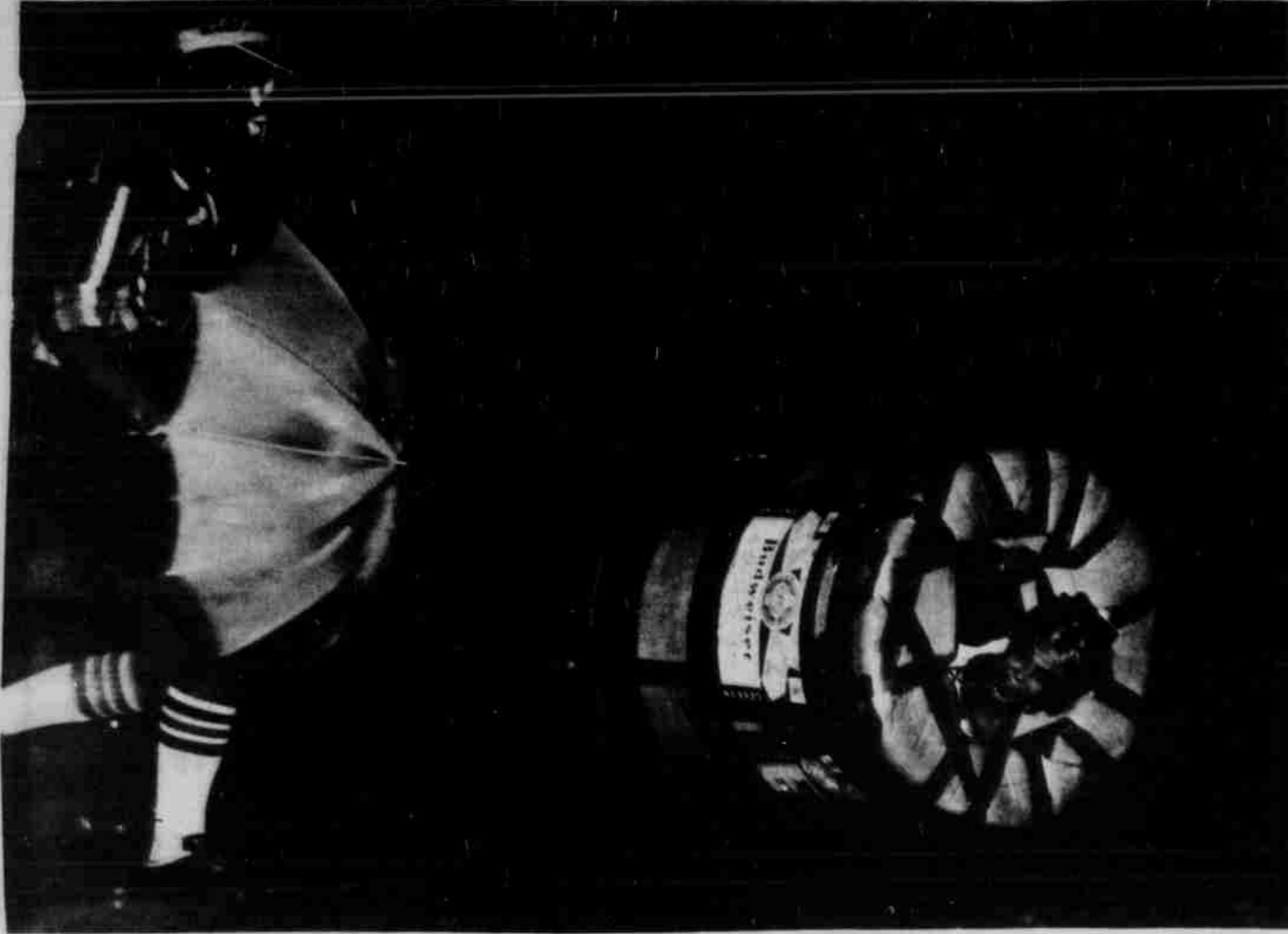


# Petite blonde to challenge bulls at Morrow County Rodeo



Taunie Cyphers, center, with rodeo clowns Fred Masterson, left, and Randy Pitcher, hopes to become one of the few women rodeo clowns in the business. She is from The Dalles and is seen here during her performances at the Ft. Dalles Days Rodeo in July. Taunie grew up in The Dalles and was

involved in horse shows, junior riders and related events. It had been six years (in July) since she had competed in any sort of rodeo event. She began performing as a clownish grandmother in the Sedro Wooley, Wash., area before Ft. Dalles.

(Editor's note: Taunie Cyphers will be performing at the Morrow County Rodeo on Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. both days. The following story about Cyphers appeared in The Dalles Chronicle.)

for cowboys who split their time between wrestling bulls and tantalizing them off less fortunate riders who are spilled. In private life, Taunie is a real estate sales representative for Fadness Realty.

The Dalles is her home and she has been around horses and bulls since her junior rodeo days. Her parents, Mannie and Zelta Wasson, kept her in horse shows as a child, and while she has taken time away from the arena, Taunie now wants to get back.

"I have to give a lot of credit to Randy (Pitcher) and Fred (Masterson) because they invited me back," Taunie said.

Pitcher and Masterson are professional rodeo clowns and work full time at it.

Before she appeared in the Ft. Dalles show, Taunie had worked at Sedro Wooley, Wash. She worked both shows free just for the experience.

She was disappointed the bulls never attacked the barrel with gusto at Ft. Dalles.

"That's what the crowd wants to see," Taunie said.

The barrel is specially constructed of heavy materials and is padded inside so that the clown is relatively safe from impact.

The danger is at the open end of the barrel through which a horn might enter and severely injure the clown.

Taunie also does a Roman horse trick riding her ponies through a fire ring. This act was introduced at the Ft. Dalles Rodeo and it was the first time the ponies had seen the fire.

Taunie was assisted in that act by Regina Knight who wore a tu tu and led the horses into the arena.

How about the bulls?

The outside of the barrel is padded also so that the bull doesn't bang his head hard enough to get injuries.

Taunie says she'd like to make a second career as a rodeo clown.

## Market Basket

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24

Most of the seasonal fruits now available in Oregon markets are not from the Medfly area. BARTLETT PEARS, PEACHES, and NECTARINES are mostly from Yakima. Suppliers say peaches are ripening early and canning fruit will be ready before Labor Day. There's a huge pear crop which means bargains on fresh pears for canning. Pears have a much longer season than peaches.

Hermiston WATERMELONS are exceptionally good quality. These are a round, striped, very sweet melon. There are good supplies of CANTALOUPE and quality is generally excellent. HONEYDEWS are plentiful and frequently specialized. Mixed melons, including CRENSHAW, CASABA, and CANARY melons, are in peak supply.

BLUEBERRIES and EVERGREEN BLACKBERRIES are available. Local GRAVENSTEIN APPLES are in some supermarkets and at roadside stands. These apples are particularly good for sauce and pies and are a favorite for freezing and canning.

Seedless GRAPES are in peak supply. Some of the top quality Thompson seedless grapes are going into controlled atmosphere storage which will mean a longer season than usual. It may also mean less raisins as these are the grapes dried for raisins. The new Red Flame seedless grapes are becoming better known and more popular each year.

Pickling CUCUMBERS and ONIONS are ready for pickle

makers. GREEN BEANS, CABBAGE, local SWEET CORN, and SUMMER SQUASH are in peak supply this month. More TOMATOES are coming to market at lower prices.

LETTUCE prices are higher because of earlier damage caused by hot weather. Supplies of BELL PEPPERS are increasing and prices are trending down. Peppers are very easy to freeze as they do not have to be blanched. Frozen peppers are a real boon next winter when pepper prices are sky high.

The SILVER SALMON season is expected to close the end of August. The catch has been good this year and salmon specials are fairly frequent. Other fresh fish, including SOLE, COD, SNAPPER, and PERCH, are available.

There's an abundant supply of CHICKENS coming to market at prices that are easy on the food budget. TURKEY, too, is plentiful and frequently featured at very good prices. Roasted in the oven or cooked on the outside rotisserie, turkey can be the basis for many good summer meals. Use it in salads, sandwiches, and main dish casseroles.

EGGS are an economical protein choice for easy summer meals. Egg prices are great for consumers, although producer prices are a little below their average break-even production costs.

BEEF prices remain steady. Watch the advertised specials for best buys. There are good specials on fresh PORK, HAM prices are on the high side.

## Its those wheat stubble blues

By BOB COSTA,  
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Extension Agent

Now that a record crop of grain is safely stored away, Morrow County wheat farmers are left with lots of tall, thick stubble in the fields. So much stubble can worry dryland growers.

Wheat stubble and straw can be a blessing and a problem in wheat fields. Wheat stubble left standing after harvest traps winter snow until it melts and the valuable moisture soaks into the soil. Straw left on the soil surface during the fallow period protects the topsoil from wind and water erosion. However, too much wheat straw plugs up field machinery used for weed control and for planting. So what's a wheat grower to do?

"Dryland wheat growers aren't likely to see this much stubble very often, and they'll need some practice in dealing with it," says Dr. Bob Ramig of the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center. "Growers might need to get down from their tractors and unplug their equipment now and again," adds Ramig.

Ramig suggests two options for handling the stubble. Leave the stubble standing over the winter and disk in the spring, or disk in the fall. If growers disk in the fall, fields should not be disked again in the spring because too much surface residue will be lost. Fall or spring disking can be followed by a spring chiseling, and reweeding as necessary to control weed growth.

"Fields should never be burned to control straw," says Ramig.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to Mel & John Boyer M.C.G.G. Hardman Forestry Unit and all our neighbors and friends. To each and everyone of your our external gratitude will be yours for coming to our aid to fight the fire last Friday. Thanks again, Ed & Denise Martin & Wilma Martin

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