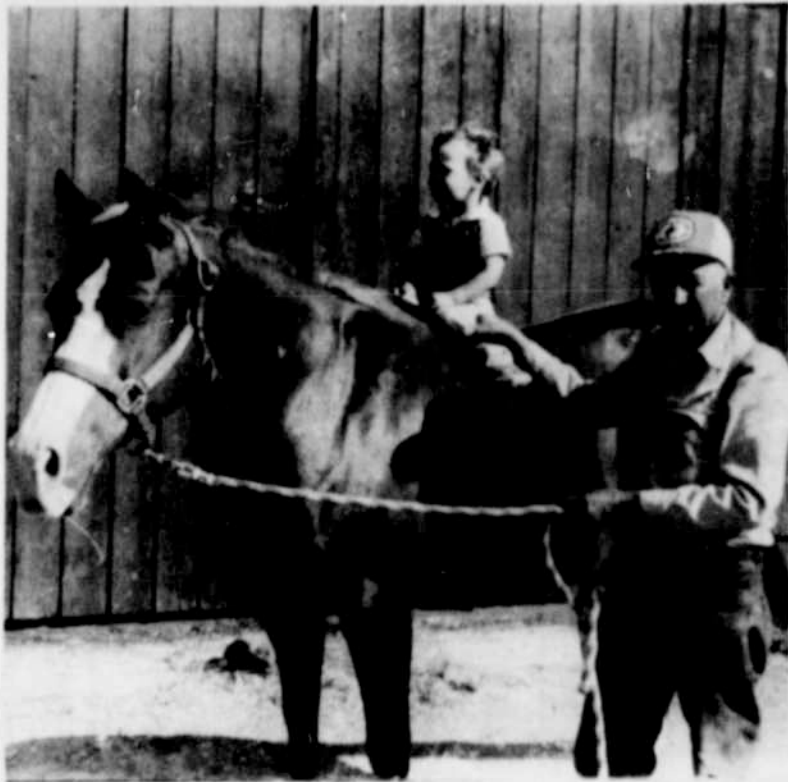


Off the front page

Grand Marshall George Currin to ride in parade



George Currin with his grandson Jeffrey

Grand Marshall of the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Parade, George Currin, 73, lives at a ranch on Little Butter Creek with wife of 59 years, Helen.

The Heppner man began his involvement with the fair and rodeo as a 4-H leader about 35 years ago when

the event was smaller and the fair pavilion was located on property now occupied by the city park in Heppner. The arena and other buildings and grandstands have been rebuilt.

Currin worked as a leader and helped with fair promoting both 4-H

and FFA. His wife Helen also took an active part serving on the fair committee and supervising the food division at the fair each year.

George also pitched in and helped with the rodeo. His son Ron became a participant in the rodeo arena as well. Currin delivers the Severe Bros. saddles for the Morrow County Calf Roping champion and the All-Around Champion to the sponsors before the show.

His tradition of attending and participating in the summer event has carried through to his grandchildren, Ron, Tony, Mike, Steve, Jennifer, and new comer Ryan, as they exhibit 4-H and FFA projects.

George stays young and in shape by traveling with his grandsons to rodeos. He went to Rapid City, South Dakota to watch Steve participate in the national high school rodeo finals last month. He returned home by way of Joseph to watch his oldest grandson, Ron, win the all-around at the Chief Joseph Days.

Currin, the son of Heppner pioneer Hugh and Katie Brosnan was born in Heppner and raised on a ranch on Birch Creek near Pilot Rock with brothers Hugh, Ralph, and Bob. He met Helen Knotts, his future bride, while he was a first grader at Pilot Rock. After high school graduation, Currin returned to Little Butter Creek with brother Hugh in 1933 to raise sheep. He married Helen who then was teaching school in 1935.

The Currins had several thousand head of sheep and moved the bands to mountain pasture in the Willows each year. Helen cooked each year

as George trailed without losing many head until 1950 when a freak storm the first week of June dropped six inch snowballs. Currin herded the sheep into a canyon just out of Pilot Rock but lost several head. The following year, George and Hugh quit trailing and in 1952 sold the sheep.

George started another tradition to his family when he began raising horned herefords. His son Ron, and wife Judy live at a ranch seven miles from the Currin home place where George's other son Tom and his wife Marlene live.

Together the sons have 800 head of cows and they raise wheat and alfalfa.

George is semi-retired; however, this spring he took the 2 a.m. calving shift checking heifers. He enjoys attending sales, and is involved in selection of replacements heifers. He checks on the cattle in the summer pasture.

When asked to ride in a model T car in the parade, Currin replied, "You won't see me in the car, but you'll bet I will be on a horse riding in the saddle my grandson Ron won."

The Grand Marshall will be attending the fair activities, family fun night and auction. He will lead the parade beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 18 in downtown Heppner.

Currin will be a guest at a luncheon held in the 4-H annex following the parade. He will ride in the grand entry at the rodeo.

Princess Shelley has a natural love of animals



Princess Shelley Stroeber

While attending the Rodeo this year be sure to keep your eyes open during the barrel race for Morrow County Fair & Rodeo Princess Shelley Stroeber, who will be competing in her first-ever rodeo event.

The seventeen-year-old brunette, daughter of Don and Jan Stroeber of Heppner, has been training with help from her sister Cindy, on the barrels and says she is ready to go.

Riding since she was six years old Shelley has a love of animals evidenced by her affection for the family dog Jenny, goat Nathan, and six year-old mare Jeep.

Shelley has also been involved with 4-H cooking and sewing, but has had to give up most of those activities because of the demanding schedule of a Fair & Rodeo princess.

She has been to 12 different events this year with the court, but each one has been a family affair.

"It's a family thing," she says. "We take the camper and all go down to where we're going."

Shelley says her sister Cindy, a sophomore at Heppner High, helps the court get ready for parades and rodeos. "She's our personal groom. She helps us get ready, checks us over and makes sure everything is okay." Shelley also has a sister, Christy, who will be in eighth grade.

She says she plans to go out for the high school rodeo team next year, concentrating on poles and barrels. A varsity cheerleader last year, she won't try out again to devote more time to her rodeo events.

After graduation, Shelley says she plans to attend Oregon State University, majoring in accounting. Her hobbies include water skiing and snowmobiling.

She was pennant bearer for the court in 1980.

Princess Bridgett carries on family tradition



Princess Bridgett Greenup

A native daughter of a Morrow County Irishman is one of the princesses on this year's fair and rodeo court. Princess Bridgett Greenup is carrying on a family tradition as she becomes the eighth member of her family to represent the county on the court.

The legacy started in 1925 with her aunt Mae Kilkenny, serving as queen. Bridgett's mother, Colleen Kilkenny Greenup, served as queen 20 years later in 1945 followed by Bridgett's sisters, Princess Tag in 1964, and Princess Sue Ellen in 1968. Cousin Lottie Laughlin, 1983 queen, continued as the seventh family member on the court.

Princess Bridgett was a perfect choice for this year's court because she has a natural way with animals and very contagious smile.

Bridgett is 17-years-old and the youngest daughter of Don and the late Colleen Greenup. She was born and raised on Hinton Creek where her mother grew up. Her early years were influenced by the guidance of her older brothers and sisters: Tag Ashbeck, Mary Ann Davis, and brother Greg from Heppner, and sister Sue Ellen Walton of Long Creek and brother Bill of Ione.

The princess "grew up on the back of a horse" and her love for the animal blossomed. She was riding for cattle before she entered school and joined the Wranglers Riding Club. The blue eyed brown haired

beauty participated in Wranglers playdays and horse shows as she became older. Princess Bridgett's interest in horses has led her to make a business out of them. Her day begins early and ends late as she works with more than 50 head of horses, including three stallions.

The latest stud was acquired a few months ago at a sale in Hermiston. Bridgett and her sister, Mary Ann, went together to purchase a four-

year-old paint. The duo hoped to capitalize on the popularity of "paint" colts.

A senior at Heppner High School, Bridgett is presently halter breaking 20 foals. After they are "broke to lead" they are turned out and if they are not sold by the time they are two or three years old, Bridgett and sister Mary Ann take to the task of breaking them.

This spring Bridgett was on a work study release program from school so she could ride the colts.

When the spunky 5'2" girl isn't working with horses she is tending to a band of ewes. She started out with "bummers" and has had as many as 80 ewes. Each winter Bridgett travels to Butter Creek to live with sister Tag and her family to help with lambing. This means feeding before and after school and checking the ewes at night.

After lambing she returns home to help her father with calving. An added hobby for the princess is raising dairy heifers. She has 10 cows and has milked as many as five, twice a day, by hand. Bridgett sells the heifers as "springers" when they are two-years-old.

Four-H and FFA are important parts of the princess's life. She started showing sheep, dairy cattle and horses at the age of nine. When she became a freshman she joined FFA and competes at the county fair every year in both FFA and 4-H. She has collected many ribbons and awards throughout her years of showing.

Last year she received the honor of the all around FFA Showman at the fair and has been awarded the chapter's star farmer award along with a proficiency honor.

This ambitious princess plans on using the money she earns from her animals to pay for college. She plans to attend Blue Mountain Com-

munity College or Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande majoring in physical therapy or a related nursing field.

Bridgett considers representing Morrow County an honor because she has wanted, for a long time, to become a member of the court.

As Princess Bridgett makes her official grand entry during the rodeo she will be on a Palomino quarter horse named Bo, or a four-year-old Quarterhorse filly named Ricky. Bridgett trained both horses.

Heppner FFA places first

Monday afternoon at the Morrow County Fair, the Heppner Future Farmers of America placed first in the advanced livestock judging contest with 781 out of a possible 900 points announced an FFA spokesperson. The Pendleton Club placed second with 774 points. Six teams competed.

In the beginning division, Weston-McEwen placed first with 713 points, Riverside placed second with 710 points, and Heppner placed third with 709 points.

Melissa Matteson of Elgin was overall high individual scorer with 274 points.

Steve Currin of Heppner scored 268 points to earn first place in Morrow County and third overall.

Kim Wright from Heppner placed second in Morrow County with 262 points.

Paula Heatherly earned 253 points to place third in Morrow County and earn the high individual spot in the beginners division.



Shelley with her dog Jenny and goat Nathan



Bridgett at the family farm

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