

Orville Cutsforth . . . Grand Marshall

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Orville Cutsforth. A man of determination, amazement, individualism, and humor.

Orville Cutsforth is the 1976 Grand Marshall of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. And a man that is surely deserved of the honor.

Bill Weatherford knows Orville probably as well as any man in these parts. He can tell you a little about the man.

"When I moved here 30 years ago, there were two ranchers in the county that appeared to be more aggressive than the others," Weatherford said. "They were the two I noticed right off. I

form to many peoples ideas.

An individualist, Weatherford calls Orville an "extra-vert of the highest order."

"He gets as much enjoyment out of laughing at his own errors and mistakes as anybody. He is not at all averse to put one over on you . . . joke or business deal either one."

Orville has obviously contributed financially and mentally to the county. Look at road signs and see for yourself. There is Cutsforth Park on the top of the list. Add Arson Wright park, Penland Lake and Prairie, and hundreds of personal items at the

but at the same time, he wouldn't deviate from the truth either."

"In my own opinion," Weatherford, a long time friend of Orville said, "I have complete admiration for the man. Not necessarily agreement. I

to know what made everything tick."

At White Horse, Orville pondered and pondered how huge steam wheel boats were hoisted from the water to the land in the winter. He figured out a man made lever type way.

visit with, Weatherford said, "a mental challenge."

"He doesn't have many enemies, Weatherford said, "people don't like him, but they're more mad at themselves than at him."

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think they actually waited too long to make him grand marshal."

Once Weatherford and Orville took a trip to the Yukon together.

"I never saw a man so interested in the physical country where we were. He wanted

While on that trip, Orville got 25 or 30 people to sign a piece of paper. He stuck it in a bottle, corked it and threw it in the Yukon River. Somebody would find it, he figured.

"Anywhere we went, he had the desire to see what made it go."

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"He set his mind to something and he could do it. He'd get it done. In my book, he's quite a man."

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deliberately got to know them. It was selfish on my part . . . I wanted to find out how they did it."

One of the men was Frank Wilkenson, the other, Orville Cutsforth.

"I was young and just starting," Weatherford explained, "and I was in debt." He said he spent quite a bit of time with both men and learned to like them both. Not always agreeing with them, but respecting their "brains and abilities."

"I guess I've heard most of Orville's whole life," he said with a chuckle. "He started with nothin' and with absolute determination and good judgement and skills, he turned himself into a most successful rancher."

library and museum.

"He has been terrific help to many individuals," Weatherford states, "myself included."

"There are times when I get so damn mad at Orville, I can't think. Simply because he thinks quicker than you can. Then later you think you were silly, cause you should have thought of it yourself."

Weatherford's favorite word to describe Cutsforth would be determination.

One time out on Orville's ranch, he ran out of power at seeding time. His tractor broke down. He took his Packard car and hooked onto a drill and proceeded to seed.

"That points out the determination to get the work done when it was necessary," Wea-



Girls work on 4-H leathercraft.

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Weatherford called Orville a "businessman." He said a federal judge once told him that it "took more brains to be a rancher than anything else in the world."

Cutsforth has a limited formal education, passing his eighth grade test for the state. But, he "succeeded better than average."

"He has a terrific community spirit," Weatherford said, "and he wants to see his area survive and grow."

As most people in Heppner, Morrow County or Oregon know, Orville Cutsforth is an outspoken man. He has his own ideas and doesn't con-

therford said. "That Packard car didn't commence to have the value of that wheat crop."

Orville has the ability to think under pressure too, Weatherford says. A tight situation in a car one time, where "most people would have abandoned, Orville was able to extricate from the situation with no harm done to him or anybody else."

"I know that he's acted under the same situations in his airplane," Weatherford said. "The conditions might be embellished in a story a bit

Much hard work, effort, dedication and time are put in every year by fair superintendents. When you see them working at the fair this year, give 'em a pat on the back.

They are: Mary Lindsay, community booths; Gary Grieb, livestock beef; Judy Currin, goats, sheep, wool; Lynnea Sargent, poultry and rabbits; Dick Sherer, saddle horse show; William Rawlins, grasses, hay and grain; D.O. Nelson, commercial potatoes; Velma Ling, Helen Martin, Wilma Martin, Dorothy Warren and the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, fruits and vegetables;

Delpha Jones, Norma Rea, Barbara Cutsforth, Maureen Davis, Carolyn Howard, Hazel Hamlin and Irene Padberg, flower show; Marilyn Bergstrom, clothing; Ruth Bergstrom, Frieda Majeske and

Ann Bergstrom, needlework; Bebe Munkers, Theta Lowe, canning; Mrs. George Currin, Mrs. Darrel Vinson, foods;

Kay Walsingham, Tanna Bunch, Liz Ernst, art and photography; Mildred Davidson, Lois Woods, Marlene Gray, Susie Johnson, crafts; Jo Huston, Rosemary Parks, Harold and Edna Peck, collectors corner; Karen Thompson, pet show; Anna Schwarzin, Darlene Arrington, Cindee Green, Monica Jones, Laura Van Cleave, children's corner;

General superintendents for 4H are Mike Howell, county extension agent and Birdine Tullis, extension program assistant.

Others are Jeannie Howell, Sherri Mahoney, 4H presentations; Louis Carlson, Susie French, 4H beef; Jean Bennett, 4H dairy; Marge Acock,

4H goats; Judy Currin, 4H sheep; Pete Richards, 4H swine; Kite Healy, Linda LaRue, Merlyn Robinson, Sandy Rodriguez, Everett Struckmeier, horse show; Bev Doherty, Jeannie Howell, 4H home ec. judging contest;

Lou Crum, Bev Doherty, Barbara Peterson, Rikka Tews, 4H clothing; Ellen Kennedy, 4H knitting and crocheting; Donna Bergstrom, Francine Evans, Maryn McElligott, 4H style revue; Betty Heath, Leila Key, Leann Rea, 4H foods; Jeannie Howell, 4H favorite food show; Betty Heath, Pat Pettyjohn, 4H food preparation contest; Ilene Padberg, Phyllis Piper, tote painting; Louis Carlson, Ron Currin, Merlin Hughes, Bob Peterson, Bob Van Schoiack, 4H, FFA livestock auction; and Ron Black, tractor driving contest.