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for Bell Telephone and later with the Women's Army Corps. She also worked for the National Education Association and worked as a credit union manager. A brief marriage resulted in no children for Lamoreaux.

## 1971

The court of 50 years ago — 1971 — was Queen Mavis O'Rourke Maxwell and Princesses Vickie Hawkins, Patsy Olds, who has since died, and Madalynne Rogers.

"I always wanted to do it," Maxwell said of participating in the CJD court. "I was always in 4-H and wanted to try out for the court."

The 1972 Joseph High School graduate has fond memories of the time.

"Traveling with the girls was a bond between the four of us. Our 'queen mother' was Mary Hayes and she always made sure we were where we were supposed to be," Maxwell said. "Being able to represent the CJD, we were always welcomed wherever we went."

She worked at Costco for 11 years and now has two grown children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She lives in Joseph at her late parents' former home.

She said she expects the whole family to be at this year's rodeo.

"The grandkids and kids are all coming up, so we'll be there," she said.

Maxwell said rodeo participation has continued on in her family. Her daughter, Sherry Ledgerwood, was a princess at the Elgin Stampede and queen at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show. Her son, Jason Maxwell, did a bit of bareback riding in regional rodeos.

The Chieftain was unable to contact Hawkins or Rogers.



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Mavis O'Rourke Maxwell, above, was queen of the 1971 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo court — 50 years ago.

Amber Follett McDowell, at left, queen of the 1996 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo royalty, is still active with horses.



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The 1971 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo court included, from left, Victoria Hawkins, Patsy Olds, Madalyn Rogers and Mavis O'Rourke Maxwell.



Amber Locke-Archibald/Contributed Photo

Amber Locke-Archibald sits astride her horse on family property on Elk Mountain. As Amber Locke, she was a princess in the 1996 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo court.

## 1996

The 1996 court — 25 years ago — was Queen Amber Follett McDowell and Princesses Dena Rynearson Miller and Amber Locke Archibald.

"I was just horse-crazy from the time I could remember, so it was just logical to try out for the court," McDowell said.

She said eight girls tried out for the court and she and

her good friends Dena and Amber won.

"We'd participated in 4-H horse together and had been riding together since we

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The 1996 Chief Joseph Days court included, from left, Queen Amber Follett McDowell and Princesses Dena Rynearson Miller and Amber Locke Archibald.

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