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## Round-Up tickets now on sale

Tickets are on sale now for the world famous Pendleton Round-Up, one of North America's largest outdoor rodeos, and the Happy Canyon Pageant which reenacts the story of the Western frontier every evening during the four days of rodeo.

Tickets are available for all four days of the Round-Up and Happy Canyon Pageant which

begin September 10 and run through September 13.

"Tickets for some dates sell out fast, so we encourage people to call now for the best seats," says Garry Zollman, a Pendleton Round-Up director.

This year's Round-Up will match top PRCA cowboys from around the country, competing for more than a quarter of a million dollars in cash and prizes.

Every evening following the rodeo audiences will enjoy the Happy Canyon Pageant and Dance. The Happy Canyon Pageant is a "larger than life" reenactment of the settling of the West. "Native Americans in traditional tribal clothing and trappings, real livestock and a bona fide Western shootout make the Happy Canyon Pageant colorful and exciting," said a news release. After the pageant the audience is invited into the Happy Canyon arena for a country western dance and gambling.

Two of country's biggest names, Collin Raye and Shenandoah, are scheduled to perform Monday night, September 8, and Tuesday night, September 9, to kick off the week of festivities surrounding the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Pageant. Tickets for both concerts are on sale now, as well.

For tickets or information call 1-800-45-RODEO or visit the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon website at [www.ucinet.com/roundup/](http://www.ucinet.com/roundup/)

## Obituary

### Betty Jean Loy

Funeral services for Betty Jean Loy, 69, Beaverton and formerly of Ione, were held Monday, July 28, at Sunset Family Church. Mrs. Loy died July 22, 1997, in Portland.

Mrs. Loy was born to Lewis and Anna Peterson Ball on November 27, 1929, in Ione. She grew up and attended school in Ione and went to work in Arlington a short time before meeting her husband, Steve. They were married in Hermiston in 1952. They lived in LaGrande and then moved to Beaverton where she worked for J.C. Penney and Wausau Insurance. The Loy's had been married 45 years.

Mrs. Loy enjoyed spending time in her garden and with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Steve, Beaverton; daughter, Karen Cook, Clackamas; sons, John, Beaverton, and Steven, Hillsboro; her mother, Anna Ball, Ione; brothers, Donald, Ione, Wayne, Portland, and Ellis, Panama City, Florida; and 10 grandchildren.

Contributions in her memory, for those who wish, may be sent to the Northwest Medical Team International, P.O. Box 10, Portland, OR 97207.

## Princess Kara Miller full of enthusiasm

How would you describe the 1997 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess Kara Miller? A ball of energy. In fact, the high-spirited 17-year-old, blue-eyed blonde's is practically bubbling over with enthusiasm and an infectious positive attitude.

Kara is not only involved in a myriad of activities on the fair and rodeo court, at school, at work, in athletics and in 4-H, but she also maintains a 3.84 grade point average at Ione High School, where she will be a senior this fall.

Kara lives with her parents, George and Nancy, and 22-year-old brother Justin, in Cecil, where she has lived all of her life. She also has an older sister, Kristin, who lives in Portland.

Kara has a rich heritage in horses and rodeo. Her mother and aunts, Patti Kayser, Condon, and Marianne Sharp, who lives in the Dayton-McMinnville area, grew up on the Circle W Ranch near Arlington. They attended Olex Grade School and the two older girls attended Condon High School. After the family moved to Ione, the younger daughter, Marianne, went to Ione High School. Their mother, Patti Emert Pettyjohn, was a princess for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo in the 1940s. Their father, Lee Pettyjohn, who has passed away, had stock and race horses and the family trained and sold horses as a hobby. Back when Arlington still had a big rodeo, the three girls were queens on the rodeo court. The Arlington court at that time had a queen and four girls on the court.

Marianne and Patti both still barrel race. Marianne's son Jared is involved in Pee Wee Rodeos; son James and daughter Melissa are active in high school rodeo; and her husband, Joe, ropes as a hobby. The family is also involved in 4-H horse and dog clubs. Patti's daughter, Katie McCoin, recently went to the National High School Rodeo Finals on the Intermountain team; her son Trevor, a horseshoer and horse chiropractor, rodeos; and her husband, Ned, who comes from a big rodeo family, ropes. Kara has ridden Patti's four-year-old blue roan mare, Hancock Rillo Bar, a futurity barrel racing horse, in several parades and grand entries.

Kara also loves riding her own horse, a 16-year-old paint named Sasy. "I've got a horse that knows everything," laughs Kara. "She knows more than I do. She's kind of cranky when other people get close, though." Her chaperon's husband teases her, saying, "You two are just alike." To which Kara replies, "Yeah, if she (Sasy) had two legs, I would take her shopping." He then countered with, "If you could pin your ears back, you would."

Kara and Sasy won the high point rider at the Morrow County Open Horse Show held Sunday at the fairgrounds in Heppner. "Showmanship is my favorite," adds Kara. "And so far I've done pretty good in it. Two years ago I won the round robin and this year I won the all-around at Tygh Valley."

Kara says that this year representing the court, she has had the most fun at the Crooked River Roundup in Prineville. "My mom unhooked the trailer

from the pickup and me and the pennant bearers went cruising." The Miss Rodeo Oregon pageant is held during the Crooked River Roundup and Miss Rodeo America and Miss Coors were there. "It was really neat," adds Kara. "But, I also loved Sisters."

Kara says that her mom put her on a horse when she was little and she competed in the open horse show as a young child. But for a while she decided that horses weren't for her. She got back into it with a vengeance, however, and now she has big dreams--of joining a paint circuit and going to the nationals.

Kara says that she isn't nervous competing until right before running. "Then I always seem to have to go to the bathroom," she laughs. "But then I tell myself, I'm just nervous."

As a student at Ione High School Kara has earned a place on the 'A' honor roll both semesters all three years of high school and has won the Big Sky Scholar Athlete Award each year. She has been on the varsity basketball and track and field teams for three years and the varsity volleyball team the past two years. Her freshman year she was sixth place at the state track meet in the javelin throw, seventh in the 100 m hurdles and 8th in the 300m hurdles. She placed fourth at the district meet in javelin her junior and sophomore years and third her freshman year. As a freshman, she also placed second at district in 300m hurdles and first in 100m hurdles.

Last year, however, Kara seriously injured her knee playing volleyball and basketball and had to have arthroscopic and reconstructive surgery and was forced to sit on the sidelines, which was not at all easy for her. But, she tried to compensate by writing Ione High School sports stories for the Gazette-Times. "When I was injured it (writing for the Gazette) was the only thing that kept me alive," says Kara, who plans on getting right back into athletics her senior year. "I'm back to normal," she says. "In fact, my bad leg feels better than my good one. I enjoy sports so much, I've got to be doing something all the time." She hopes for a career in sports medicine after high school. "I want to go to the University of Arizona, but I don't know if I want to be that far away from home. That's just a dream, but something to shoot for."

This past year, Kara was National Honor Society treasurer, Future Business Leaders of America vice president, co-editor of the annual, junior class concessions chairman, a camp counselor at Outdoor School, a team leader of the STARS (Students Today Aren't Ready For Sex) program which counsels younger students, assistant director of Ione High School drama productions, a 4-H junior leader, the North Lex Livestock 4-H Club President, was active in 4-H horse, swine, cooking and sewing and set up a booth on farm safety at the fair. Kara is also a member of the Ione United Church of Christ and the Ione Youth Group.

This summer Kara is working for Ritz Ag driving the "bank-out" wagon in the field from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. "These guys

## Princess Kara Miller

**Eyes: Blue**  
**Hair: Blonde**  
**Parents: George and Nancy Miller**  
**Age: 17 years old**  
**Senior at IHS**  
**Activities: Honor Society, basketball, volleyball, track, 4-H, drama**



Kara Miller (owners Jerry Rietmann and Tim Holtz) have been really great," says Kara. "When I started working for them, they started a shift thing, so I could go to parades and rodeos."

Kara says that her family has been really supportive of her role on the court, in spite of their own busy careers. Her mom, who is the accounting manager at Cargill in Arlington, usually drives her on court trips and her dad, who is a wheat farmer, accompanies her every chance he gets. Enthusiastic about her experience as a fair and rodeo princess, Kara says she wishes every girl could have the experience and encourages as many as possible to try out next

year. "This summer is really neat because I've gotten to know the other members of the court (Queen Dawn Boor, Princess Maci Childers and pennant bearers, Bobbie and Tracey Rankin and Katie Bacon) so much better. We're really friends now. It's a great experience. You get to meet people, you get to travel and you get to wear pretty outfits. If there's more competition, you have a greater feeling of accomplishment. I know there are girls out there who are confident and poised and who can represent this county well. I've enjoyed my summer so much, I encourage every girl to try out for the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court."

## BMCC degrees

College degrees and certificates, GED certificates and high school diplomas were awarded to 295 students for the 1996-1997 academic year at Blue Mountain Community College.

BMCC offers a number of two-year degrees, plus several certificate programs which typically take one year off college study to complete. A General Education Diploma and high school diploma program is offered through the college's Basic Skills department.

Local 1997 BMCC graduates include: Gregg Holtz, Ione, associate of applied science degree in auto body repair technology; Joseph Lindsay, Lexington, associate of arts "Oregon Transfer" degree; Mildred Michael, Heppner, associate of science degree in human services, associate of arts "Oregon Transfer" degree Hermiston; Tamar Nolan, Lexington, certificate in dental assisting; Kimberly Bedortha, Ione, certificate in general business-office receptionist; and Tawny Miles, Heppner, associate of applied science degree in accounting.

## Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Tuesday, Aug. 5-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman office, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, Aug. 7-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Aug. 12-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman office, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, Aug. 14-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Aug. 19-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman office, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, Aug. 21-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, Aug. 26-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman office, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, Aug. 28-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**75th Celebration**

**EVENTS:**

- \* Barrel Riding
- \* Calf Roping
- \* Steer Wrestling
- \* Barrel Racing
- \* Team Roping
- \* Saddle Bronc Riding
- \* Bull Riding

**AWARDS:**

- PRCA All-Around Champion Saddle
- (Presented by Gardner's Men's Wear)
- Mike Currin Memorial Calf Roping Champion Buckle

**TWO BIG PRCA SHOWS**

Friday, August 15 - 7:00 P.M.  
Saturday, August 16 - 1:15 P.M.  
Stack - 8:00 A.M. Saturday

12 Matton Busters - 12 hour prior to performance

**TICKETS**

Adults - \$8    7 - 12 yrs. - \$5    6 & Under - Free

VIP SEATING 10 SEATS: \$360 \*CALL: NICOLE MANONEY 676-9157

**ANNOUNCER:** Steve Kenyon

**CLOWN:** Flint "Elvis" Rasmussen

**STOCK CONTRACTOR:** Big Bend Rodeo Company

**SPECIALTY ACT:** The Olsons

**BULL FIGHTERS:** Danny Newman  
Mark Nichols

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**MORROW COUNTY JACKPOT RODEO**

For Morrow County Residents and County School Alumni ONLY

Sunday, August 17, 1:15 P.M.

TICKETS: Adults - \$5; 6 Years and Under - Free    **FREE PARKING**

Stack: Team Roping - Two Go-Arounds - 10 A.M.

**AWARDS**

Pioneer Resources LLC Amateur Calf Roping Saddle  
Trophy Buckles donated by Local Merchants and Morrow County Families  
Neil Brunner Memorial Champion Calf Roping Spurs

To enter call: Marlene Curran, Rodeo Secretary, 676-9711  
Sunday and Monday, August 10 and 11, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

**The Morrow County Museum**  
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**"Oregon Trails, Oregon Tales"**  
Stories and Songs of Oregon

by Tom Nash

Friday, August 1 at 7 p.m.  
Morrow County Museum

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