

## Busy princess enjoys meeting new people

Horseback riding is a main interest said Princess Missy Schoonover, member of this year's Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court.

The 17-year-old daughter of Laurence and Sharon Schoonover of Lexington, Princess Missy will be a senior at Heppner High School this fall. She has four sisters, Kay, Tami, Lauri, and Shellie.

In this year's parade, she will be riding a light sorrel quarterhorse named "Mustard, just for the season because it goes with (Princess) Sandi's horse Ketchup," she said.

The princess has been a member of Wranglers for four years, is a member of Barrel Club, and 4-H Horse Club. She has competed in barrel racing and has several ribbons and trophies from the Wranglers rewarding her efforts.

Although she has not traveled with previous courts, she has been a flag bearer at the Morrow County Rodeo for several years. "I always intended to try out for the court," she said, "but this is the first year I had a chance to do it." I'm really looking forward to being at the Morrow

County Fair and Rodeo each day from beginning to end, she said.

Definitely the best part about being on the court is meeting new people and going places, she said, although it requires a lot of riding and getting horses ready for judging in a short time.

During the Arlington rodeo, "my horse bucked during the whole grand entry. I just hoped I stayed on," she said.

The busy princess said she is working full-time at The Country Rose in Heppner this summer and, in addition, she takes care of her own horse, and rides for two hours each



Princess Missy Schoonover

day. She feeds Mustard before going to work in the morning and again at night, spending about 20 minutes with him each time. Because he's been sick, I have to take care of him

at noon, too. I have to wet his food down because dust makes him sick. She rides for about two hours each day, practicing keeping Mustard along the fence and making him run without breaking his gait.



princess Missy at Spray parade

## Ione athlete returns from China tour

By Eva Hamlett

Deena Hams left Portland, July 14, at 11:20 a.m. for Canton, China, to compete in the International Sports Exchange. On the plane with her were 35 tracksters, two coaches, and one wife of the coaches, a girls volleyball team, and boys basketball team. They stopped in Seattle and picked up 40 more track people, then on to Korea, where they met a track team from Montana which numbered 40 and two tracksters from Louisiana, and a girls basketball team from that state. Then on to Hong Kong, where they arrived at 4:30 a.m. Wednesday morning, (they lost a day going across the International Date Line) after spending 16 hours on the plane.

First on the agenda Wednesday morning was a team meeting, then they went on a "Whites Walking Tour" of Hong Kong where they were allowed to buy cameras and watches.

Thursday they packed and took a four hour Hydrofoil Boat to Canton where they stayed at the White Swan Hotel, which is said to be the nicest hotel in the world. Lunch was their first meal in Inland China, which was a real experience, Hams said. On Thursday and Friday they took tours of factories in Canton which were jade, porcelain, ivory, Free Peoples Market, Canton Zoo,

Friendship Store, Temple of the Goat, and a city tour of Macan, which showed them how the rich and the poor live over there. Friday night was a team banquet-a fourteen course meal of Chinese food.

Saturday was an all day track meet, in which Hams placed third in the Javelin. The Chinese were in the peak of their training season and were fine competitors.

Saturday night they had a dance in the Hotel which included all the United States teams. Sunday they took a train back to Hong Kong, through mainland China. They saw a lot of people out working in the rice fields.

In Hong Kong they stayed at the New World Hotel. Tours they took there were to: Aberdeen Bay, where they rode in a junk, and saw the boat people, Victoria Park, Stanley Bay, a subway, Women's Street and a jewelry factory. On Wednesday they took a boat out to one of the islands for the day, and Hams succeeded in getting a bad sunburn. Thursday morning, it was time to start home. They again crossed the International Date Line so they went through Thursday two days straight. Their parents and friends were at the airport and as they departed the plane they were given a nice welcome home.

## Third signup begins Aug. 4

Starting August 4, Morrow County farmers may volunteer highly erodible cropland for entry into the 1987 Conservation Reserve Program. The third sign-up period for the new USDA program will end August 15, according to Judy Buschke, Executive Director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service.

The Conservation Reserve Program encourages farmers to stop growing crops on highly erodible cropland and plant it to grass or trees through 10 year contracts with USDA.

"Farmers will have an opportunity during this next sign-up period to bid on a program contract for the 1987 crop year," Buschke said. Successful bidders will be allowed to harvest their 1986 crop before the contract becomes effective, if necessary, she said. Land designated may not be grazed after October 1, 1986.

For retiring highly erodible cropland from production, farmers will receive conservation payments of up to 50 percent of the eligible cost of establishing trees or grass on the acres placed in the program.

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## Teen brings home award



Kimberly Wright

Kimberly Wright of Heppner was named Personal Development Award Winner at the 1986 Miss Teen of Oregon Scholarship and Recognition Pageant held in Corvallis, July 18-20. She was one of 111 teenaged girls between the ages of 13 and 18 who competed in the event.

Darla Goodno of Tigard was named Miss Teen of Oregon at Pageant

Finals held on Sunday, July 20. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, a host of merchandise awards and an all expense paid trip to the eight day National Miss Teen of America Pageant to be held in February of 1987.

All candidates competed in the areas of: Service and Achievement to School and Community, Scholastics, Personal Development of Hobbies, Talents and Interests, Written General Awareness Test, Personality Projection and Judge's Interview.

Wright says she was awarded for personal development based on information she provided the judges about her 4-H and FFA activities and projects, and school awards. She has participated in 4-H sheep, clothing, and cooking clubs, and the style revue.

She is the daughter of Ken and Judy Wright of Heppner.

She won the first place Soroptimist Citizenship award last spring and will attend Mt. Hood Community College this fall. After a year, she plans to transfer to Bassist, a Portland school where she will learn fashion retailing.



photo courtesy Hermiston Herald

Sharlene Arends holds braids she has donated for special wig.

## Haircut benefits 9-year-old

County residents may have to look a second time to recognize Sharlene Arends, longtime resident. Arends, the daughter of Adon and Eva Hamlett of Ione, has had waist-length blonde hair for the last 15 years. Just over a week ago she had 12 inches cut off.

She has donated the hair to a nine-year-old girl she read about in a

specialist, helped make arrangements for a special wig which will fit Alyssa's head so tightly she won't need to take it off even to wash it.

The \$1800 hairpiece is made in Australia with a thin fiber-plastic base that allows the scalp to breathe.

"I was the first person that called that had blonde hair, which is what she (Alyssa) wanted," Arends told a Hermiston newspaper.

Portland newspaper. "Alyssa" has had a disease which has caused her to be completely bald since she was four-years-old, Arends said. The girl's physician, an allergy

Arends was offered \$5 an ounce for her two 12-inch braids, but she refused payment. "I just did it for the little girl," she said.

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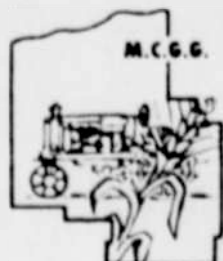
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