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County Fair and
Rodeo, August 19-24

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By DON GILLIAM

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Wednesday	90	50	—
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Friday	87	47	—
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Sunday	—	—	—
Monday	74	47	—
Tuesday	74	44	—

Events to Honor Queen Sheila

Everything from tug-of-war to a variety show to, of course, a lovely queen and her court is in store this Saturday night when 1969 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Sheila Luciani and her court will be honored at the annual Queen's coronation.

The event, sponsored by the Morrow County Jaycees, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the south grandstand of the Rodeo grounds here.

Barratt to Be MC

Master of ceremonies for the evening will be James Garnett Barratt, former Morrow county judge and now a resident of Mesa, Ariz. He and his wife are living here for the summer.

On the program of the event is a new feature this year, a variety show, according to Al Osmin, Jaycee chairman of the event.

The show will include square dancing, round dancing, variety

Elders Accept Tug-of-War Bid

Members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday accepted the challenge from the Morrow County Jaycees to a tug-of-war at Queen Sheila Luciani's coronation this Saturday night.

"We may be outweighed," Chamber president Jerry Sweeney said, "but we hope to outman them."

acts, singing and instrumental acts.

Coronation at 8:00

Queen Sheila will be crowned by her chaperone Dimple

Munkers, once a queen herself, at 8 p.m. if all goes according to schedule.

Mrs. Munkers will also honor Princesses Rhonda Bellinger, Patti Healy, Janet Palmateer and Sherri O'Brien.

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce will put a two-year winning streak on the line in the annual tug-of-war with the Jaycees.

The program is scheduled to end about 9 p.m. to make way for the dance honoring Queen Sheila, scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. in the Fair Pavilion.

Queen Deserves Honors

Tall and stately Queen Sheila, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Luciani of the Pine City community, and her court of four princesses will greet the coronation guests at the last in this series of pre-rodeo dances. Providing music for all ages will

be The Western Gentlemen of Condon. On rodeo week-end August 22 and 23, dances are planned for both Friday and Saturday nights.

The queen is representing the Lexington Grange in this year's court.

Truly a queen in every respect, Sheila displays true royalty in her appearances throughout the summer. She possesses a warm and radiant personality that makes for immediate friendship. She has enjoyed renewing acquaintances with those who she knew while traveling as a princess on last year's court.

Queen Sheila is the second daughter in the family to gain prominence on a rodeo court. Her sister, Karla, now Mrs. Doug Anderson of Beaverton, preceded her as a princess in 1965.

Love of riding is part of

Queen Sheila's inborn nature, and she is an expert in horsemanship. She rides the family favorite quarter horse, "Honey", in her summer appearances.

She has put in many long and hard hours this summer helping her parents on their large ranch, and is depended upon to do much of the truck driving during weeks of harvest.

With the start of college, Queen Sheila will return to Oregon State University for her sophomore year, where she is preparing to specialize in the fields of guidance and counseling in secondary education. She is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

While a student at Heppner High school she was an honor student and treasurer of the student body, and active in many of the school organizations and activities. She and her family are members of Trinity Lutheran church in Hermiston.

She has given a number of years work to 4-H livestock and horse clubs. Her interests have included boating at the McNary Yacht Club, and riding with the Heppner Wranglers.

Besides her parents, the queen's family includes her older sister, Karla Anderson; a younger sister, Patty; a younger brother, John Henry; and a grandmother, Mrs. John Luciani of Echo.

Queen Sheila and her princesses, accompanied by their mothers and chaperone, will be luncheon guests today (Thursday) of the Soroptimist club.

On Thursday, August 14, the court will make a guest appearance over radio station KUMA in Pendleton at 10:00 a.m., and will be luncheon guests of the Pendleton Lions club at noon. This Saturday morning they will ride in the Umatilla County Fair parade in Hermiston and will be luncheon guests, with other courts, at noon, Saturday, August 16, in being reserved for "fun day" at the river.

Big 4-H Horse Show to Attract Crowd on Sunday

By BIRDINE TULLIS
Extension Aide

The big day for 4-H horse club members is Sunday, August 10 — the 4-H Horse Show! Plans are now complete for the event that gives horse club members the opportunity to compete for prizes and show what they have been learning in 4-H. At this time members who will participate in State Fair are also selected.

It is necessary to have the Horse Show before the regular fair as 4-H horse events at State Fair are before our regular fair dates. First classes in Morrow County 4-H Show will be Halter Classes, starting at 10:00 a.m., contrary to previous reports that the show would start earlier. This year the procedure on judging will be reversed from former years, and Juniors will be judged first. It is hoped that changes in the horse show this year will make for a very successful and enjoyable show for both participants and spectators.

All 4-H horse club members should be at the Fairgrounds with horses groomed and ready to go by 10:00 a.m., Sunday, August 10.

City Council Hears Proposals On Grass, Pool, and Library

A proposal to plant grass in the playground section of the city park, another to use the city swimming pool after its scheduled closing date and one urging the city council to keep closer tabs on the city's library were all aired at the regular meeting of the Heppner City Council Monday night.

John Privett, president of the

Morrow County Jaycees, told the council his group would do the labor and contribute money toward an underground sprinkler system if the grass were planted at the park.

He said there was a possibility sprinklers from the grass being destroyed by construction of a new addition to the museum in the park might be used. City superintendent Vic Groshen agreed with the possibility, and the matter was referred to committee.

The suggestion of keeping the city pool open through the first two weeks of September was aired by swimming pool employee Lynda Orwick and pool manager Bill McLeod.

Miss Orwick told the council she and McLeod had talked to school officials about the possibility of using the pool during the time for physical education classes at Heppner High and Grade schools.

About 100 high school and 150 grade school students could use the pool daily, Miss Orwick said.

In addition, to meet expenses, the pool would be kept open from 2 to 8 p.m. daily for public use.

Burkenbine Trial Set for Sept. 3

Trial of Arthur Leroy Burkenbine, 28, Hermiston, on a charge of manslaughter has been set for 9:30 a.m., September 3 in Circuit Court in Pendleton.

Burkenbine is accused in the death of his 5-year-old son, Larry Dean, at the family home here April 14. Morrow County Medical Examiner Dr. L. D. Tibbles said at the time the child choked on food.

The father, Tibbles said, told him he attempted to administer artificial respiration and other emergency treatment but the boy died.

Burkenbine pleaded innocent in Circuit Court here July 9. A motion for change of venue was granted by Circuit Judge Henry Kaye on the basis that the defendant would be unable to receive an impartial trial in Morrow county.

The matter was referred to committee.

Marion Green, representing the Library Board, told the council it should keep close contact with the functions of the library. Several council members expressed a desire to have representation on the board, and the matter was referred to committee.

The council received two bids for a 1970 model dump truck, but did not make an award.

Fullerton Chevrolet Co., Heppner, was the apparent low bidder with an offer of \$5,232. An option was also offered in the bid, adding \$112 if the city chose to have a V-8 engine.

Other bidder was Heppner Auto Sales, bidding \$5,386.

The matter was referred to committee.

A building permit application by Leonard Schwarz to replace the rear room of Court Street Market with a processing plant was approved. Cost is estimated at \$3,000.

Three other permits previously approved were confirmed by the council, and that matter brought up another discussion.

Two of the permits were for minor repairs, and Mayor Bill Collins asked for recommendations pertaining to elimination of permits for small repairs. The matter was referred to committee.

Permits approved were for Don Grossmiller, Pendleton, \$22,800 for addition to Library-Museum; Howard Bryant, Heppner, \$200, roof on residence; and Stanley Robinson, Heppner, \$400, roof on residence.

After discussion, the council approved a contract with Herman Green of Heppner Garbage Disposal Service to continue service in the city.

Questions raised included that of Green's service to residents outside the city limits without giving the city part of the fees.

The company does business with 13 such residents, however, three of them are clients with city businesses. The point was dropped when the small number was made known.

Another point raised was that of dumping of stoves and refrigerators at the city dump. The council decided to allow private citizens the privilege, but to refuse the right to businesses.

All city employees will get a five per cent wage increase in the fiscal year 1969-70, the council decided at the meeting.

In other action, the council:

—approved taking out an insurance policy to cover two unnamed firemen who might be used in time of an emergency; —heard a report from the mayor on a July 9 meeting with the U. S. Corps of Engineers; —referred to the city attorney two complaints of lot problems in the city;

—heard a superintendent report, and

—met with League of Oregon Cities representative Don Ashmanskas relative to city problems.

Small Enrollment Hike Expected When Schools Open August 29

Who said school?

That word, one that youngsters dread and mothers look forward to, is just three weeks away for kids, and only two weeks away for teachers without prior teaching experience.

That's the word this week from Ron Daniels, district R-1 superintendent, who predicts a small increase in enrollment when Morrow county schools open August 29.

District schools open that day to avoid conflicts during Christmas vacation, Daniels explains.

New Appraiser Named to County

Richard Schlichting of Eugene has been secured as a replacement for Bill Johnson, present Morrow county tax appraiser, who will leave at the end of the year to take a position with the State Tax Commission in The Dalles.

Schlichting's family will arrive here in time for his children to start school this fall. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have two sons, William, 17, and Mark, 12, and two daughters Jan 16, and Peggy, 14.

Since 1966 Schlichting has worked for Northwest Engineering Associates in Eugene, and living in Dexter. He had formerly been employed by the Lane County Department of Public Works.

Otherwise, he said, it would be necessary to hold school for one day either the Monday before Christmas or the Friday following the vacation. The first day, which will serve as an organizational day, allows two full weeks of vacation, he said.

The new teachers will have four days of supervised in-service training, beginning August 21. Teachers new to the district will join them August 26, and all district teachers will have an in-service program August 27.

A full work day is planned for August 28, Daniels said, with faculty meetings planned.

On the first day of school, students will register, get classes and textbooks, the superintendent said.

tendent said. School will be dismissed at 1 p.m., with all cafeteria operating.

At Heppner Elementary school, formal registration for new students will be held Tuesday, August 26. All students are to pay fees that day, according to Alan Martin, principal.

New first graders must have physical examinations, Martin reminded.

Student supply lists are posted at local stores, he said. Seventeen new faculty members are slated to join the district this year, according to Daniels.

Jim Bier is the only new administrator to join the district. He will be principal at Heppner High school.

Anticipated Enrollment

	Actual September, 1968	Anticipated September, 1969
A. C. Houghton Elementary (Grades 1-6)	151	155
Heppner Elementary (Grades 1-8)	392	379
Jone Elementary (Grades 1-6)	92	91
Riverside Jr.-Sr. High (Grades 7-12)	145	155
Jone Jr.-Sr. High (Grades 7-12)	99	102
Heppner High (Grades 9-12)	208	219
TOTAL	1087	1101

Fifteen Men and Four Cooks Work on D. O. Nelson's Potato Harvest

By KIT ANDERSON

It takes four cooks to feed the harvest crew at the Nelson-Tucker ranch north of Lexington.

No, it's not any ordinary harvest, at least for Morrow county. The 15 men and four cooks feed are harvesting potatoes—and oh, boy, are they ever harvesting those spuds.

Opening what may become a new era for Morrow county crops, D. O. Nelson and the crew of the Nelson-Tucker ranch began Monday to harvest an anticipated 4½ million pounds of Norgold potatoes on a 110-acre field that two years ago was dryland wheat.

That's a lot of potatoes, to say the least. The potatoes were planted in the first part of April, according to Nelson, and self-propelled Raincoat irrigation sprinklers were installed about the first of May.

Since then, the crop has been constantly watched and pampered. About two weeks ago, it was defoliated to make ready for the harvest.

Two potato diggers are used in the harvest, one of Nelson's and one belonging to Raymond (Bud) Batty. Nelson's is self-propelled, while Batty's is pulled by tractor.

The crew starts work at 6 in the morning. Besides Nelson and Batty, working are Nelson's regular crew of Joe Bartlett, Larry Pettyjohn, Omer Huston, Dave Wright and Steve Rhee, all of Heppner.

Nelson's two partners, Donald and Terry Tucker, of Walla Walla, are also on hand, and two of their truck drivers are helping, Steve Bean and Jay Dutton. Mark Bafus, Hermiston; Barney Marshall and Dave Matheny, Heppner; and Don Hedricks, Stanfield, round out the crew.

Those four cooks are Mrs. Nelson, her daughter Phyllis, Mrs. Joe Bartlett and her daughter Kathy.



The harvest is on . . .

The diggers dig two rows of potatoes at a time, using a curved blade to enter the soil. The blade, called a clod blade, breaks up clods so they don't travel up the chutes of the machines with the spuds.

Before it is dug, the ground is rolled, which also aids in lessening the clod problem.

Once the potatoes are dug, they travel up a series of belts

and out the chute to waiting trucks. Dirt clods and vines that are with the spuds are pulled out just before loading.

The trucks travel 31 miles to the processing plant at Hinkley.

It takes nine trucks to keep the diggers busy. Batty has helped here, too, loaning three trucks to complement three of Nelson's and three of his partners, Terry and Donald Tucker.

When the harvest started Monday, the processing plant called the trucks off the harvest after 19 loads of spuds. Tuesday, they were called off after 26 loads, but that still isn't the capacity of the harvesters.

"With these two machines, we can put a lot of potatoes in there," Nelson says. He feels the harvesters could deliver 40 loads each day to the plant.

The harvest starts early each morning, and ends early in the afternoon, because the processors must clear the plant of potatoes before the end of the day.

At 5 p.m. Tuesday, the hopper the trucks dump into at the Hinkley plant was full, with two trucks waiting to dump.

The plant handles only Nelson's potatoes right now. When Batty starts his harvest in about three weeks he will deliver there, as will Kenny Turner and two Hermiston growers.

Nelson's early potatoes have given him an advantage in the market, even though he sells at open market.

"There's nothing concrete on the price," Nelson says, although he adds, "The price seems to be holding up well."

The yield of the harvest is almost unbelievable. Specialists told Nelson his crop would be good at 10 tons per acre, but he hopes to double that.

"We're hoping, when the final tally is in, to get over 20 tons," he says.

The harvest will be over by next Tuesday, if all goes according to schedule. In three weeks, Batty's harvest will begin, and Nelson will help him.