

## Busy summer for Morrow County Fair and OPR Court



Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen Brenda Holtz (front) and Princesses (L-R) Dawn Boor, Stormy Howard and Beth Hermans

It's been a busy spring and summer for the four girls representing the 1996 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo. After the Queen's Coronation at the Town and Country banquet in January, the girls, Queen Brenda Holtz, and Princesses Dawn Boor, Stormy Howard and Beth Hermans, and their mothers kept busy putting together ideas and outfits and planning and working at fund raisers.

In February, the court helped the Heppner Future Farmers of

America serve coffee and juice at the Morrow County Grain Grower's Appreciation Breakfast. They also sold tickets for a drawing on a Black Hills Gold ring to be held Sunday, Aug. 18 at the Morrow County Rodeo.

St. Patrick's weekend, they were busy speaking at the KUMA Coffee Hour, riding in the parade, competing and handing out awards at the Motorcycle Barrel Race, and helping with stock at the Roping-Ride.

In May, the girls took a first place award at the Arlington Rodeo Parade, earning \$10. At Spray, they received a first place ribbon in the courts division of the parade. They also rode in the Waitsburg, WA, Days of Sport Parade.

They took time out from their parade schedule, however, to help out at the Methodist-Lutheran Friday School before Mother's Day and to speak at a meeting of the North Morrow County Businesswomen's group.

In June, the court traveled to Sisters for a Saturday morning parade where they placed second in the courts division. They were in the afternoon rodeo grand entry and stayed to watch the rodeo performance. That evening, for the first time, they wore their cream shirts, tapestry vests, and jeans for the grand entry. Most of the girls attended the dance at the grade school before turning in for the night.

Also in June, the queen and princesses spoke to the Heppner Soroptimists, inviting them to this year's events.

July was a busy month starting with the Fourth of July festivities in lone. They gathered across from the park for a couple of hours to sell tickets for the Black Hills Gold ring-a winner will be drawn at the Morrow County Rodeo on Sunday. The queen and her princesses rode in the parade with four of the pennant bearers. They all got together for a barbecue at Princess Dawn's parents' house, then spent the rest of the day and

evening together enjoying the many activities.

The next weekend was long and very hot, beginning at 3:30 a.m. Saturday when they had to get up to curl their hair and get ready to drive to Athena for the Caledonian Days Parade.

After arriving in Athena, there was another hour of brushing horses, polishing tack, and dressing both the horses and the girls before they were ready to line up for the parade. It's a lot of work, but the court and pennant bearers agreed it's well worth the time and work when they see all the warm, friendly faces along the parade route. After the parade, everything had to be put away just so, to keep it ready for the parade Sunday morning in Elgin.

It was a hot drive towing horse trailers from Athena to Elgin and the horses were tied in the shade to the horse trailers for the afternoon and night. A rodeo grounds camp-out was fun and a good chance for the families to spend time together.

The queen left her official mount to cool off in a paddock near Helix and borrowed a backup horse, "Scotch", belonging to Penny Krebs for the Elgin events. Sunday morning, everyone was able to sleep in until at least six a.m. before starting to brush and ready horses, go to the Elgin court chaperone's house to clean up and curl hair to get ready to line up for the parade at nine a.m. They attended the queen's luncheon and continued to represent Morrow County in the rodeo's grand entry.

The court, along with the fair committee and rodeo committee, visited the July 16 Chamber of Commerce meeting to answer questions about the event and invite all to attend.

The Fort Dalles Days and Rodeo Parade brought a first place ribbon in the courts division. The court attended the queen's luncheon at the Tapa-dera and spent the afternoon cooling off at a local motel's pool. They wore their tapestry vests and jeans for the evening rodeo grand entry.

The court dads have definitely not been idle. They have a big job transporting and helping with the horses, which more than gives them bragging rights.

The court left the following Friday for Chief Joseph Days where they captured another first place ribbon for their efforts. Again the queen borrowed Scotch from the Krebs family, leaving her official mount at home to rest.

Princess Dawn's mother has been busy videotaping the girls at each appearance and plans to present a videotape of memories to the princesses and queen at the end of the season.

This week the court will do several radio spots advertising the fair and rodeo and visit to the nursing home to get ready for fair week.

They rode in the Hermiston Starlite Parade and did several radio spots for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo in early August.

Following the busy fair and rodeo week, the court will round out the season with the Walla Walla Frontier Days Parade, the Pendleton Dress-up Parade and the Westward Ho! Round-Up Parade.

### Master Gardeners give advice at fair

Oregon State University Master Gardeners will be at the Morrow County Fair this year to answer gardening and horticulture questions and advise people on how to deal with local gardening and horticulture problems. They will be at the fair Thursday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Mark your calendar and come to the fair with your gardening problems and questions. The Master Gardeners will do their best to answer them for you.

Master Gardener classes will be held again this winter at the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The classes will be held January through March 1997. Applications for interested people will be available at the Master Gardener booth at the fair.

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### Wednesday, August 14

FAIR OPENS FOR PUBLIC VIEWING  
 4-H Foods Contest (Beginner and Junior) 9:00 am  
 Check-in of Large Animals 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
 Weigh-in of Market Animals: FFA & 4-H 8:00 - 10:00 am  
 EAT AT THE FAIR ALL DAY  
 All Premium Sheets to the Fair Office 11:30 am  
 4-H Small Animal Conformation & Showmanship TBA  
 Jim and the Goowahs, Family Music Group Noon  
 Pet Show 1:30 pm  
 Pet Look-A-Like 2:00 pm  
 Large Animal Livestock Judging Contest 2:00 pm  
 4-H Lamb fitting Contest Afternoon  
 Jim and the Goowahs 3:00 pm  
 Pedal Power Tractor Driving 5:00 pm  
 Potato Peeling Challenge--County Mayors 6:45 pm  
 Ron McDonald & The Outhouse Singers, outdoor stage 7:00 pm

### Thursday, August 15

Senior Citizen's Day All Day  
 4-H Sheep and Swine Conformation Judging 9:00 am  
 4-H Beef Conformation Judging TBA  
 Quick and Easy Ground Beef Main Dish Contest 8:30 - 11:00 am  
 4-H Foods Contest (Intermediate and Senior) 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Cosmo--Balloon Artist 11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Youth Parade 11:30 am  
 EAT AT THE FAIR ALL DAY  
 My Lamb's Favorite Outfit Contest Afternoon  
 Joe Stoddard, Singer & Comedian Noon  
 Grant Dougherty, Magician 1:30 pm  
 Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest 4:00 pm  
 4-H Public Fashion Revue 7:00 pm  
 Joe Stoddard 8:30 pm

### Friday, August 16

4-H Sheep and Swine Showmanship 9:00 am  
 4-H Beef Showmanship TBA  
 4-H Presentations and Beef Ambassador Contest 8:30 am - 1:00 pm  
 Chili Cook-off 10:00 am  
 EAT AT THE FAIR ALL DAY  
 4-H Clothing Judging Contest 1:30 - 4:00 pm  
 4-H Button Sewing Contest 1:30 - 4:00 pm  
 4-H Foods Judging Contest 1:30 - 4:00 pm  
 FFA Tractor Driving Contest 1:00 pm  
 4-H and FFA Round Robin Contest 3:00 pm  
 4-H and FFA Master Showman 3:00 pm  
 Tim Cundell, Singer 5:00 pm  
 PRCA RODEO PERFORMANCE 7:00 pm

### Saturday, August 17

Cowboy Breakfast, City Park 6:00 - 10:00 am  
 MORROW COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO PARADE 10:00 am  
 Fair Open to Public Viewing 11:00 am - 9:00 pm  
 EAT AT THE FAIR ALL DAY  
 PRCA RODEO PERFORMANCE 1:15 pm  
 4-H Awards Program 4:30 pm  
 Gary Oberg, Taekwon-Do 5:00 pm  
 4-H and FFA Market Sale, Sale Ring 6:00 pm  
 All Animals and Open Class Exhibits Released 9:00 - 10:00 pm  
 Tom & Linda Lohuis Karaoke & Street Dance 9:30 pm - 1:30 am

### Sunday, August 18

Wrangler's Cowboy Breakfast 8:30 am  
 Commercial Entries and Booths Released 12:30 pm  
 MORROW COUNTY RODEO 1:15 pm  
 Tim Cundell 8:00 pm

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