

Active princess has won many awards

A princess with pep, Sandi Wright had always wanted to be member of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court, and decided to "go for it" this year because she will be going on and doing other things.

The 18-year-old daughter of Pat Wright and the late Harvey D. Wright has lived in Lexington since she was five. A brother, Mark, works in the electronics field in Kennewick. Also at five-years-old she acquired her first horse, a Shetland, "Tubby."

Later a quarterhorse named "Shiner" taught me all I know about horses," the brown-eyed princess said. For Fair and Rodeo activities, she will ride a bay gelding borrowed from John Ledbetter. His name is "Ketchup," and "he loves watermelon. I hate to give him back at the end of the summer; he's part of the family," she said.

She attended lone schools and finished high school this summer through the Blue Mt. Community College alternate diploma plan. "I've always wanted to become a beautician since I was a little girl," the vivacious princess said. She will begin her training on September 2 at Earl's School of Hair Design in Pendleton and take business courses at BMCC to prepare for owning her own beauty shop.

Active in softball, basketball, volleyball, snow skiing, white water rafting, and fishing she has also been a 4-H club member for eight years. She has participated in cooking, sewing, horse, rabbit, and tole painting clubs. Her projects have qualified for state fair in all areas. She has had Best of Show rabbit for four years.

She raised rabbits for eight years and showed them in competition all over the northwest. "At one time, I had over 50 rabbits. I have won many Best of Show awards and I have a closet full of trophies to prove it," she said.



Sandi Wright

A real animal-lover, Princess Sandi also has three dogs and three cats.

Another consuming interest is photography. She won the Morrow County Fair People's Award in 1984 for a photo of three dogs in a bandana. She hopes to be able to continue with her photography in some way.

The active princess likes meeting people and seeing the different areas she has traveled to as a member of the Morrow County Court. "I want this year's Fair to be the best-ever and want to encourage everyone to participate," she said.

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10 Years Ago

Monte Stookey, part time goldsmith, earned a fourth place at the Oregon State Gold Panning Championships.

A Monday afternoon storm caused extensive crop damage to area farms. Ten forest fires were reported in the Umatilla National Forest and Morrow County farmers reported wheat crop losses as high as 20 percent.

Deputy Sheriff Larry Fetsch became acting Sheriff following the resignation of Sheriff John Mollahan.

25 Years Ago

Hager's Dairy has announced that it has quit acting as receiver for local dairymen as of July 15. They said the action was due to an "administration of the Milk Stabilization Act." A price of \$5.80 per 100 pounds of fluid milk was established for dairymen; Hager's have claimed since the law became effective on June 15 that they could not pay their dairymen this price because they were not receiving enough from the retainers to meet the price.

50 Years Ago

Heppner's city council waxed both cold and warm Tuesday evening in a holdover session—cold as far as the new pipe line is concerned and warm on the swimming tank proposal submitted by the Lions club.

"Marion Green, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornett Green swallowed a foxtail just before noon yesterday. The little fellow suffered considerable pain for a time, but the offending morsel had gone the way of all food by the time the doctor arrived, and he believed it would not give further trouble."

Property condemnation settled

Condemnation proceedings were settled out of Court last week between Morrow County and a landowner disputing the purchase price the county offered for land acquired for widening Eighth Street in Irregon, Judge Don McElligott announced.

An independant appraisal has now established a value for the property involved and will hopefully help settle other cases, he said.

District Attorney's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office reports handling the following business during the past week:

Eugene Louis Stacy, 25, Boardman, was arraigned in Circuit Court before Judge Ralph Currin August 1 on a charge of Sexual Abuse I. Bail was set at \$25,000 with no option of posting 10% for release.

Carlene R. Zamudio, 27, Hermiston, Failed to Appear for a change of plea in Circuit Court on the charge of Negotiating a Bad Check. The Court ordered a warrant for her arrest.

Jacob Frederick Shilts, 25, Ione, arraigned August 1 before Judge Ralph Currin. He pleaded Guilty to Burglary I and Attempted Robbery I. The Court ordered a presentence investigation and set sentencing for October 3.

Jeffrey Todd McElhany, 20, Heppner, Failed to Appear for Sentencing August 1 on a charge of Burglary I. The Court ordered a warrant.

Randy Donell Luttrell, 19, Portland, Failed to Appear for arraignment August 1 on a charge of Negotiating a Bad Check. The court ordered a warrant.

Dana D. Crowl, 26, Heppner, was arraigned August 1 before Judge Ralph Currin on charges of Theft I, Forgery I, and Theft II. Entry of plea was set for August 8.

Thinlad returns from China competition

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner track star Wayne Wilgers has recently returned from competition in China with International Sports Exchange.

The ISE team was comprised of 35 track athletes from Class "A" high school throughout Oregon, and 40 from Washington, a two track team from Montana triple jumpers from Louisiana, and a distance runner from South Carolina. Also competing in the China at the same time were boys basketball teams from Oregon and Louisiana.

The ISE team from Oregon departed from Portland on Monday, July 14 with stopovers in Seattle (to pick up the Washington team) and Korea (to pick up the other teams).

After arriving in Hong Kong, the contingent of athletes went on a "Whites Walking Tour" of Hong Kong.

On Thursday the group left Hong Kong and arrived in Canton. In Canton they stayed at the White Swan Hotel, which according to Wilgers,

"is the nicest hotel in the world." After various sightseeing tours, an all day track meet was held on Saturday.

Wilgers, competing in the high jump for the first time since the Class "A" state track meet in mid May, leaped a non-placing 5'10".

"The Chinese were in the middle of their training season and dominated the meet," Wilgers said.

On Sunday the ISE teams returned by train to Hong Kong. Back in Hong Kong they took tours to Aberdeen Bay, Victoria Park, Stanley Bay, and Women's Street.

The teams, which crossed over the International Date Line both to and from China, left Hong Kong on Thursday and returned to Portland, going through Thursday twice.

"I'm glad I got the opportunity to go with the ISE teams, because it was definitely a chance of a lifetime," Wilgers said. "I would encourage anyone who has the opportunity to go to do so. Without everyone's gracious contributions the trip would not have been possible," he said.

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Beef for Fitness

Remember Bill Walton the 1976 championship Portland Trailblazer and one-time Vegetarian? Well, after years of injuries and health programs that nearly destroyed his career, he is now playing some of his best career basketball for the Boston Celtics. He is also doing radio commercials promoting a steak house in Boston. In the commercials he talks about the nutrition and quality of beef as being valuable to an athlete as well as individual consumers.

Mahoney competing for title

Trisha Mahoney, daughter of Bob and Sherree Mahoney of Heppner, will be among 26 contestants at the August 13-16 Miss Idaho pageant at Sun Valley, Idaho.

The Miss Idaho pageant is a preliminary for the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants.

Mahoney, 19, will compete in the following: swim suit and evening gown competition, a personal interview with judges, a personal resume, and photogenic qualities. Winner of the contest will receive a full-tuition scholarship to the college of her choice.

A 1985 graduate of Heppner High School, Mahoney has completed her first year of pre-med at Boise State University and has been accepted into the Radiology program there. In addition to maintaining a 4.0 grade point average throughout the school year, she has competed at college rodeos and recently won the breakaway roping event at the Rocky Mt. Regional Rodeo. She also competed at Bozeman, Montana, in the

Former G-T sportswriter goes to China

Former lone High School graduate (1979) Janet McElligott will change jobs September 1.

McElligott, a former sportswriter (1978-79) for the Gazette-Times, has been employed as the Assistant to Legal Council for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Beginning next month, she will be working for the Chinese government in Shanghai.

The daughter of Jerry and Maryan McElligott of Ione, she earned a degree in communications from the University of Portland. Her sophomore year at UP was spent in Austria as an exchange student. She became friends with a family there, says her mother, and stayed on for the summer working in the family's dress factory. She began tying bows for the blouses on native Austrian costumes and finished the summer driving a Volkswagen all over Austria delivering clothes.

"Janet lives across from the Chinese embassy in Washington D.C. and has become friends with some Chinese from Beijing," Maryan McElligott continued. "She wants to see the world. She has talked about China for years. Usually what she talks about, she winds up doing, so I knew she would probably wind up going there, but I didn't know when."

The 25-year-old former Ionian was home in June to speak at this year's IHS commencement ceremonies.

She says she is still negotiating with the Chinese but expects to spend six months in Shanghai at the Institute of Science and Technology as a foreign expert. She expects that she will be teaching English and American culture to Chinese scientists and technicians who will be coming to America and dealing with Americans.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," McElligott said Wednesday when she called the Gazette-Times from her Washington D.C. office. "I'm very young for this type position. Everyone I know who has gone in this type situation has been at least 20 years older, and a man. It's an honor, but my mother is still convinced that I'm going to be arrested for something."

The Chinese are taking care of everything, the foreign expert said. "When they want someone, they bring them in, but it must be for a position that a Chinese person can't fill." They want me to come, she continued, and they're handling the paperwork and will take care of transportation, room, board and laundry service while I'm there.

Chinese is a language with many dialects. McElligott says she knows some Mandarin, the official language, but doesn't know any Shanghaiese, one of the more common dialects she expects to encounter.

Chamber hires secretary-business manager

The Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce has hired a 10 hour per week secretary-business manager. Chamber President Birdine Tullis has announced.



Claudia Hughes

This is the first time the Chamber has had a paid employee, she said. The position is temporary, and will be reconsidered following a six-month trial. If the Chamber decides the position is worthwhile, it will work into a permanent position, she said.

Claudia Hughes will work with the Chamber, research possible grants available to Chambers, and assist with tourism, Tullis said. She will also write a newsletter and try to establish better communication with other groups in town. She will work from Ray Boyce's Insurance office on Main St. in Heppner on Tuesdays. Hughes says those who cannot contact her on Tuesdays may call her at home Mondays, Fridays, and evenings.

The Chamber officers respon-

sibilities will remain the same, Tullis emphasizes. Hughes will help with things which members seem not to have time to do because they are busy with operating businesses and other activities.

Hughes says she will try to help the Chamber promote the area and hopes to visit other Chambers of similar size to learn how they have encouraged growth of their town. She will visit with local businesses to learn their needs and will encourage businesses to join the Chamber.

"I would encourage everyone with new ideas to share them with me," Hughes said. "It doesn't matter who gets the credit just so the job gets done. Everybody has something to offer and Heppner has many events like St. Patrick's Day, swimming, hunting, and golf."

Watermelon festival planned Aug. 23

Plans are nearly complete for the August 23 Irregon Watermelon Festival, say organizers. A full day of entertainment is planned.

A 6-10 a.m. breakfast at the Irregon Marina Park will start the day. Those wanting to start the day with exercise may want to register for the Festival Fun Run at 7:45 a.m.

A 10 a.m. parade has exciting entries and promises to attract many onlookers.

From 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., everyone will want to be at the Marina Park for continuous free entertainment. Old-time fiddlers, a dog show, puppet shows, a sing-along, a quick draw artist, a lip sync contest, variety show, and 50s revue are only a few of the half-hour shows scheduled.

Remember the twist? the hula hoop? You'll want to put on your best 50s garb and enter both contests. Can you still do the limbo? Be sure to enter the contest. A prize will be given for the best-dressed guy and gal depicting the 50s.

Concession booths and bingo will keep some busy. For others, a kid's fishing pond, coin scramble, watermelon seed spitting contest, watermelon toss, watermelon eating contest, and watermelon relay, dart toss, and dime toss are scheduled throughout the day.

To finish the day, a light show with D-J Dan Burns and a variety of music will keep toes tapping and feet dancing from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Festival buttons are on sale now for \$1. The price will raise to \$2 the day of the festival. Buttons are the cost of admission to the dance.

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