

County represented at Rose parade



Queen Judy Jepsen (left), princesses Dana Flanagan, Stacie Henry and Tricia Coe.

By Ann Morter

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court returned home from the Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade with an impressive third place ribbon in the equestrian division. Competing against 42 other groups, Queen Judy Jepsen and Princesses Dana Flanagan, Tricia Coe, and Stacie Henry finished behind just two other groups, the court from Mollala Buckaroo and the court from the Pendleton Round-Up. This is only the second appearance by a Morrow County Court in the Grand Floral Parade in recent years and a first time to place.

Before the parade, the court was judged on numerous criteria including floral decorations, attire, tack and equipment, and the condi-

tion and cleanliness of the horses. During the performance, showmanship and manners of the horse were judged. The girls arrived for the pre-parade judging shortly after 6 a.m. and spent from 7:30-11:30 on horseback—and on display. The parade actually started at 10 a.m.

The Morrow County Court was positioned behind the Sweepstakes-winning Float, "Red Roses for the Queen," sponsored by Meier and Frank. Following them was the Glencoe High School Band and the Portland Trailblazer float, a float that created quite a stir in a city overcome by Blazermania.

The Grand Floral Parade was televised in 15 states and was expected to reach 23.3 million TV households. Commentators were

Portland TV celebrities, Pete Schulberg and Tracy Berry, along with Robin Leach, host of the television show "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous."

"It was a neat experience," said Queen Judy Jepsen. "Tiring but neat," she said. She also said that their horses behaved very well despite the nearly 400,000 spectators and many unfamiliar sights. Several of the girls said that they had a nervous moment when they rode through the Memorial Coliseum but the horses settled down and they made it out in good shape.

According to Queen Judy, the parade was no different from any other parade once it got under way—just bigger and more ornate.

Blazer loss disappointing to local fan

Pat Sweeney of Heppner was one of the lucky 12 thousand able to get tickets to the Portland Trail Blazers NBA finals game held June 10 against the Detroit Pistons.

"It was kind of a disappointment," said Sweeney. "I don't know what happened." The Blazers lost, 121 to 106.

"Detroit hadn't won a game at the Coliseum since 1984," added Sweeney. "I guess they're due."

Sweeney said that the game was a "typical Blazer game," with a sellout crowd of almost 13,000 people. He said that there were throngs of people and that "it was a little hectic on Sunday with the Rose Festival going on at the same time." He said it was amazing how quickly the festival atmosphere subsided when it became apparent that the Blazers were going to lose. "I think Portland's going to come back for the next two," he added.

Sweeney said that Marvin Padberg of Lone also attended Sunday's game.

Anissa Anderson Linfield graduate

Anissa E. Anderson was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in art and psychology from Linfield College on May 27 during commencement exercises. She was a member of the Creative Arts League at Linfield, played for two years on the Intercollegiate Women's Soccer Team and spent a semester studying French in Paris, France.

Anissa is the daughter of David and Barbara Anderson of Sunriver, who attended the graduation ceremonies with brother Severn, also of Sunriver, and sister, Katrina of Bellevue, Washington. Also attending were grandparents Jim and Barbara Bloodworth of Heppner, Elmer and LaVonne Morford of Corvallis, and Nels and Esther Anderson of Dallas. Friends and family congratulated Anissa at a champagne reception followed by a dinner in her honor.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--Four members of Holly Rebekah Lodge recently motored to Medford to the Rebekah Assembly. Those going were Leila Palmer, RSP Delpha Jones, LSC Virginia Peck and honor guard, Geri Martin. Voting delegates were Geri and Leila. Carl Martin motored with the ladies and visited his parents while the ladies attended the session.

--Maynard Seefeldt, who has been a patient at Pioneer nursing home, is again at his home in Lexington.

--Recent callers at the home of Eldon and Barbara Gilbert were a daughter, Lisa, and fiancée, John Sackett of Missoula, Mont.; Mr. and Mrs. Mathew O'Connor of The Dalles; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wing and son of Pendleton; Ron Olsen and son, Dave and Jackie of the Tri-Cities. At this time Lisa and John announced their wedding plans for June 30 at Missoula, Mont.

--Cecil and Delpha Jones were callers in Selah, Wash., on Friday, to help his sister Bonita Stitts, celebrate her 80th birthday.

--Wheatland County deputy Delpha Jones and husband, Cecil, visited the Clarno Grange at their last meeting. Also present were the state master Wayne Johnson and his wife, who both gave interesting talks on Grange work and encouraged all grangers to attend their meetings, as much good is accomplished at the grange.

--Lonnie and LaVerne Henderson of Hood River were callers in Lexington, over the Memorial Day weekend.

--Virginia and Lyle Peck and Josie and Glover Peck were recent visitors in the Wallowa Lake area.

--Virginia and Lyle Peck recently entertained with a lovely dinner at their home honoring Lyle's mother, Josie, on her birthday. Following a most bountiful dinner

the visitors enjoyed an evening of pinocle.

--Visitors on Saturday at the Cutsforth cabin were Eldon Gilbert's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rob Wing and son, and Mr. Wing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wing from Wisconsin who were visiting the Wings at the home in Pendleton.

--The Lexington Grange met at the Cutsforth cabin on Sunday for their yearly potluck and dinner. Following a short business meeting at which Dorris Graves was elected a delegate to the state session in Ontario. The afternoon was spent playing pinocle and visiting. Because of the weather the day had to be spent indoors instead of enjoying the usual walks and other activities outdoors. Co-hosts for the day were Hilda and Joe Yocom who had spent the night there in their motor home. Carl and Geri Martin were appointed as Fair Booth committee.

--Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin recently enjoyed a fishing trip to eastern Oregon. The Martins' also recently entertained with a lovely steak dinner at their home for several former Lexington residents who meet once a year for a fun get-together. Those attending were Don and Tess Hatfield from Walla Walla; Martha and Jack Barak from Hermiston; Randy and Berniece Lott of Heppner and Kenneth and Lucille Peck and Jean Nelson of Lexington. Marjorie Beach is also a member of this group but was unable to attend this meeting.

--During the Living Legacy week proclaimed by the mayor Bob Taylor, the Holly Rebekah Lodge planted an evergreen at the lawn of the city hall. The Oddfellows and Rebekahs throughout the nation took part in this project and it has been reported that thousands of trees have been planted by this group.

Prep A-B All Stars to practice at Ione High School

By Anne Morter

The Eastern team of the prep A-B All Stars will be practicing at the Ione Gym June 19-21 and will play an exhibition game on Wed. June 20 at 6 p.m.

The game, scheduled to be played against a Morrow County alumni team, is open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door to help fund the Ione girls trip to basketball camp in August.

The All-Star team, selected last spring by the Prep A-B All Star com-

mittee, will practice under the guidance of Ione girl's basketball coach, Dana Heideman. He will be assisted by the head coach of Imbler High School. After practicing in Ione, the girls will travel to the valley for two games against the Western Division. The games will be held at Chemeketa Community College in Salem and Linfield College in McMinnville. Times and dates will be announced later.

Ione High School athlete Jo Cupps will play on the all-star team.

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 - June 15th - *Special Prime Rib Dinner and from the menu 6-9 p.m.*
 - June 16th - *Glen Ward's Retirement Roast and Toast-Social Hour 1-2 p.m. Roast and Toast-2-4 p.m. and Dinner at 4 p.m.*
- June 21st and 28th - Regular Lodge
(Two as required in June)

EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Baggett

Spring Chinook Still Possible in Columbia River Tribes

We were discussing hunting loads and ballistics over the steady pitter of a 10-horse outboard kicker on a sleek, 20-foot aluminum jet sled when the fish hit.

"There he is," I grunted, believing the fish to be a big, early-run summer steelhead, and a perfect specimen to photograph for a national magazine article I was working on.

I was pulling Hot Shots in major tributaries of the mid-Columbia River with long-time friend and fishing personality Buzz Ramsey of the Luhr Jensen tackle manufacturing company. Ramsey, who is known nationwide for his ability to find and catch river-run steelhead and salmon, had been deftly steering the small outboard with his feet to guide the big boat from pocket to pocket, placing our back-trolled lures in the most productive fish-holding areas.

After relieving my reel of many yards of 14-pound-test line, the fish broke the surface about 100 feet downstream.

"You know, Mark, I think that's a salmon," Buzz said. "There's still quite a few spring chinooks coming in around here."

He was right; a few minutes later we quickly photographed and released a bright, eight-pound spring chinook. Another pass through the area netted similar results (as soon as we had begun to talk about hunting again), but this time we beached a beautiful 16-pounder. I don't often get to catch, or even fish for salmon. From that point on, it was difficult to concentrate on my steelhead assignment.

By the time this is printed, the mid-Columbia-area tributaries should be an excellent spot for eastern Oregon anglers to take advantage of an exciting double take. The Hood River in Oregon and the Wind, Big White Salmon and Klickitat on the Washington side all have increasing numbers of early-run summer steelhead in them right now, and although the salmon run is past its peak, many still hold fair numbers of spring chinook. Those who hold or are considering the purchase of a Washington license and steelhead/salmon tag should note that while the Klickitat River has recently been closed to salmon angling due to poor runs, the season on the Wind River near Stevenson has been extended as the result of exceptional numbers of spring chinook.

Closer to home, summer steelhead are expected to show at any time on the Deschutes River, while anglers there are reportedly still taking spring chinook near Sherar Falls.

According to Ramsey, the spring run of salmon to the Columbia River are among the most highly sought, due to the quality of table fare they offer. "Historically, spring salmon swam upriver through the spring runoff and held over in the deep, cold-water holes of the Columbia's tributaries all summer long and spawned in the fall—about the same time as other salmon runs—so, basically, the only difference between the spring-run chinook and the other runs is just timing.

"Then, of course, you have summer-run chinook, which is just an extension of the same type of fish," he continued, "and then comes the fall-chinook run. But because the spring chinook come in so much earlier, they have the most stored oils and the most body protein, and therefore are the best eating."

Hardman Community reunion picnic Sunday

The Hardman reunion potluck will be held Sunday, June 17, at 12 noon at the Hardman Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Hardman community has been working hard to remodel their hall, which is now completed, and "looks beautiful," according to a spokesperson.

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