

1991 Grand Marshal Don Greenup has long family history of rodeo royalty



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Ranching, riding and family royalty has dominated the lifestyle of Don Greenup, the 1991 Grand Marshal of this year's Morrow County Fair and Rodeo parade.

Greenup was born in 1924 at Hamilton, Montana and became an East Oregonian in 1938 when his family moved to Echo. With a zest for cowboy life, he began working for South Morrow County ranchers.

Riding the rough stock at ranches and rodeos, he met and roped the heart of the 1945 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Colleen Kilkenny. They were married that same year.

In 1952 he won the Morrow County amateur calf roping event at the Heppner rodeo. The new saddle that he won was a prize addition to the Greenups' horse tack.

The Greenups' had six children, two boys and four girls. Sons Greg and Bill and their families continue to reside in South Morrow County and their daughter Mary Ann Davis and her family live and work on the Hinton Creek ranch. Other

daughters followed in their parents footsteps as horse lovers and members of the court. Tag Greenup Ashbeck lives on Buttercreek and was a princess in 1964. Susie Greenup Walton, Longcreek was a 1968 princess and became queen in 1969. Bridget Greenup Blair, Pendleton, a 1984 princess was selected as queen in 1985.

They also have second and third generation nieces and granddaughters taking active roles in rodeo horsemanship playdays and royalty courts.

"Last year's professional rodeo is the way to go," says Don and his expertise stems from serving for about eight years on the Rodeo Board during the 1960's. In that era, Heppner's rodeo was a sanctioned professional show before the rodeo was changed to Open and Northwest Rodeo Associations' approved event.

Don also served on the Fair Committee for several years. He took an active role while his children participated in 4-H and FFA livestock and horse shows and that family tradition is also being carried on by his grandchildren as active fair participants.

In 1960 Don was selected as the Cattleman of the Year by the Morrow County Livestock Growers. At that time, in addition to commercial cattle, he also had a purebred Angus herd. His purebred Suffolk sheep flock provided many lambs for 4-Hers.

The CattleWomen's organization named Don Father of the Year in 1964 and currently he could be a strong contender for a grandfather title. After his wife Colleen passed way, he and Theo Budke were married in 1985. At the last count he and

Theo have 29 grandchildren with more on the way, they say.

The everyday life of this rancher, with a love of Thoroughbred horses, will take a new turn. After several years spent trucking daughters and their horses to rodeo court performances, it will be his family's turn to polish Don's boots and saddle. A large contingent of family members should provide a good cheering section as he rides up Main Street at the head of the 1991 parade.

"I'm thinking of buying a new hat for the occasion," Don says. He explained that though he is pleased to be honored as this year's grand marshal, it hasn't created a need for a larger size hat. It's just that through the years many of his cowboy hats have often been hand-me-downs from daughters who have been on rodeo courts.

Getting ready for Fair



Richard Ladd (in the hole) Larry Scroggins (measuring) and Tim Coe work on stabilizing the roof on the sheep barn at the fairgrounds in preparation for fair and rodeo to be held Aug. 14-18.

Homemakers to raffle

Before, during and after the Fair and Rodeo Parade, the Morrow County Extension Homemakers will be selling cold lemonade, homemade cookies and coffee from a table in front of Murrays Drug store. They will also display a photograph of a fundraising quilt project, assembled by Oregon Extension Homemaker Councils. Raffle tickets for the quilt drawing will be available at the lemonade stand. The drawing will be held at the state meeting; the winner need not be present to win.

The handmade quilt for 1991 is an Amish design. The donation is \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for six tickets.

Representatives of the Pine City, Rhea Creek, Heppner, Ione and North Morrow Study Groups will

prepare refreshments and staff the table from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 17.

Proceeds from the refreshments will assist the local council with their 'Focus On Literacy' projects. As a result of the year-long literacy program, parents of newborn Morrow County babies have received a book to read aloud to their infant. Proceeds from the quilt raffle will help Oregon meet state expenses for hosting the National Extension Homemakers Conference in Portland, August 24-29.

When meeting friends and neighbors for parade viewing, enjoy cool lemonade and homemade cookies.

All Saints offers pit beef barbecue

All Saint's Episcopal Church is again preparing for their annual barbecue beef dinner for Saturday, August 17 from 4-7 p.m. following the rodeo.

Menu includes pit barbecue beef, garlic bread, baked potatoes, cole slaw, warm or cold beverage and ice cream.

Prices are adults \$7, Senior citizens 60 and older \$6, children 6-12 years \$3.50.

Early dinner will allow people to eat after the rodeo and before the livestock auction. The public is invited to take a break from the fairgrounds and visit with friends and neighbors in a cool setting and enjoy a delicious meal.

All Saint's Episcopal Church is located on the corner of Church and Gale streets.

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