

## OTPR queen, court attend coronation



Pictured (L-R) Larry Mills and 1998 Fair and OTPR Court, Queen Maci Childers, Princess Bobbie Rankin and Princess Lindsey Ward.

This year's OTPR court outfits, modeled by the queen and court during the coronation at the town and country banquet, were constructed by June Jaeger of Pendleton. She worked with Queen Maci on her ideas for a different look this year.

The outfits are fitted vests with stars shooting from the back yolk and over the shoulder. The skirts are a split skirt design with front placket snaps and have stars down the outside of the leg. The queen's outfit is in white, red and yellow, with the princesses dressed in black, red and yellow.

The 1998 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court were introduced by 1997 Queen Dawn Boor during the Heppner Town and Country banquet.

Queen Maci Childers is from Ione, and princesses are Bobbie Rankin and Lindsey Ward, both of Heppner. Dawn congratulated the girls and thanked everyone for the wonderful year she had representing Morrow County.

The 1998 court will be at the Morrow County Grain Growers customer appreciation breakfast, selling raffle tickets for a ring from Peterson's Jewelers. The raffle will help them with extra costs during the year. The court invites everyone to stop by and say hello to your Morrow County representatives, who look forward to this year representing Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo.

The Court is looking forward to the upcoming St. Patrick's Day celebration. They will be in the

parade and will help the Rodeo Committee in the concessions at the motorcycle races.

## Academic awards to be presented

A Heppner High School academic awards recognition presentation has been planned for this Friday, Feb. 6, at HHS between the girls' and boys' varsity basketball games, at approximately 7 p.m.

Parents of the students to be honored will be admitted to the game free by presenting the letter of invitation they received from the school.

## Local organizations team up for women

The Soroptimist International of Heppner and the Morrow County Health Department are teaming up for a project that could be a life saver for area women.

The two organizations are working together to finance the cost of obtaining mammograms and pelvic exams for women who are eligible.

According to Soroptimist Ann Spicer, the early detection of cancer in women has been one of the club's projects since a regional officer of the group died of breast cancer. The local group has become even more involved since two of their members have had cancer, one passing away just last year.

Soroptimist International of Heppner has financed mammograms for the past two years, but now the Morrow County Health Department (MCHD) has funding for mammograms and exams. So, the Soroptimists are now using their money to provide transportation and child care costs for those qualifying for exams.

Laura McElligott, RN and director of MCHD, and Spicer agree that finances can be a big barrier in getting a mammogram and an exam. Even if the tests are paid for, sometimes the costs of child care and transportation are prohibitive.

Women are eligible if they are 40 or over or under 40 if they have a family history of cancer or are recommended by their physician; have no insurance and are not eligible for Medicare or if they have insurance, but cannot afford the deductible or co-pay. Financial eligibility guidelines are specific that income is at or below 250 percent of the federal poverty level as follows: family

of one-\$1,644 gross family income per month; two-\$2,210; three-\$2,777; four-\$3,344; five-\$3,910; six-\$4,477; seven-\$5,044; eight-\$5,610. (For family units with more than eight members, add \$571 for each member.)

Spicer says she is concerned that the funds are going to waste because women are not using them and urges women to apply.

McElligott says that a woman interested in the program may contact her or Pioneer Memorial Clinic and she will contact the Soroptimists to obtain day care and transportation costs. She stresses that the program is

confidential and names of women participating will not go out into the community.

"The idea is to detect these things early," says Spicer. "The longer you wait (if you have cancer), the harder it will be, and the more invasive the surgery," added McElligott.


McElligott says that one in eight women will have breast cancer sometime in their lifetime and eight women have died in Morrow County of cancer during the past 10 years.

For more information on the program, to apply or to offer ideas on how to increase the number of women participating, call MCHD, 676-5421.

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