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## Queen Dawn reigns over 75th MC Rodeo

Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Rodeo Queen Dawn Boor may be the first one in her immediate family to get involved in rodeo, but she's definitely made up for lost time. This is the fifth year that the perky 17-year-old has represented Morrow County—as a pennant bearer, on the court as a princess and this year as queen. Queen Dawn does, however, have a few members of her extended family involved in rodeo. Her cousin, Kara Miller, is a princess on the court this year, and another cousin is barrel racer Katie McCoin, Condon.

Queen Dawn credits her former babysitter, Gayle Papineau, formerly of Lexington and now of Wallowa, with getting her started in rodeo. Dawn says that she begged for a horse when she was just five years old. Her first horse was a Shetland, and the second she named, "Sugar". The first horse she bought was "Ivan", a big 18 or 19-year-old thoroughbred. Dawn says she bought the horse from Tricia VanSchoiack Maben for \$25, with the stipulation that if Dawn didn't want him anymore, she would sell him back to Tricia for the same amount. Dawn did barrels and poles with Ivan and rode him as a pennant bearer. "It was hard to give him up," she says.

Another of Dawn's mentors was 1990 Morrow County Fair and OTRP Queen Judy Jepsen Julio, whom Dawn considers like a big sister. Judy got Dawn started in 4-H cooking and Dawn served as Judy's pennant bearer when she was only 10 years old. At 11 years old, Dawn was pennant bearer for 1991 Queen Jodee Ashbeck Swanson; and in 1993, she was pennant bearer for Queen Liz Doherty McGuire. Dawn then took a well-deserved break for three years, before winning a spot on the 1996 court as princess for Queen Brenda Holtz.

When Dawn isn't racking up miles on her parents' rig, she likes to just "sit around and do nothing", which isn't very often. She has been involved in 4-H horse and cooking clubs for seven years and even went to state in cooking four times. Her sophomore year in school she did a cooking presentation at state.

Besides representing Morrow County, Dawn also works part-time at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner, answering phones, helping with admitting and running errands. She says she enjoys her job at the hospital because she likes meeting people. After four hours a day at the hospital, Dawn then babysits for her sister, Robin Skaggs, and for Sheri Arbogast. Last summer, Dawn cleaned house for another family.

### Queen Dawn Boor

**Eyes:** Hazel  
**Hair:** Sandy  
**Parents:** Jim & Marie Boor  
**Age:** 17 years old  
**Graduated from** IHS in 1997  
**Activities:** active in 4-H horse & cooking clubs, FBLA, Letter Club, basketball, volleyball, senior class secretary, treasurer, prom court



Queen Dawn Boor

Queen Dawn graduated from Ione High School (IHS) this year, where she was active in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Letter Club, played basketball and volleyball for three years, tennis during her senior year, was secretary-treasurer of the senior class; secretary of FBLA her junior year and was on the IHS prom court her senior year.

Dawn also belongs to the Ione Youth Group and attends the Christian Life Center.

Sandy-haired, hazel-eyed Dawn is the youngest in her large family. Besides mom Marie, who is admitting clerk at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, and dad Jim, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers Propane Department, Dawn's family includes older brothers, Jeff, Kevin, Doug and David, and older sister, Robin.

Also a member of the family is Dawn's 14-year-old dapple gray Arabian mare, G-Mistra. "She likes to go," laughs Dawn. "She likes to run, though sometimes she doesn't want to go into the arena." "But," adds Marie, "once you get her in there, she's rarin' to go." While G-Mistra is spirited, Dawn says that she keeps her cool in parades.

Dawn also has another horse

that she has raised since he was a colt and trained herself—a five-year-old Arabian sorrel, Magic. "He's really a sweet horse," says Dawn. "He's got a neat personality. My nephew can go and sit on him, yet he's got lots of life."

As queen this year, Dawn wears a white Ultra-suede split riding skirt and vest with blue and black accents and blue and white fringe, and a blue blouse. The outfit was made by Sandy Shook. Her court wears blue Ultra-suede split skirts and white blouses.

Dawn's run-in outfit is a white leather vest and matching rodeo chaps with metallic blue and silver accents, and a blouse and jeans. The princesses wear blue chaps and vests with black and silver accents.

The queen and court also have a work outfit, consisting of blue Rockies jeans and a white and blue shirt.

Dawn's saddle has special meaning to her, since it belonged to her late aunt, Marilyn Kellogg, her mother's sister, who enjoyed pleasure riding.

So far this year, Queen Dawn says that her favorite experience has been watching the Miss Rodeo Oregon tryouts at

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## Top cowboys, cowgirls entered for 75th OTRP



Flint Rasmussen, Rodeo Clown and Barrelman. Using a combination of rollicking comedy, exaggerated humor and musical rhythm, Rasmussen's rodeo arena antics add comic relief in just the right doses.

The 75th Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo celebration kicks off with performances Friday night, August 15, at 7:15 p.m. and Saturday, August 16, at 1:15 p.m. with nationally ranked Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) cowboys scheduled to compete.

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo will bring all the fast action events the crowd loves such as bull riding, barrel racing, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, and bareback riding.

Organizers Darcy Robinson and Terri Gentry say that this year's rodeo will feature 287 contestants—an all-time record. Robinson said that this year entries for all timed events and bull riding have reached record levels. Fifteen calf ropers have signed up for each performance; 16 bull riders have entered for Friday night's performance and 26 for Saturday's; and there are 24 mutton bustin' entries.

Some of the top 15 current world standing PRCA cowboys and cowgirls scheduled to compete are Cody Ohl, Orchard, Texas, ranked first in the all around cowboy; Rope Meyers, Van, Texas, third in the all around standings and second in steer wrestling; Butch Meyers, Athens, Texas, currently fourth, and Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, ranked 14th in the all around standings. Also expected to compete are calf ropers Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, 1996 world champion calf roper; Brent Lewis, Eloy, Arizona, and Blair Burke, Durant, Oklahoma, currently standing third and fifth in calf roping.

World class steer wrestlers expected are Brad Gleason, Ennis, Montana, currently fourth, and Tom Duvall from Henryetta, Oklahoma, currently sitting seventh in the world standings. Other nationally ranked timed event contestants are team ropers Steve Northcott, Odessa, Texas, currently number one, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Oklahoma, second, and Brett Bockius, Claremore, Oklahoma, currently second; Bobby Hurley, Ceres, California, currently fourth, along with Cody Cowden, Merced, California, and Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Oregon, ranked 10th.

Rough stock contestants include Dan Mortenson, Manhattan, Montana, ranked first in the saddle bronc standings; Toby Adams, Red Bluff, California, ranked eighth; Denny Hay, Mayerthorpe, Alberta, Glen O'Neill, Watervalley, Alberta, and Charles Soileau, Stephenville, Texas, ranked 12th, 13th and 14th respectively. Bareback contestants are former world champion Clint Corey, Kennewick, Washington, and Mike Hammer from Pasco, Washington. Bull rider Gordon Baggett, Fort Worth, Texas, is also entered in saddle bronc, calf roping, steer wrestling and team roping.

Nationally ranked cowgirls competing in the barrel race are



Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo (OTPR) Court (left to right) Princess Maci Childers, Princess Kara Miller and Queen Dawn Boor help Roe Gardner set up display of saddle at Gardner's Men's Wear in Heppner. Gardner donates a saddle each year to the OTRP all around cowboy.



Steve Purcell, '96 World Champion team roper (header) (season earnings: \$91,069)



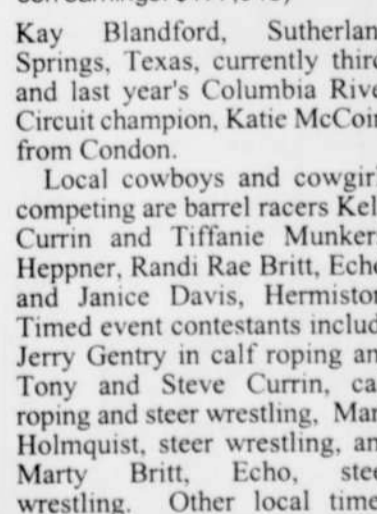
Tony Currin, steer wrestling



Dan Mortensen, '93-'95 World Champion saddle bronc rider (season earnings: \$177,948)



Fred Whitfield, '95-'96 World Champion calf roper (season earnings: \$155,336)



Kay Blandford, Sutherland Springs, Texas, currently third, and last year's Columbia River Circuit champion, Katie McCoin, from Condon.



Joe Beaver, '96 World Champion all-around cowboy (season earnings: \$166,103)

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