

Pretty Princess Jeri Snow Believes in Stars

Princess Jeri Snow will be honored at a dance this Saturday, July 17, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The Court will be introduced and friends are invited to dance to the music of the Western Gentlemen.

It takes the whole family to get a Princess in readiness to ride in a parade or grand entry. Princess Jeri Snow, in addition to her family, has a very loving pair of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith. Her sister Jodi Snow has had court experience. She has been a member of the Arlington Rodeo Court and the Gilliam County Court. She is a capable horse-woman and is helpful when it comes to loading and driving. Jeri does most of the care of her horse but when it comes to the nitty-gritty, her grandfather is there lending a hand. Traveller is a handsome sorrel that she helped break to lead. She drives cattle some for her grandpa but mostly she rides for pleasure.

She feeds Traveller night and morning. If she gets home from work in time in the evening she brushes her horse and rides for awhile.

She is working at the Morrow County School District office on a work-study program from BMCC. This summer she is staying with her grandparents to help her grandmother with the harvest cooking.

She was born at The Dalles and has lived briefly other places, but most of her 18 years has been spent on her grandparents' ranch. She and Jodi have always ridden together. Like the other girls on the Court, she can't remember when she learned to ride. Her grandmother recalls with laughter Jeri's early experience on "Peanuts", the Shetland pony. Jeri was about three years old and Peanuts well knew who was boss! He got tired of this riding bit and he went in the barn and stayed. Jeri cried long and loud and pretty soon Grandpa came to her rescue. Another time Peanuts rolled with her. It was at this time that Jodi was riding another Shetland pony named "Pop Corn".

This brunette with blue eyes is a bit on the serious side. She believes in astrology and in one breath she says she's a Catholic, Democrat and anti-Nixon! But he hasn't registered to vote yet.

Most of her experience in 4-H has been with the Gilliam County Fair.

While the ranch lies in both counties, the homes are in Gilliam County. She has lots of trophies won with her sheep. She is proudest of her All Round Showman. She says she knows more about sheep learned from Ron Davis, leader for their Oregon Trail 4-H Livestock Club. As a member of the Arlington Saddle Club, she enjoyed the spring trail ride down along the John Day river. She is enthusiastic about snow skiing and spends as many weekends as she can at Anthony Lake. She likes to work outside and takes care of her grandmothers garden.

While she helps her grandmother with the meals, if she is going to cook, she'd rather cook desserts. She says the only sewing she does is to "peg my pants".

At Ione High

She was a popular high school student at Ione and was a good student. She graduated salutatorian. She was the outstanding math student and received the Oregon State Dad's Club award. She served as president of her senior class and was voted Queen of the Echo Basketball tournament. "It was hard work but I liked the work of being editor of the Cardinal Spirit", she said.

She had a double shuttle to get to school. She rode down to the McElligotts and then rode the school bus into Ione.

She plans to follow her sister and will attend BMCC for a couple of years with a view towards Secondary Education by finishing at the University of Oregon. She thinks math may be her major.

Before school starts, the Court will have many Grand Entries and many parades but the big moment will be Aug. 23-29 when they are at Heppner for the Fair Aug. 23-27 and the Rodeo Aug. 28-29.



EVEN A COWGIRL can stir the "stew". Princess Jeri Snow gives her grandmother, Mrs. Harvey Smith a lift in the kitchen.



PRINCESS JERI rings the dinner bell. This bell has called many a man to dinner. The bell was on the ranch when the Harvey Smiths bought the ranch from Harry McKinney over 30 years ago. It came from the old Rock Creek School.



THE WIND was blowing hair and oats but Traveller got her super as usual.



ASTROLOGY HOLDS a great fascination for Princess Jeri. She reads her horoscope every day.

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Doggy Tips

By BONNIE

So you want to have pups! Well, not exactly you, but you'd like your dog to have pups. Why? Think about your reasons — you like puppies, you want your children to experience the miracle of birth, you'd like to have another dog — perhaps to replace an aging one. Now let's think why you don't want pups. Sure, you like pups, but do you like them, say ten at a time? Do you have a place for that many pups when they get — say three months old? You may be stuck with several of them for some time especially if yours is a breed not terribly popular. Your children can go out at lambing time if you want them to have a nature lesson. You want another dog, but surely not 10 other dogs, that you and maybe very few others want. Also, if you are planning on making a little money on your pups, forget it! It takes more money to raise a litter than you are likely to make from them.

Let's talk about an alternative. Why not buy a pup, or maybe even an older dog, or have one given to you? Raising pups is expensive — extra food vet bills, including tail docking and dew-claw removal, property destroyed by ambitious pups, and maybe a stud fee, and shots for pups. You could buy a pup from a good breeder for that amount of money, and have a really fine specimen of your breed. One that you can really be proud of, and that will do what it is supposed to do. The ideal time to get a pup is about 7 weeks of age, that is the time they begin to play and be cute. You can give that one pup all the love and attention it needs, for puppies are like children, if they are going to be worthwhile adults they must have love and discipline while young.

Ask yourself if you are doing your breed a favor by adding to it. Are these pups really going to be fine examples of their breed? Breeders give a name to people who breed their dog to the one down the street, they call them Back Yard Breeders! So unless you know you have an outstanding dog of its breed, and know to whom it should be bred, why not leave the breeding to the professionals and give your dog a rest.

Next time — how to pick a pup.

It's A Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Jurcich announce the arrival of their first child, a son born July 12 at St. Anne Hospital at Columbus, Ohio. He weighed 6 lb., 14 1/2 oz. By Wednesday the young parents were still considering from 5 sets of names.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Melby of Heppner and Fossil and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jurcich of Columbus, Ohio. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Melby of St. Cloud, Minn.

Father Dan Thompson and Mrs. Thompson and Paul have taken the first week of their vacation. They visited with friends in Lewiston and Milton-Freewater. This week Father Thompson is Dean of the Beginners Camp at Cove. He has 101 enrolled in the camp.



"I hope he leaves the candle so we can read the prices..."

Granddaughter Visits

Dana Ruhl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Ruhl of Roseburg, is here visiting two sets of grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clint McQuarrie and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl.

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