

County fair opens its gates Tuesday

The traditional Kiddie Kapers parade launches the 75th annual Clackamas County Fair on its historic way this Tuesday, Aug. 15, when hundreds of excited, fun-loving youngsters stream through the gates at noon to signal the beginning of the five-day event.

The fair continues through Saturday, Aug. 22.

Tuesday is Kid's Day at the fair and neither Kiddie Kapers paraders or non-paraders will need tickets to get in. Youngsters under 16 are admitted free until 5 p.m. opening day.

They will be given the advantage of reduced prices on carnival rides during the day. The popular Rainer Shows Carnival will be back again this year with several new innovations to enhance the midway appeal.

The annual talent contest is a big opening day attraction with some 30 acts scheduled for the outdoor stage beginning at 8 p.m. Top talent from around the county has been auditioned and screened for the event. Master of ceremonies will be television personality Dave Hood.

Starting at 1 p.m. each day, stage shows will be offered hourly through late evening at the fair.

The Old-Time Fiddlers, longtime regulars at the fair, will be back to perform Thursday afternoon and evening. Headliners for this year's fair will be Jo Anna Burns, versatile singing star, and Robbie Robinson, popular throughout the Pacific Northwest for his country vocals.

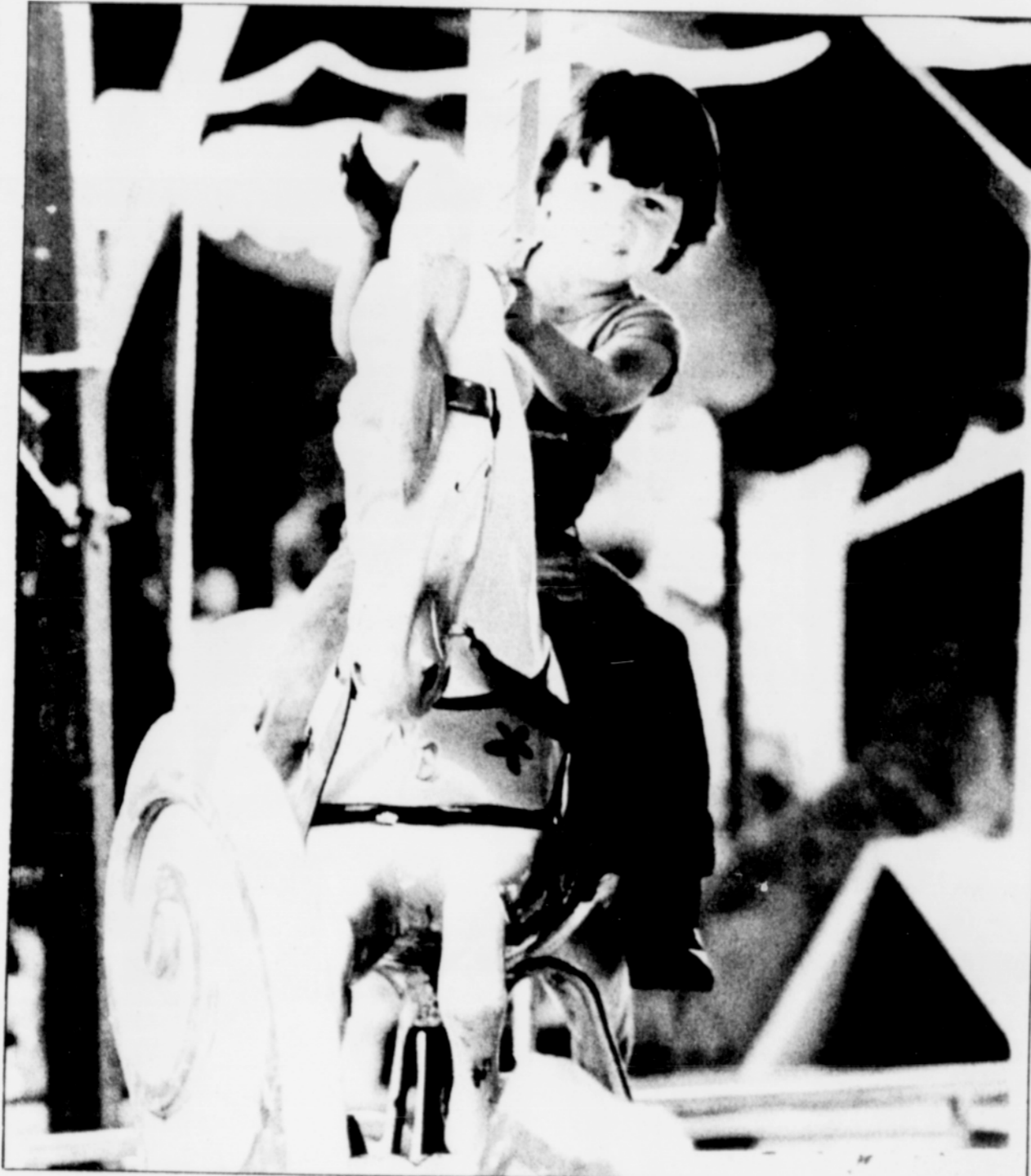
The Raleigh Lights Clackamas County Fair IRA World Championship Rodeo promises to be one of the major attractions of this year's fair. The International Rodeo Association took over sponsorship of the Clackamas County Fair Rodeo last year and brought several famous-name cowboys to Canby for the event.

These contenders, along with others, are expected to return. Officiating as Miss Clackamas County Fair Rodeo at this year's rodeo will be Joni Harms of Canby.

Rodeo performances are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening of the five-day affair. Admission to the rodeo is free for all fairgoers holding general admission tickets.

The fairgrounds barns will be packed with prize livestock, with judging events going on each day of the fair in a variety of show rings. A continuous series of horse shows are scheduled Thursday through Saturday and there will be special exhibits of rabbits and poultry.

A full program of 4-H and Future



Kids' Day kicks off the Clackamas County Fair Tuesday in Canby. Youngsters will be able to enjoy free admission and reduced-price rides at the carnival.

Farmers of America events are also on schedule. The annual Junior Livestock Auction is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. More than \$85,000 was raised by youngsters participating in last year's auction, an all-time record.

The Atrium Art Gallery, the photo exhibit, and Hobby Hall will occupy

the upper floor of the main pavilion, with a wide variety of commercial exhibits on the lower level. The textile and domestic science departments will offer hundreds of exhibits with features, such as men's chocolate cake baking contest and the Cookie Jar Parade spotlighting attention.

Agricultural crops and floral ex-

hibits will also be on display.

Wednesday is 7-Up Family Day at the fair. During the day, youngsters under 16 will be admitted to the fairgrounds free (when accompanied by an adult) and reduced prices on carnival rides will be offered to those presenting 7-Up coupons.

Timberline Rim faces crisis level in well

The heat wave's taken its toll, but probably no one's felt it more than residents of Timberline Rim near Brightwood.

The development's 486-foot deep well has depleted to a crisis level with less than three days reserve supply of water.

Greatly increased consumption coupled with pump failure created the water shortage, and the Rim has gone to conservation measures and borrowed water.

Hoodland Fire Department's tanker truck pumped additional water into the development's drained reservoir from Salmon Valley Water System's neighboring deep ground water system.

The development has urged all 126 full-time resident and 42 summer resident families to curtail car washing and landscape watering and to minimize laundry use, bathing and use of dishwashers.

Rim officials are meeting with state and county health officials to develop a crisis procedure.

"I guess we're looking at some long-range conservation," Rim spokesman Marilyn Petersen said. "They've come through before a couple times with needed conservation."

The development has a reserve of only 109,000 gallons or 14 feet out of 30 feet in its well. The situation is nearly as bad as mid-July when the well was down to the 3-foot level.

Portland consulting engineer Kent Mathiot of Geo Mat Inc. visits Timberline Rim Friday to study feasibility of a second well or expanding the present system. The development's Water Board, meeting now in emergency sessions, hopes to hear from him in a week.

The Rim has stepped up water tests to maintain water quality, despite the transportation from Salmon Valley's deep ground system. Water quality has continued to score well in daily tests.

Petersen, an administrative employee at the Rim office, said the Water Board probably would opt for a second well.

Actually, the development does have a 97-foot shallow uncapped well designed to serve only the lodge on the north side. Petersen said this might be utilized in expansion plans.

While the development's population has increased by only 20 more year-round resident homes in the past year, water consumption appears to have nearly tripled.

Timberline Rim hasn't ruled out possibility of a system leak or other explanation for the increased consumption.

Last August the Rim could draw 80 to 90 gallons per minute from the well and marginally stay ahead of 600,000 gallons per month consumption rate. Current evidence shows the Rim can draw less than 60 gallons per minute for a consumption rate of 1.5 million gallons now per month.

Rim administrators are at a loss to explain the tripled consumption in light of only 20 new homes.

"We have encouraged people to landscape and maintain their lots, however," Petersen said. "The ground here is very sandy, so maybe it takes just a lot to water their yards. Maybe our beautification efforts have backfired on us."

The development's present deep well presents time problems when the pump, motor and flow meter malfunction and require seven hours to remove, repair and replace. That's what happened in mid-July, when the water system got so behind with interrupted pumping and hours of unanswered drain on the supply.

Rim administrators feel that residents must get their group consumption down to 40,000 gallons daily, while usage now teeters at close to 50,000 gallons daily.

Detective takes role as first woman on job without hesitation

by LIZ BUTCHER

Linda Estes' roommates in the cramped Clackamas County Sheriff's Department office were unimpressed. "Why do a story on her?" asked Lance Meharry, a deputy sheriff and detective. "Isn't that reverse discrimination?"

The teasing continued merrily, with Estes matching Meharry barb for barb. Someone handed Estes a small dart gun, which she shot at no one in particular. Its suction cup landed softly on the floor.

It was after-hours for this group of county detectives, a time for shooting the breeze and winding down from a day's work in a demanding profession. For Estes, a Milwaukie resident and the county's first female detective, it was time to leave behind her caseload of sex crimes, burglaries and an unsolved homicide and go home to her husband and two children.

But first she agreed to share a few insights about her chosen career.

"I feel a little strange being singled out, since the guys I work with all work hard," says Estes, 33. "We've got so few people, you've got to work hard."

Estes is one of nine detectives employed by the sheriff's department, a number which will double in six to eight months as the department completes hiring and training 30 new deputies. She may be joined by other women, because some will be eligible for the necessary exam, according to Sheriff Paul McAllister.

"Considering Linda's success, I'm not prejudice at all," McAllister said. "In certain respects, I think she's done as well if not better than some of her male counterparts. Women are very capable of doing the job."

It's only when people act surprised to learn she is a detective that Estes thinks about her novelty as a woman in the profession, she says. She admits she has disadvantages in size and strength compared to most of her male colleagues, but believes that being a woman helps in some cases, especially in sex crime cases involving children or female victims.

She also admits her job is hard on a family because of its irregular hours and possible dangerous situations. "You never know how close you come."

She and her husband, a Union Pacific Railroad employee, have an unlisted phone number and usually don't mention her job to acquaintances unless specifically asked, she says. "I find I go out of my way not to draw attention to myself," she says.

Her children, age 10 and 11, have taken their mother's job in stride, however, she says. "Sometimes their friends will ask, 'Is that your 'undercover' car?'" she says, mimicking their

wide eyes.

Estes was promoted to the detectives' division in January after serving three years as a uniformed patrol deputy and crime prevention officer in the county. She entered the law enforcement profession "by accident" several years ago when she was hired as a clerk by the Molalla Police Department.

"What I knew about police work you could have put in a thimble and that's the truth," she says. "I was so naive." She progressed to the position of police service officer ("a glorified clerk") and I remember painting the office yellow," she says, laughing. She then headed for a police academy in Monmouth, returned to Molalla for a brief time and was hired as a Clackamas County deputy in September 1977.

She spent her first year in a patrol car working either graveyard or day shifts.

"I remember being cornered by a snarling St. Bernard as a deputy," she recalls. "I had to beat him off with my baton to get to my patrol car. When I looked at my face in mirror, it was bright red. I just had to laugh."

For the next 1½ years, she was a crime prevention officer. "I really enjoyed it... it's the more positive side of law enforcement," she says.

Following four more months as a road deputy, she became a detective. She is "on probation" for the first year, during which she will be able to experience a variety of cases.

"I've been assigned to sex crimes, then I was rotated to burglary and theft, now I'm back in sex crimes," she says matter-of-factly. At some point, she'll be asked to look into some robberies and possibly assist other deputies in an automobile theft or narcotics case.

She's already been assigned a homicide investigation, involving the body of a Vancouver man found floating in the Willamette River near the Canby ferry in April. "You carry (a murder case) with you until it's solved or you leave," she says.

Estes hopes eventually to focus on sex crimes, a majority of which involve incest with small children, she says. "They're good cases to work — you usually know who did it — but it's hard emotionally," she says. One molested child she worked with was 3-years-old, she says.

She estimates she has about 40 cases "on her desk," which require varying amounts of attention depending on the type of crime and number of witnesses involved.

"My goal was to get into the detectives' division," Estes says. "It's exciting, demanding, stressful, frustrating — she pauses to catch her breath — "but if I'm going to be in law enforcement, this is where I want to be."

Along Sandy and Zigzag rivers

Landfill problems getting cleared away

by MICHAEL P. JONES
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The landfills along the floodplains of the Sandy and Zigzag rivers are currently being dealt with by the County Code Compliance Division of the Department of Environmental Services and the responsible property owners.

According to Walter Cate, investigator for the Division, one property owner, William Steinberger whose company filled in the area behind the Mt. Hood Lions Club at Wemme, "is going to do all that it takes to correct the situation."

Cate said Steinberger is applying for the necessary permits and will remove the stumps and other organic fill which could be a "potential fire hazard." He

said that such materials in a landfill has been known to catch fire and are extremely to extinguish.

He said his office is also requiring all metal, asphalt, oil and gasoline cans, discarded furniture and tires be removed also. Concrete, rock and other more stable materials will remain on the site, but will have to be compacted.

Cate said his revised calculations show that the fill is not in the floodplain but, rather is "200 feet shy."

However, after examining the rules and guidelines for fill and removal established by the Oregon Division of State Lands, the landfill's impact on the stream that flows during the fall, winter, spring and part of the summer will have to be assessed.

Because the stream flows "during a

portion of every year and supports aquatic life," the landfill's impact on stream vegetation, wildlife and fur-bearing animals who depend on the use of the water, will have to be addressed.

Cate said he is uncertain what effect the fill's proximity to the historic Emigrant Trail, which runs through the area, will have on any permit issued.

He did say, however, "If the site has some historical significance, like the Barlow Trail, there are provisions to deal with it."

At the site of the Rhododendron landfill on the banks of the Zigzag River, no floodplain development permit has been filed. Steven Sweitzer, who owns the property, said that he requested Jay Massey, state Fish and Wildlife Department fish biologist, to look at the site and make recommendations on how to

correct any ill effects the fill might have on the stream.

Sweitzer said he has not heard from Massey, but will take whatever actions are necessary as soon as the situation has been fully evaluated.

The third dump site concerning Clackamas County officials is located at the intersection of Highway 26 and Grouse Lane. The property's owner, Ray Thornberg, had notified county officials that the fill will be removed from the site.

Cate said Thornberg "decided to take the fill out rather than to hassle with getting the permits." He added that the county was requiring that the fill be taken out before bad weather. Half the job must be completed by Sept. 1, with the remainder removed by the first of October.

Hoodland happenings:

Women's club slates champagne brunch

Thursday, Aug. 13
A class on stress control, presented by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, continues at 7:30 p.m. at Welches School. Ed Baumgartner is the leader. A holistic health approach, aimed at resolving both surface and deep-seated stresses, is the basis of the course.

Friday, Aug. 14
Beginning Tennis for Kids, sponsored by Welches Community School, will be held at the tennis courts adjacent to the Hoodland Women's Club from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Participants should bring a racquet and tennis balls; a small fee will be charged.

Monday, Aug. 17
A Junior Gold Clinic will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at Bowman's Golf Course pro shop. Children from 8 to 17 years can learn to play golf; clubs will be provided.

John Buck and Karl Zehring, assistant golf pros at Bowman's, are the instructors. For registration, call 622-3101, extension 1256.

Aerobic dance class will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Welches School. A fee is charged.

Tuesday, Aug. 18
The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce meets at 7 a.m. in the Red Lion Inn at Bowman's.

The Hoodland Women's Club will hold its annual New Member Champagne Brunch at 9 a.m. in the club building on Salmon River Road. This is a "come-as-you-are" event for potential and existing members. A special lingerie show will be featured. Call 622-4671 or 622-4445 for reservations, which are required.

Welches Community School Tiny Tots group meets from 10 a.m. to noon. The

group will learn the art of baby massage with a demonstration given during the meeting. For more information and meeting location, call Louise Hoyt, 622-3752.

Welches Community School will sponsor recreational volleyball from 6 to 8 p.m. at Wildwood Park. Beginning and intermediate adult karate class will be held at 6 p.m. in the Hoodland Women's Club building.

Wednesday, Aug. 19
The Community School's summer hike program meets at 10 a.m. in the Hoodland Women's Club parking lot for carpooling. Bring a lunch and beverage. For more information, call Lou Tipton, 622-4316.

A blood pressure clinic will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Hoodland Senior Center inside the Hoodland Women's Club. Leah Behan, R.N., will check

blood pressure for all adults free of charge.

The Clackamas County Library bookmobile will be the Mt. Hood Food and General Store parking lot in Rhododendron from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Welches Community School's aerobic dance class will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Welches School playground.

Thursday, Aug. 20
The series on stress control, presented by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, continues at 7:30 p.m. at Welches School.

The Wy'east Artisans Guild will present a "Boxes, Bags and Baskets" show at its gallery in Rhododendron. The show opens Aug. 21 and runs through Sept. 13.

To place an event in Hoodland Happenings, call Dawn Morrison, 622-3538.