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1978 Fair Court looks forward to activities ahead

The 1978 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court—Queen Donna and Princesses Laurie and Kim—will make its first appearance as a group at the big Kick-Off Dance to be held in their honor Saturday, March 18, in the Fair Pavilion at the fairgrounds in Heppner.

Their first official appearance, that is. For the entire court hails from Ione and, as Princess Laurie put it, "we all grew up together." Combine this close-knitness with the beauty, poise and expert horsemanship of all three young women, and the 1978 Fair and Rodeo Court promises to turn plenty of attention Morrow County's way.

Queen Donna Palmer, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer, was a princess last year, along with her identical twin sister Debora. She has been riding "since she was old enough to sit on a horse" according to her mother Mary Ann, who will be official chaperone for the court for the second consecutive year.

Donna, a freshman majoring in business and marketing management at BMCC, broke and trained Johnnie Joe, the Quarter Horse she will ride for official appearances. She is a farm girl, driving wheat truck, baler and swather in the summer. In addition to twin Debora, she has an older sister, Barbara Gutierrez of Hermiston who was a 1975 princess on the Morrow County Court, and a younger sister, Anita, age 14.

Princess Laurie Childers, 18, is also a freshman at BMCC, and majoring in secretarial science. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Childers, who own B&C Repair in Ione, she has two brothers, Harvey, a year older, and Roger, 13. She estimates that she's been riding since she was four years old and intends to ride P.J., a Quarter Horse mare for court appearances.

She is presently working on a special project, starting a herd of Brahma cattle with a bull and several heifers. Laurie said she wanted to be part of the court "because I

love animals and thought it would be a really good chance to represent Morrow County."

Princess Kim Pettyjohn is the youngest member of the court at 16. She is the daughter of Paul "Skip" Pettyjohn Jr. and has two younger sisters, Kelly, 14, and Kris, 13. A sophomore at Ione High School, Kim has been riding for about seven years. She chose a horse named Traveler as her official mount.

"I like horses and I like to meet people," she gave as her reasons for wanting to be a part of the court.

All three young women on this year's court have been members of both the Wranglers and the Ione Trail Riders, a 4-H club under the leadership of Linda LaRue.

Mary Ann Palmer, chaperone for the second year, has been traveling with the court for six years, since her daughters were all pennant bearers before they joined the royal ranks.

"I think this year's court will be a very good group to work with," she said.

\$4.8 million school bond election faces voters on Tuesday

Although a substantial majority of the \$4.8 million bond issue facing county voters will go towards construction and remodeling of facilities in Boardman and Irrigon, school district Supt. Matt Doherty looks at Monday's ballot as a "vote for the credibility of the entire school district."

"This is predominately a north end issue and there may be some concern by south end voters as to why they should vote for it," Doherty told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce this week. "But the bond issue shows the areas of primary concern as identified by the district's long range planning committee."

Doherty said the large increase in student population in the county during the past few years makes construction essential and the remodeling aspects of the bond issue are needed to best pursue the academic programs set forth by the district.

"This is a county school district and the \$7.58 per \$1,000 valuation tax rate covers all costs of school operation," Doherty said, noting that many similar sized districts structured on a non-county basis often have tax rate twice the size of Morrow County. "We should consider ourselves very fortunate for our tax rate and even with the bond issue, the tax rate of about \$9 is still very favorable."

With many benefits of the bond issue going to the north end of the county, much of the tax relief also comes from the growing industry of the area. Doherty estimated that when the Portland General Electric

power plant comes on line in the next few years, the tax offset generated by the plant would reduce the \$1.48 bond amount by some 60 cents. Combining all industry now on the tax records in the north end, approximately 90 cents of the bond amount would be covered next year.

Polls for the Tuesday voting will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with the Heppner and Boardman precincts combining for balloting at the Heppner Grade School. The county's other four precincts will operate as usual.

More complete information on the bond issue appears in this paper on page 14.

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At public meeting

Chamber supports dam

At a public meeting Monday night the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce went on record as supporting construction of the Willow Creek Dam.

About 50 persons attended the public meeting where the Chamber's recommendations to city and county officials was made.

Last month a special committee of the chamber was formed to study Heppner's flood plain and the effects it would have on the community.

Terry Hager, chairman of the special committee, read from the report. "The committee's recommendations are based on the obvious need to eliminate the flood plain in Heppner, for the protection of

real property values and for the continued economic growth and stability of Southern Morrow County."

The committee determined that Heppner's flood plain

designation would prevent new business and residential structures in Heppner.

Senator Mark Hatfield has indicated that funding for

construction of Willow Creek Dam could be obtained this year by including the request for funds in the nation's public works appropriation bill.

Before Hatfield will pursue

funding, the County Court and the Heppner City Council must indicate their support of the project. Since the bill under

which the dam would be funded goes before Congress in April, Hatfield must know the wishes of the community before the end of March.

At the meeting Monday a question arose on which dam was being proposed—the dam originally authorized in 1965 or the revised dam proposed in 1973. Either dam would eliminate Heppner's flood plain, however, the 1965 project includes provisions for recreation the dam proposed in 1973 does not have. Irrigator rights would be maintained irregardless of which dam was built

City, County officials will decide on dam next week

City and county officials will decide whether or not to support the Willow Creek Dam project by next Wednesday, March 15.

Morrow County Judge D.O. Nelson told the Gazette-Times the County Court will decide

next Wednesday whether or not a letter of support will be sent Senator Mark Hatfield.

Heppner Mayor Jerry Sweeney said a special council meeting will be held Monday, March 13 at 8 p.m. at City Hall to determine the answer to the same question.

Hatfield has indicated that funding could possibly be obtained through the nation's public works appropriation bill in this year's Congress. In order to pursue funding Hatfield must know the community's wishes before the end of March.

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Wheat Growers League Annual Meeting is Monday evening

The 1978 winner of Morrow County's highest honor to a farmer, Conservation Man of the Year, will be announced at the annual spring meeting of the county Wheat Growers League. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick's parish hall.

Since it was first presented to the Rietmann Bros. of Ione in 1948, 30 county farmers

have held the award, with four going on to take state-wide conservation honors.

The award is made on the basis of good conservation practices and good farm management as determined by a committee chaired by the previous year's winner and including a representative from the Water and Soil Conservation District, the Agricultural Stabilization and

Conservation Service (ASCS) county Committee and the Morrow County Wheat Growers League. Gene Majeski, 1977 Conservation Man of the Year, chaired the group that chose the outstanding farmer to be announced Monday.

Also on the agenda of the Wheat Growers League meeting is guest speaker Don Rydrych of Helix, an agronomist in weed control at the

Columbia Basin Research Center in Pendleton, formerly the Pendleton Experimental Station. Rydrych will present new research information on weed control in limited tillage,

a farming conservation practice which Rydrych said creates other problems, namely weeds.

Harold Kerr, county exten-

sion agent and secretary of the Wheat Grower's League, will explain details of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1977 (new farm program) and how this

voluntary federal program will effect Morrow County wheat growers.

Everyone is invited to the two-hour meeting and farmers are especially urged to attend. Pie and coffee will be served.

Lumberjack carnival slated for April 15 at fairgrounds

April 15 promises to be a day to remember this year when the First Annual Heppner Spring Lumberjack Show comes to town.

Sponsored by the Morrow County Fair Committee, the show is intended both as a fund raiser for fairtime activities, and to acknowledge the importance of the lumber industry in the county.

The day's activities will start at 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds with competitions in axe throwing, choker racing, horizontal chopping, vertical chopping, Jack and Jill crosscut, men's double bucking, hot power saw and stock

power saw. The show is expected to attract world champions, contestants from as far away as California and Montana, and, of course, the local talent.

Gary Grieb, Fair Committee member organizing the show, said that champion caliber competitors would come to Heppner because it is the first Northwest Logging Association sanctioned event scheduled this year and the "big boys" would use it to tune up their equipment and tone up their muscles for the larger point shows later in the season.

Kinzua Corp. plywood

superintendent Monte Stookey, who competed in a lumberjack show in Sumpter last year, was "recruited" by the Fair Committee as a promoter for local contestants. He said the word from the N.W. Logging Assoc., to which all the pros belong, also indicates a large turnout from its membership.

"The trouble is that local men thinking of entering are afraid that they can't compete with the champions," Stookey said. He added, however, that in five of the events, namely axe throwing, choker race, stock power saw, double bucking and Jack and Jill

crosscut, local entries have a good chance to place or even win.

As an added incentive to local competitors, the Fair Committee plans to offer a prize to the top Morrow County contestant entered in the show.

"We think the show will go over big," Grieb said, indicating the interest already aroused by the first time event was enormous.

While the saws are churning and axes chopping, spectators will be able to take advantage of food offered by the Fair Committee, to be served as

long as it lasts. Homemade stew, homemade pie, hamburgers and hot dogs will all be on the menu.

When all the contests are finished and the last cash prizes awarded, the day's fun will be far from over.

At 7 p.m. musicians from all over Easter Oregon will come together for a special concert sponsored by the Blue Mountain Fiddlers Association. At 9 p.m. the concert will end as two hours of old-time dancing to the fiddlers begins.

All in all, April 15 promises to be a Saturday full of competition and remembered long after the sawdust settles.

Clinic x-ray fund started

Individuals, civic groups and businesses are combining efforts in raising \$14,000 needed for an X-Ray machine at the new Morrow County Medical Clinic in Boardman.

Recently completed, the clinic is being staffed by Drs. Richard Carpenter and Joseph Diehl of Heppner.

Portland General Electric has donated \$14,000 to the purchase of the \$28,000 x-ray machine. Because the doctors are equipping the rest of the clinic, funds for the x-ray unit had to come from other sources.

To date about \$1,600 has been raised, according to Alice Bartlett who is heading the fund drive.

"We need donations from all sectors of the community—in-

dividuals, businesses and fund raising efforts," said Mrs. Bartlett.

And it appears the community is rallying to the support of the fund drive. The Key-Buy grocery store in Umatilla is donating 25-cents on each gallon and 10-cents on each half gallon of milk sold through March. The Lady Lions in Irrigon have several fund raisers planned including a taco feed and Bingo party March 23. Other civic groups with plans to raise money are the men's Lions from Irrigon and Boardman, the Tillicum Greenfield Grange.

Donations to the fund can be made at Inland Empire Bank made at Inland Empire Bank and U.S. National Bank in Boardman or can be sent to

Mrs. Joe Bartlett, Box 42, Boardman 97818.

Weather

	Hi	Low	Pre.
Wed., Feb. 22	42	37	
Thurs., Feb. 23	60	36	
Fri., Feb. 24	49	35	.29
Sat., Feb. 25	41	31	.06
Sun., Feb. 26	40	33	.21
Mon., Feb. 27	46	35	.02
Tues., Feb. 28	43	29	
Wed., Feb. 29	43	29	
Normal—1.17			
February 1977—52			
Wed., March 1	39	27	
Thurs., Mar. 2	36	26	
Fri., Mar. 3	31	24	.07
Sat., Mar. 4	33	27	.17
Sun., Mar. 5	39	27	
Mon., Mar. 6	61	36	
Tues., Mar. 7	61	38	

News Briefs

Boardman clinic toured

At the Feb. 28 meeting of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board, members toured the nearly-completed Boardman Medical Clinic and also elected new officers for the coming year.

Serving as board president for 1978 is Fred Martin of Ione. Vice president of the board is Larry Mills, Heppner, and secretary is Hubert Wilson, Heppner.

According to PMH administrator Bob Byrnes, the Boardman Clinic should be ready to open as soon as furniture arrives and an x-ray machine, now in transit, is operable.

City appointments made

Terry Hager was appointed to fill a vacant position on the Heppner Planning Commission by the City Council at its meeting on Monday, March 6. The Planning Commission has been short one member since the resignation of Irene Anhorn last month.

The Council also named Greg Swee to the Heppner Library Board of Directors, a position formerly filled by Mary Pat Lande.