

The Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Queen and her Court



Lottie Laughlin Lori Edwards Nancy Miller

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The Queen of the 1980 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court is a 5'5" hazel-eyed blonde-Lori Edwards.

Queen Lori, 18, is the youngest daughter of John and Dorothy Edwards of Lexington.

Lori is a 1980 graduate of Ione High School, and plans on going to Blue Mountain Community College this fall.

In Lori's junior year at Ione High, she held the office of secretary treasurer for the Girls Letter Club. She was a ticket taker for the football games and was princess of her class on the Football Homecoming court.

In her senior year Lori was vice-president of the Girls Letter club. She was also a statistician for the Class "B" State Champion Football team.

Lori has been active in sports all through her school years, playing varsity volleyball for three years and varsity basketball for four years, even though this year's basketball season was cut short by a knee injury.

When asked when she started to ride horses, she says, "I was too young to remember when." She does know that it was on her dad's thoroughbred brood mares. Lori's family has been raising and racing thoroughbred horses for as long as she can remember.

In 1977 Lori was a pennant-bearer for the court. Last year she was a princess.

Lori's official mount is her 10-year-old mare, "Happy Jaye." The horse was a pony horse on the horse racing tracks.

Lori has two older sisters. Karen, who is married and has two children, lives in North Carolina. Janice lives in Pendleton and works at the First National bank.

Princesses for the 1980 Morrow County Rodeo Court are Nancy Miller, 17, and Lottie Laughlin, 16.

Princess Nancy is a 5'5" senior at Heppner High School. The blue-eyed, brown-haired princess lives 9 miles north of Lexington on a wheat ranch with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tad Miller and brother, Steve, who is an eighth grader. Her other brother, Mark, is married and lives close by and an older sister, Michelle (Mrs. Don Burns) lives in Pendleton.

Nancy was a member of the Heppner High School varsity volleyball and basketball teams last year and is a member of the NHS and GAB. She will be Heppner High student body treasurer this year and is a member of this year's dance team.

Nancy, who has been involved in 4-H for 9 years, specializing in horses, livestock and sewing categories, has attended 4-H summer camp for two years. She was also a counselor at the 6th grade outdoor school at Tupper.

In addition to all those outside activities Nancy helps her dad out on the ranch pulling rye and driving a wheat truck, among other jobs.

Nancy's horse is "Tieg," who is a sorrel gelding. Nancy has ridden him for two years and is training him for barrels and poles.

Nancy's involvement with the Morrow County Rodeo goes back two years. She served as pennant-bearer in 1978 and 1979. She was also a pennant bearer for the Heppner rodeo for several years.

Princess Lottie Laughlin is keeping up a family tradition when she was selected as princess this year—her aunt, May Kilkenny, was queen in 1924 or 25; another aunt, Colleen Kilkenny Greenup was selected as a princess and as a queen; cousins, Tag Greenup Ashbeck, Susie Greenup Walton and Peggie Kilkenny Paulson in have all been chosen rodeo princesses; and another aunt, Janice Spaulding Ansotegui, was 1976 Rodeo Princess.

Lottie, 16, is the daughter of Robert Butch and Judie Laughlin, Heppner. Her grandparents are Carl and Bette Spaulding and Ilene Laughlin, all of Heppner. Lottie has spent 11 years in Heppner schools, and has been involved in 4-H for 7 years. Her specialty areas include horses, cooking, sewing and Artex. Lottie was a pennant bearer for the Morrow County Rodeo for 5 years in a row until she was chosen as princess this year.

Princess Lottie's hobbies include volleyball, basketball, powder-puff football, horse-back riding and golf. She lettered 2 years in golf and was golf medalist for the year. She also lettered one year in basketball. She spent 7 years on the Heppner swim team, and went to the Junior Olympics in 1978 on a relay team, placing fifth.

"I have been riding horses all my life, starting on a ranch on Hinton Creek," said Lottie. "We moved to Heppner when I was about 6, but I still rode at my Uncle Don Greenup's until I got my own horse."

Lottie's horse is "Bojo", a 4-year-old sorrel.

Tallest on the court, at 5'6", Lottie has light brown hair and brown eyes. She has an older sister, Tami Seal, who is living in Hood River and a younger brother, Shane, 15. Lottie includes as a family member, her dog, Misty, who is 8.

After graduation Lottie plans to go to the U of O and major in music. She has been taking piano lessons "off and on" for about 8 years and has been in the band for 7 years, playing the clarinet, saxophone, alto clarinet and base clarinet. "And I love it," says Lottie.