

Fair and Rodeo cap court's busy schedule

A busy appearance schedule keeps three beautiful, poised girls going several times a week doing something to get ready as they represent the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. Queen Dawn Timms of Irrigon, and Princesses Missy Schoonover and Sandi Wright of Lexington, this year's court.

The Morrow County Court was selected this year by the Rodeo Committee at tryouts November 30. Since Queen Dawn was a student at Oregon State University she was available for appearances on a limited basis until June when she could come home for the summer. Never-the-less, she made several trips home to represent Morrow County. At the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 5, the Court went downtown and met their public for the first time as a representing court.

Coronation for the Queen was March 29 at the Elks Club in Heppner. Many people came to the coronation dinner and dance with music by Dan Burns.

April 12, the court started a new tradition by sponsoring a race at Portland Meadows. They spent the day watching and betting on the races and touring the facilities with their parents, Micky Madison, court director and husband Scott, and Gail Papineau, court chaperone. The girls presented a horse blanket to the winner of their race.

Gearing up for appearances started full time in May. The girls attended The Arlington parade, luncheon, and Grand Entry on May 3. At the Spray Rodeo May 24, they won first in the mounted courts division. June 14, they placed second at Umatilla in the parade and attended a luncheon and the Grand Entry.

On June 15, the court, pennant bearers and their families went to Lehman Springs for a relaxing day at the pool.

July 4, Queen Dawn and two pennant bearers, Michelle Papineau and Rachel Flannagen, attended the Condon Fourth of July festivities. Both princesses were excused because of

deaths in their families.

The true test of royalty is under adversity, says Papineau. "Condon's cold, wet weather really tested Queen Dawn and her attendants. She passed with flying colors as they won first at Condon and added a little warmth with their smiles," she said.

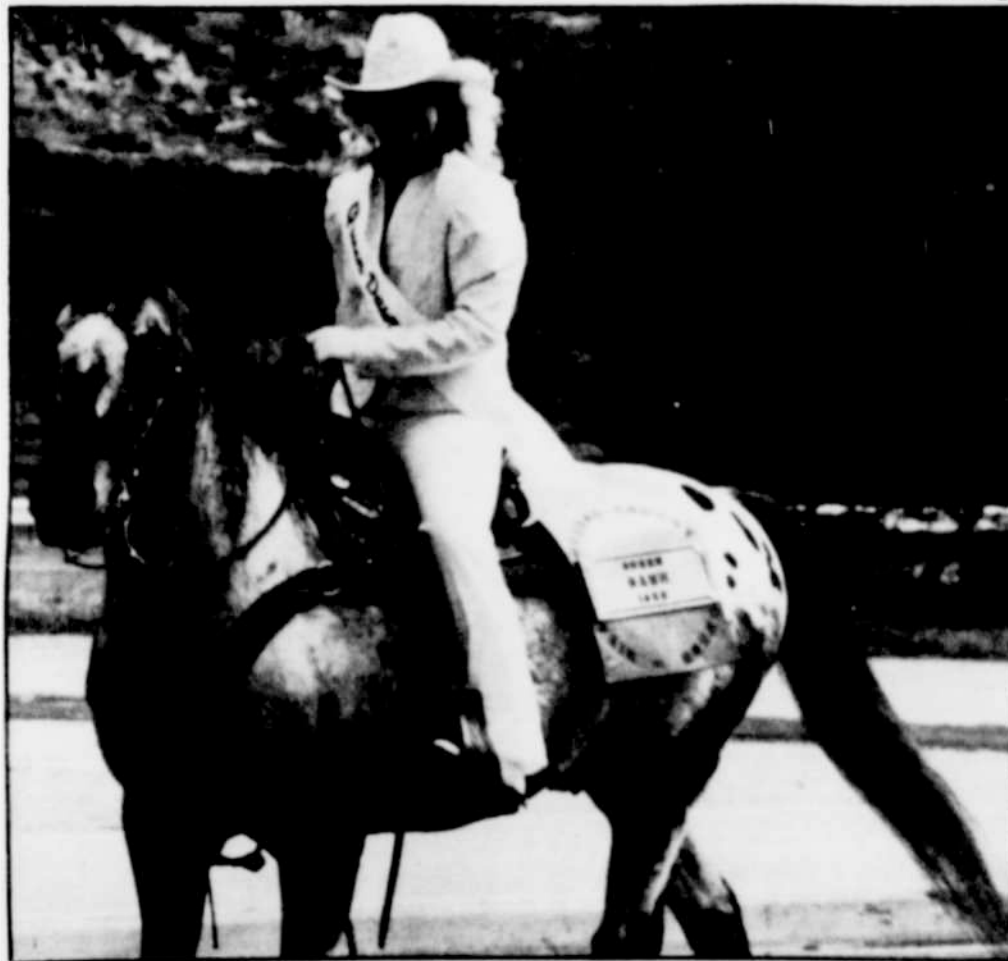
July 26 at Chief Joseph Days a luncheon with more than 100 people attending was fun for the girls. The court is presently looking forward to Umatilla's parade and Grand Entry at the junior rodeo on August 9.

"Then we have the busy week of our own Fair and Rodeo, August 14-17. Don't miss seeing your girls, Morrow County, they will dazzle you and make you proud," the court chaperone says.

The year will not be over for the court at the finish of our county's fair. They will still have five appearances. Irrigon's Watermelon Festival and Morrow County's Horse Show are August 23, they will participate in the Boardman Harvest Festival and Pendleton Dress-up Parade on September 6, and the Roundup parade September 12.



Princess Sandi Wright



Queen Dawn Timms

Ya'll Come

It's the greatest little show
that anyone could see
Created here at home by
neighbors just for you and me

Once a year for barely a week
The town outgrows itself and hardly
seems to sleep

Now you can take your choice
of just what you wish to do

Check the ladies fancy cooking or
their sewing
Then watch the fat livestock
as a ferrier fits a shoe

Bid on the stock at auction
or cheer the scramble kids and pigs
Then take a rest by dancing up a jig

And as the week is winding down
Here come the cowgirls, cowboys, and
the clowns

Busy days of contest
between man and beast

Final days filled with more
excitement, celebration and on going fea

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Court's wardrobe parts with tradition

One of the Queen's responsibilities each year is choosing a main color combination for the court's new wardrobe. The wardrobe includes a complete riding outfit, purchased by the Fair Board; a blouse, skirt outfit, and mix-n-match work outfits that are purchased by the girls families.

The riding outfit style has been modified by Queen Dawn from the basic polyester suit look to a newer sleeker hip-length jacket contrasting with basic riding pants. Not only is the style new but its metallic material is also something new for a Morrow County court.

A black material interwoven with silver, fuchsia, and metallic threads was chosen for the princesses' jackets. Black hats, boots, gloves and riding pants complement the jacket. A high-collared white dress blouse with a small black bow tie

complete the outfits.

Queen Dawn's suit has the same jacket made of white silver metallic material. Her white hat, gloves, riding pants and boots complete her basic outfit. She chose a bright fuchsia high-collared blouse with white bow tie to finish her outfit.

The court's jackets were custom made by Erma Koltila of Irrigon. She also made the white riding pants because these are also not available in stores at this time.

Erma is a very talented person who has created exactly the jacket Queen Dawn was looking for. Because the blouses for the suits were not available in the style or color needed, they were sewn by Mickey Madison, court director.

A skirt-blouse outfit has been a part of the court's wardrobe for several years now. In the past a more western look was used. This year a

simple short-sleeved tee blouse and a gathered pocketed skirt was chosen. A light pink linen-look fabric was chosen for the princesses with a darker pink for the queen's outfit. What really tops these outfits is an oversized pink flowered jacket. These outfits were made by Princess Sandi's mother, Pat Wright. She constructed all three jackets and dress outfits. A summer hat, beads, earrings and pink flat shoes finish the outfits.

The court also has purchased a Burgundy pair of jeans, pink plaid blouse and a cool tee-shirt to complete their work outfits. The court is looking forward to fair and rodeo and will be wearing all of their outfits at the different activities.



Princess Missy Schoonover