's not so easy to get into," she affirmed. "I made a power pack and shelves among other things. I really liked it."

Babysitting, which Pam terms "fun," keeps her busy this summer, but to her the Centennial activities are the most important part of this summer.

At a Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the first official court appearance, Pam admitted to being "scared," but liked the 4th of July celebration.

"I wasn't nervous at all; of course I couldn't really see anybody," she confided. "I had to behave myself all day, but it was really fun!"



Princess Patty Stone