

4-H or chores on the farm

Princess Cindy enjoys lending a helping hand



Princess Cindy Davis

Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court Princess Cindy Davis, is a 16-year-old senior at Heppner High School. The daughter of Judy and Wayne Davis, she has one sister, Tina Rinshaw, 18.

A member of Two-Trackers 4-H club for six years, she enjoys keeping her horses worked and also helping kids as a junior leader.

For the last two years, Princess Cindy has enjoyed competing in barrel racing and pole bending. She admits to doing some roping for awhile, but hasn't had time to keep in practice.

Aslo for two years, she has been a member of Future Farmers of America competing in livestock, soil, and crop judging, and tractor driving.

At school, she competed in volleyball and track during her freshman and sophomore years and is a member of Outdoor Club. She enjoys her Vo-Ag and FFA classes

and Biology especially dissecting a cat in Biology II.

In her spare time, she enjoys swimming and horseback riding and helping to move cows in the summer.

At home, she has eight cats and two dogs and spends her time helping clean house, take care of chickens and horses. She also helps out doing chores and helping move cows for neighbors when needed.

She will welcome parade-goers at this year's fair and rodeo parade from her horse, Sosee, whom she has ridden for five years now. Although he was well trained when she got him, she spends much time working with him and with a thoroughbred which she rides in competition. She has done much work with her horses but says that she has had a lot of help from Joan Eckman, Merlyn Robinson, Al Brazell, Gail Papineau, and from several others. At the present time, she is preparing to ride in a 1/4 mile race.

The one drawback to being a princess, she says is "getting up early." Because rodeos start early in the morning, it means that after spending the day before getting her suit, horse and other details in order, and maybe not getting to sleep until 4 a.m. to get to the rodeo and then saddle her horse, change in the saddle her horse, change in the horse trailer and be ready to ride in a parade. The parades have been the highlight of her reign thus far, she says, "because you meet a lot of people who can become good friends, people you didn't know before."

"Seeing people enjoying the parades and seeing everybody's face as we ride by is the big thrill. It's neat to see the kids waving."

So many new things are planned for this year's fair, games, horse-shoes, ice cream and watermelon eating contests, frog jumping—it will be more fun if everybody comes to watch and join the fun with the whole family.

Being a princess is having fun and representing the county, Cindy relates. Making a TV commercial to promote the county event was both fun and educational although we did "too many" takes of the commercial, it was neat to see the way the commercials are produced. "It's rewarding to be able to be on the Court; I would encourage any girl to try out."

Chamber tells July activities

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD
There will be no Chamber of Commerce meeting on July's fifth Tuesday, July 30. President Doug Smith also has announced that the board meeting set for Friday morning July 26, has been cancelled.

During July the members and officers have kept busy with meetings and projects. On July 2, Raymond French, who represents this area in the state legislature, gave a report on business done during the recent session.

On July 9, Charley Daly, Chairman, and Merlyn Robinson, vice-chairman of the county fair board told of plans for this year's fair and some of the problems involved. They were accompanied by Ginger O'Brien, the court chaperon, Queen Bridgett Greenup and the four fair and rodeo princesses.

July 16, the new administrator of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital, John Hempel and his wife Deidre were introduced. That same noon, Bob Kahl, president of the Heppner Economic Development Corp., reported on the move to establish a

mythical State of Eastern Oregon. Members voted to endorse this "for fun" state and sent Don Cole as a county representative to the organizational meeting in Baker the weekend of July 19, 20, 21. The Baker Chamber of Commerce is backing this promotion which grew out of the community's "Miner's Jubilee." Baker will be the capital of the eight-county "pretend" state.

July 23, County Judge Don McElligott reported on a few county problems and talked of plans for future changes.

The chamber members are actively supporting the fair and rodeo by again working toward the development of a good parade on Saturday, August 17, and by assisting with ticket sales at the rodeo events.

All Stars lost 2, won 1 at Tourney

The Willow Creek Little League team lost the first game to Hood River July 18, by a score of 34-1 at the District 5 Tournament played in The Dalles. Hood River went on to win the four day tournament and advance to the State tournament. During the entire tournament only four runs were scored against Hood River, reports a league spokesperson.

Willow Creek Little League played a second game Friday against Columbia Little League All Stars (Boardman, Irrigon and area). They lost the second game by a score of 11-6.

Willow Creek Little League won their final game by a score of 19-2 against the Jefferson Co. All Stars. The Saturday game was called at the end of the fifth inning due a time limit.

During the tournament the weather was extremely hot, with the temperatures over 100 every day.

All Star manager, Charlie Sumner says that the tournament was a good learning experience made possible by the strong support of little league parents especially league president Bob Krein. "The kids worked hard, were willing to listen and really earned their one win at the tournament."

Bubbling with personality

Princess Stacey affirms love of animals



Princess Stacey Kennedy

A 16-year-old junior at Heppner High School, Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Princess Stacey is the daughter of Ellen and Larry Kennedy. She has one brother and one sister, "both older" she explains in a tone used only when referring to siblings.

A princess with an infectious smile, she has participated in many activities over the past few years. As a member of the North Lexington Livestock 4-H Club, for the past five

years, she has prepared sheep, showmanship, and conformation projects. Prior to that time, she worked independently in a 4-H on 4-H projects including sewing with her mom and dad as leaders. She is now a junior leader for sheep and enjoys working with younger kids.

Princess Stacey has competed in barrel racing and pole bending with the Wranglers Riding Club for the past two years. She has also spent the last two years as a member of

Future Farmers of America concentrating on livestock judging.

The dark-haired, brown eyed princess wrinkles her nose when talking about school and affirms that she likes summer, riding horses, and being a junior leader for 4-H sheep. She says she enjoys the experience of working with younger kids. At school she did compete, however, in the 400 meter, javelin, and 1600 relay events for a year to earn a letter in track.

Princess Stacey explains that she tries to help with whatever needs to be done at the family's home. She helps during calving and lambing and feeds morning and night the year around.

Aside from helping with chores, she keeps busy working with two of her horses, Meadowlark whom she will ride in the fair and rodeo parade and use for barrel racing and Dudley a horse loaned to her for five years by Tom and Garnett Huddleston. She rode Dudley for three years as a pennant bearer and attributes her riding ability to him. "We grew up together," she says. "He learned what I'm like and I learned what he's like."

A pet the princess speaks highly of is her puppy, "That's Different." "That's Different" was sired by a border collie with a natural stub tail and also has some of the border collie characteristics with the stub tail. What's different is that his mother was a poodle, so "that make makes him a border cockapoodle."

During her reign, she has most enjoyed going out and meeting new people, representing Morrow County and letting people know what Morrow County is like. Last weekend the Court placed first at Fort Dalles Days and next weekend will ride in the parade and grand entry at the Joseph rodeo. "I'm really looking forward to the Morrow County Rodeo," she says, and I "hope to see everyone at Fair and Rodeo this year."

Team Scramble Tournament

The women of Willow Creek Country Club met Thursday, July 18 for an 18-hole team scramble tournament. Twenty-six women participated, and despite the heat, enjoyed the competition and companionship of the events, said Linda Shaw who was in charge of play.

Two teams shot an 68. Muriel Palmer and Bev Wilson, and Pat Edmundson and Suzy Jepsen. Palmer and Wilson were awarded low gross and Edmundson and Jepsen were awarded low net with a score of 36.5.

Other winning gross scores were: second - Betty Rietmann and Wanda Willis (73); third - Sharon Harrison and Lois Hunt (74); and fourth - Karen Dubuque and Linda Padberg (78). Other net score winners were: Lucille Massey and Trish Toll (38); Kay Anderson and Norma French (38.5); and Harriet Evans and Charleen Isom (39).

The Eddi Skow Memorial Match Play Tournament begins Monday, July 22. Golfers will meet August 1 to decide the women's club championship. Linda Shaw may be contacted for more information.

Head Start program to begin at Boardman

Umatilla County Head Start, a program sponsored by Blue Mountain Economic Development Council, has recently been awarded an expansion grant to serve economically disadvantaged and special needs children in Morrow County.

There was a recent expansion effort across the nation to expand services to eligible Head Start age children. In the state of Oregon two programs were awarded funds to increase their enrollment, Umatilla County is fortunate to be one of them, said Director Cathy Wamsley. "It is our plan to begin a small Head Start Program in the Boardman-Irrigon area to serve approximately 12 children between the ages of three and six. Recruitment will begin shortly for this program which will begin operation October 1." Children, their families and ultimately the community benefit greatly from the Head Start program, concluded Wamsley.

Labo/Lex exchanges to arrive

Two Morrow County families are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Japanese exchanges coming under the Labo-Lex Program says Birdine Tullis, OSU Program Assistant for Morrow County.

Masumi Naito, 16, from Tokyo has a dream of riding a horse. She's sure to have her wish gratified says Tullis at the Dwight Baily farm as her host

sister Nancy is a penant bearer for the Rodeo Court.

The Al Brazell family, Lexington, will welcome Ryuji Itagaki, 15, also of Tokyo. He is anxious to make American friends, visit the mountains, and perfect his English.

The two students are part of the exchange group coming to Gilliam County, but by special arrangements are hosted in Morrow County.

4-H pre-fair registration due July 26

Fair is fast approaching, says the Morrow County Extension Office, time for all 4-H'ers participating in contests, horse show, presentations, and entering livestock to return pre-registration forms to the Extension Office. Due date is Friday, July 26, by 5 p.m. If more forms are needed, or you have questions, call 676-9642. Premium books are available in Extension Office or at Gazette-Times.

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