

# On to bigger things for Princess Deborah

With a sweeping a long blond hair over her shoulder, Morrow County Fair Court Princess Deborah Palmer enters the living room of her family's home near Ione with blue eyes shining and a smile full of vivacity.

It's a Saturday morning—getting warm already outside—and a partial day off for Deb, the name carried on her silver and gold inlaid belt. With the family caught up in the hustle of harvest she would ordinarily have been out in the field with her twin, Donna, who is also a princess on the 1977 Fair and Rodeo Court, driving truck for her father while the combines reaped a meager yield.

Deborah notes that she just finished changing sprinkler pipes with her mother and during other times of the year there is rye to be pulled and hay to be swathed and baled. "We're a farm family without any boys so us girls pitch in and help Dad get the work done," said Deborah, "we like it that way."

Princess Deborah likes being the farmer's daughter but she is also looking forward with enthusiasm to her life off the farm.

Deb and Donna both will attend Blue Mountain Community College this fall where they will study business marketing and management.

"I think marketing and working with people would be a great occupation and I think maybe down the line I'd like to

get into fashion buying," said the pert five-foot, five-inch 17 year old.

What does she do in her spare time? Well, there are 4-H horse and sewing clubs of which she's been a member for nine years, cooking for the family and "trying to get in a little time riding my horse."

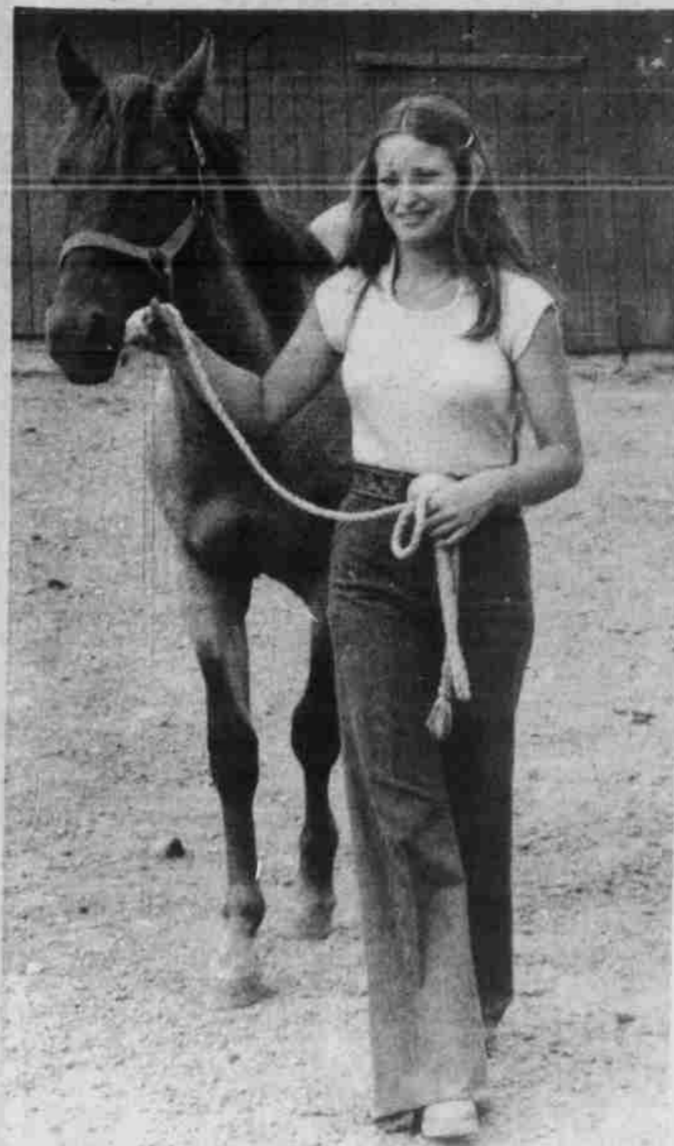
During her high school years at Ione, Deborah was a JV and varsity cheerleader, a member of pep club, GAA, National Honor Society, swing choir and pep band.

At the present time Deb is breaking a colt which she hoped to enter in competition at the fair—that was before the little beast had a run-in with some barbed wire.

Athletic by nature, Princess Deborah also enjoys both water and snow skiing and likes to rope—either individually or as a team—in rodeo. She also takes her turn through the poles and around the barrels.

As to her being an ambassador of good will for Morrow County this summer the Princess comments, "There's nothing better than getting out and meeting simply hundreds of people...traveling with the other girls on the court and meeting royalty from other areas. I wouldn't pass up the opportunity for anything."

Princess Deborah, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer of Ione, will be honored this Saturday night at a dance with live music by Depot II. Music begins at 9 p.m. in the Fair Pavilion.



Morrow County Fair Court Princess Deborah Palmer exercises a colt she has been breaking this summer, after the horse had an untimely run-in with some barbed wire. Princess Deb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer of Ione, will be honored this Saturday night at a dance in her honor at the Fairgrounds Pavilion with music by Depot II.

## Court voted top honors at Elgin

It was a long day of judging but the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court came away from the Elgin Stampede, July 17, with top honors as the best court in attendance.

More than 100 young ladies participated in the Stampede activities with the judges evaluations based on the Courts' appearance before and during the parade, at the mid-day luncheon, during the Grand Entry and finally in the grandstands during the rodeo

activities. The next journey for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo representatives will be to Hermiston August 6 for the parade and Junior Rodeo.

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### Diehl....

Continued from Page One tute teaching here. Oldest son Glenn will enter Heppner High School as a senior in the fall.

Diehl is a tried and true Oregonian, having been raised in LaGrande and later graduated from the University of Oregon Med School. He maintains a preference for the outdoor life, with hunting and fishing topping his list of leisure activities.

For the present, all three doctors will be rotating duty at the clinic. When the new medical clinic in Boardman opens—tentatively scheduled for the late fall—the three will spread out their services, with each man spending one or two days a week in Boardman.

"I think the arrangement will work out fine," Diehl said, "The only drawback will be the time spent away from our families."

As for now, Diehl is content to settle into his new home and spend some time getting to know the people and places of Heppner.

Diehl has also joined the staff of Pioneer Memorial Hospital and the three doctors alternate on hospital call.

"I think the care and facilities here are much better than you would find in most communities of this size," Diehl said. "The hospital is well-staffed and well-equipped and there is a professional administration to accomplish positive things there."

Just when they thought a well-deserved rest was coming their way, the Heppner-based Regional Suppression crew found themselves back on the plane and headed for Utah to do battle with another forest fire.

It was the third fire to which to 20-man crew had been dispatched in the past eight days and this time the call to duty came at 1:30 a.m. Such is the life of the Suppression Crew members who remain on call throughout the designated fire season of June 13-October 15.

The crew had previously seen action July 7 and 8 at a fire raging out of the Pomeroy District on the North end of the Umatilla National Forest.

After coming back for a few days, the crew left July 14 to join 340 other fire fighters, nine air tankers and four helicopters fighting a fire in Wenatchee, Wash.

Jim Lafferty is in charge of the crew, which employes

mainly hand tools and power saws to stem the tide of the blazes. To prepare for the duty, each of the members undergoes two weeks of intensive fire fighting in early June. To maintain their edge during the season the crew participates in an hour to an hour and a half of exercises every day and also piles brush in the forest areas.

Although the past eight days have been especially hectic for the crew, Roy Skelton of the Forest Service Office in Heppner said this district has reported only two fires for the season, both of which were lightning-caused fires this month.

Skelton said the district is about "18 to 20 fires behind usual" this year. He attributed the reduction to the wet lightning storms of the early season which extinguished the strikes before they could get out of control.

## RSVP book on sale

"Golden Yesterdays", published by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program is again on sale in Heppner. After selling out the first two printings, a third printing of 300 is now on hand. Morrow County residents and ex-residents who have contributed stories to the book include: Cleo Van Winkle, Catic Padberg, Ramona Marshall, Clarence Howell, Theta Lowe, Edna Mulkins, Marion Hayden, Alena Anderson, Rachel Harnett, Gus and Mary Nikander, Dell Scrivner, Frances Mitchell, John Canaday, Della McCurdy, Jessie Furlong, Bill Weatherford, Gerald Swaggart, and Edna Lyons.

Books may be purchased at the Neighborhood Center and at the Library.

## Rev. Clark here Sunday

Rev. and Mrs. Martin Clark will be in Heppner Sunday, July 31. Rev. Clark will speak at the First Christian Church at both the 11 a.m. service and the 7:30 p.m. service.

Rev. Clark has been a missionary for many years at

Osaka Bible College, Japan, and at one time was the minister at the First Christian Church, Heppner. He will have a display of articles from Japan.

There will be a potluck dinner at noon. All are welcome to attend.

## Christian Church music

Doug and Bonnie Jenkins, a young couple representing Christ with music, will appear in concert at the Christian Life Center on July 29, beginning at 7 p.m.

The couple has recorded an album featuring a variety of

music ranging from Classical Sacred to Contemporary Gospel favorites. Both have music degrees in voice and are dedicated to showing their love for Christ through their fine quality of music.

The public is invited to attend.

## Workshop August 2

A workshop designed to provide teaching tips and new ideas for Sunday school teachers and church youth directors will be held August 2 at the Christian Life Church.

Anna Ediger, a west coast field worker for Child Evangelism Fellowship will conduct the workshop which will include Bible lessons, song ideas, memory verses and other teaching ideas. The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and those intending to stay through the afternoon are asked to bring a sack lunch.

## Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports the following patients dismissed: Ira Owen, Frank Robinson, Venice Hendrickson, Lexington; Mark Hall, Corvallis; Arlene Turpin, Arlington; Robby Radab, Brian Harris, Reed Hadley and two new mothers of daughters Betty Moen and Cynthia Osterlund, all Condon; Mary Knowles, Drewsey; Esther Havekost, Ione; Greg Tullius. Still hospitalized are: Shawna Sietz, Dianna Johnson, Gladys Prock, Lewis Ball and Colleen Greenup, Heppner; Barbara Peterson, Ione.

Mrs. Paul Hansen has been transferred from Pioneer Memorial Hospital to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland for further treatment.

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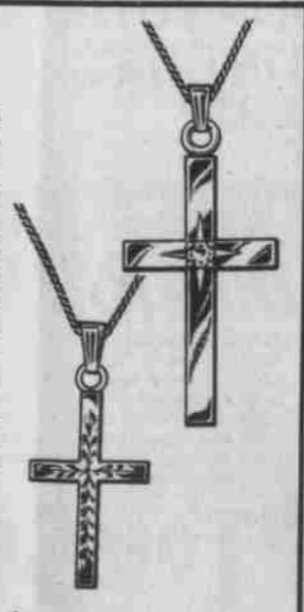
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