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Princess Stacie — a working cowgirl



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Princess Stacie Henry finds time to work at the Nugget Motel along with her many other activities.

By Merlyn Robinson

Princess Stacie Henry, 17, is the working cowgirl member of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court. With her parents, Sam and Danielle Henry, and her younger sister, Samantha, she is accustomed to long hours in the saddle when working cattle near their Boardman ranch.

Stacie is an excellent rider and state fairs.

As a five-year livestock club member, Princess Stacie will again be competing at this year's fair with takes good care of animals, says neighbor Gene Miller of the 3M Ranch. He has first-hand knowledge of her ability as she has worked with both the Miller and Henry cattle.

Fairgrounds master plan gets OK

Enhanced use of the Morrow County Fairgrounds came a bit closer to a reality at a recent meeting of the Morrow County Court. At issue was the signing of a \$15,400 master planning contract with the Portland-based firm of McKeever/Morris.

Recently the County Court and the Morrow County Fair Board were at odds over the procedure for development of the fairgrounds. Through the involvement of various user groups of the public facility, a common-grounds agreement for continuing the planning process was agreed to by both the county court and the fairboard. As a result of the agreement the Portland firm was hired.

Paul Morris is a landscape architect with years of experience developing effective alternatives involving publicly used property. He was project manager and lead designer for the Madras redevelopment master plan. He was project manager for the preparation of deci-

sion criteria and evaluation of plans for Clackamas County government operations. Morris also developed site selection criteria, performed site evaluations and prepared design alternatives for the location of the Mt. St. Helen's Volcanic Monument Headquarters for the U.S. Forest Service. He is a skilled negotiator and is regularly called upon to facilitate workshops and to build group consensus on difficult planning issues, according to Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson.

Because of the public demand for increased public use of the property, the company has been charged with providing a technical work design, providing an objective base for decision-making; maximizing the timely flow of work; and building a consensus of support for the final site plan by all parties.

Judge Carlson says that key elements of the plan will include interviews with user groups so that the members of the community will have

Stacie has helped train and show cattle from both herds at the county and a market steer. But she admits that conditioning and training a large steer takes time, muscle and energy.

Princess Stacie will be a junior at Riverside High School this year. Her studies are important, she says, as she is thinking of a veterinarian career. But she is also looking forward to participation in high school rodeo events.

Stacie enjoys barrel racing, roping events and team penning. She is an active participant at the Hermiston Sage Rider riding club events.

This summer, Princess's Stacie's court mount is "High Tink," a horse she has trained. However she says she is still schooling this five-year-old gelding.

"With his palomino color, he's not an easy horse to keep clean for parades. So I do lots of horse washing," she added.

"It's been a fun summer and I've met lots of new friends. It's exciting to be a member of the court and we have had some great times together," Stacie says.

She also credits the court chaperones, Wayne and Judy Davis, with being a big help when it comes to coordinating their appearances and their outfits. Special additions to those outfits are the belt buckles given by local banks to each court member and the princesses' tiaras which were provided by the Ladds of Lone.

With the court members coming from each community in the county, it has required a lot of travel time. "But I think it's neat that each one of us comes from a different area," says Stacie. "We truly do represent all of Morrow County."

input into the plan.

* Costs of the various phases of improvement and input from the executive committee user group to identify two or three-development plan alternatives so that the cost and timing of development will meet the needs of the county; and

* Project Management Communication which includes several meetings with the county and the executive committee. Monthly progress reports will be given so that the project participants will be kept apprised of the progress.

The first scoping meeting will be held Sept. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Conference Room. This meeting will be the first of several meetings to receive input from all potential users of the facility. "The Morrow County Court and the fairboard urge those interested parties to begin preparing their input for this most important meeting," said Judge Carlson.

Proctors purchase Green Feed store



L-R: Mike, Roy and Kay Proctor, Barbara and Lee Anstotegui, (front) Josie and Julie Proctor.

Mike and Kay Proctor have purchased Green Feed and Seed store from Barb and Lee Anstotegui, effective August 6.

Mike Proctor, 35, came to Heppner in July of 1986, when he took over as manager of the Heppner Les Schwab store. Mike, a Morrow County native, whose ancestors homesteaded in the county, had been with Les Schwab for 12 years, working at the Hermiston and LaGrande stores before coming to Heppner.

Kay, 35, has worked as a book-

keeper at the Heppner store for the past three years. The Proctors have three children, Josie, 10, Julie, six, and Roy, two. "We wanted to stay in Morrow County," said Kay.

Kay said that they plan on keeping the leather shop and "hope to expand the nursery next spring."

"We hope to keep up the good work that the Anstoteguis have started," she added.

Barb and Lee Anstotegui bought the feed store 14 years ago from Cornett and Florence Green, who

started the business.

Since purchasing the store in June of 1976, the Anstoteguis, who came from Pendleton, have made some changes, adding a chainsaw shop and a saddle shop. Lee plans on staying on at the store for about a month, so that Mike is able to learn more about saddle repairs. After that, Lee says he plans to start a business building new saddles. Barb says that for now, she will just see what comes. The Anstoteguis have three children, Doug, 32, Darwin, 28 and Cara, 14.

Measles-rubella vaccine available

Morrow County Health Department has a supply of measles/rubella vaccine available to administer second dose shots to at-risk individuals for \$20 each.

This second dose of vaccine is recommended for all health care workers under the age of 34 years of age, college students and children 10 years of age and older.

The health department still provides measles-mumps-rubella vaccine free of charge to infants and young children according to Oregon State guidelines.

Immunizations are available at the following locations:

Health department office in Heppner every Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Boardman city hall first and third Tuesdays, 1:30-4 p.m.;

Irrigon county offices, second and fourth Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m.

New manager at Schwab

Chuck Short, 35, of Moscow, Idaho, has been selected manager of the Heppner Les Schwab store.

Short, who has been an assistant manager at the Moscow Les Schwab store the past year, has been with the company for 10 years. He started with Les Schwab at the Coeur-Alene store and also worked for five years as manager at Priest River.

Short and his wife, Debra, have two children, Lexie, 10 and Angie 2. He says that his family likes small town logging and farming communities.

Short replaces Mike Proctor, Heppner Les Schwab manager for the past four years. Proctor and his wife, Kay, recently bought Green Feed and Seed store in Heppner.



Chuck Short

Heppner's strengths, weakness analyzed

A SWOT analysis prepared for the city of Heppner by the Oregon Economic Development Department has been recently received by community leaders.

The analysis assesses strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) of the community.

According to the analysis, Heppner has:

*A strong economic base which is expected to remain stable through the next decade;

*A solid base of government employment which is permanently located in the community, mostly to serve the natural resource industries;

*The virtues of a small town lifestyle;

*A strong core of dedicated community leaders, including a number of women and a cross-section of age groups that have made some significant accomplishments over the next years;

*Nearby recreation opportunities

which attract a major hunting and fishing population during those seasons. The recent addition of Willow Creek Lake reservoir provides a summer swimming, boating and skiing opportunity just outside of town;

*An impressive basic health care system for a small town, with good services for an elderly population;

*Historic charm with a good inventory of older homes, some historic downtown buildings and an excellent museum; and

*A convenience oriented retail sector which provides the basics for local residents.

Weaknesses include:

*A relatively isolated location;

*No industrial sites because of the topography and flood plain;

*Recent publicity about the Willow Creek dam leaking water and the closure of the last automobile dealership;

*Few accommodations for travelers; and

*Political divisiveness between north and south Morrow County.

According to the analysis, opportunities include expanding the retiree population; increased tourism travel as the Forest Service completes its plan to designate Highway 74 as part of a scenic byway; building on successful events such as the St. Patrick's Day festival; development by the Port of Morrow in south Morrow County; and potential as a bedroom community to the growing agri-business area along the Columbia River.

Authors of the economic development analysis believe threats to the community are the continued dependence on natural resource sectors because it puts the economic base of the community at the mercy of two highly cyclical industries; and national and state regulatory concerns which could hinder future development and limit alternative economic opportunities.

The analysis recommends that:

*The Heppner Economic Development Corporation and the Chamber of Commerce encourage local residents to shop at local businesses;

*The Heppner Economic Development Corporation develop a strategic plan to guide their future activities and seek broad-based support for their agenda;

*The economic development organizations and other civic groups in Heppner be players in helping the county address important regulatory issues; and

*Plans to improve the facilities at Willow Lake should be expedited.

Grand jury finds no card-lock violations

A Morrow County Grand Jury has not found the operators of three gasoline card locks to be in violation of the ban on retail self-service.

The grand jury returned its finding late Monday afternoon following almost three days of taking evidence on the issue, according to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace.

According to Wallace, the grand jury considered evidence presented by Lexington service station owner Victor Klinger and others who argue that the three gasoline card locks in Morrow County are in violation of Oregon law. In returning a "not true bill," the grand jury chose not to charge the card locks with violating Oregon's ban on retail self-service.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

July 24 - 30, 1990			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	77	54	.0
Weds.	72	57	.0
Thurs.	83	48	.0
Fri.	88	54	.0
Sat.	91	60	.0
Sun.	96	61	.0
Mon.	96	60	Tr

Deadline Friday for fair stories

The deadline for submitting articles for the pre-fair edition of the Gazette-Times is this Friday, Aug. 3.

Anyone having stories about fair or rodeo events, activities, or con-

cessions must have them into the newspaper office this Friday at 5 p.m.

The fair tab will be published Aug. 8.



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