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this year along with Princess Lexi's mom, Tami, and stepmother, Tracie.

Megan has also served three years as a pennant bearer.

This year as representative for the Morrow County Fair and OTPR, Megan says she especially enjoyed the Prineville rodeo, the Crooked River Roundup. "I just like the area," says Princess Megan. She also had fun at the Snake River Stampede at Nampa, Idaho, where she got to meet the contestants for Miss Rodeo Idaho and the current Miss Rodeo Idaho.

During this year's Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo festivities, you may be able to catch Princess Megan in her favorite outfit, a long-sleeved white blouse with a blue camo vest and Wrangler jeans. The girls' bone-colored chaps feature metallic trim and sky blue fringe. The outfit is accented by a leather belt with diamond conchos, a Montana Silver belt buckle and Montana Silver jewelry. Megan's belt buckle was donated by Klamath First. Lexi's buckle was donated by Banner Bank. The Bank of Eastern Oregon donated their jewelry.

Princess Megan invites everyone to "Come on out to the Murray's-Country Rose 7th Annual Micro-Brew Beer and Wine tasting Thursday night, Aug. 14, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., during fair week, and be safe."

Seventeen-year-old princess **Lexi Kennedy** is the daughter of Kevin and Tracie Kennedy and Tami Kennedy, all of Boardman. Princess Lexi has a sister, Amanda, 13, who is a pennant bearer this year, along with Emily Bergstrom of Heppner and Makayla Anderson of Boardman.

*Princess
Lexi Kennedy
from Boardman*

*Eyes: Blue
Hair: Blonde
Age: 17
Riverside High School
senior this fall*

The 5'7" princess will be a senior at Riverside High School in Boardman this fall, where she is a 4.0 student and a member of the National Honor Society. She was the vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes/Youth Alive and attends the Fellowship of Christian Cowboys' rodeo Bible camp every year. She is a 4-H Ambassador and previously showed mules in the Oregon Mr. Long Ears (a show circuit for mules and donkeys). She has also showed 4-H horses and lambs, but this year is a little too busy for both princesses.

Lexi's favorite experience this year was at Elgin. "They had a really good rodeo-an awesome rodeo, and the parade was nice," says Lexi. "Afterward, we stayed and watched the rodeo and talked to people. Everyone was really nice." "The Christmas parade was fun, too," she adds.

Like Princess Megan, Princess Lexi was brought up in rodeo. Her grandfather, the late Larrie Knaggs, was a team roper, rodeo announcer and her mentor, not to mention "one of the greatest guys on earth," says Lexi. Her uncle, Kent Knaggs, a team roper, and his wife, Charlene, of Monroe are active in rodeo and help coach Lexi when needed. Lexi's dad, Kevin Kennedy, is a member of the

fair board and "practically everyone is in the fair book, except me," laughs her stepmom, Tracie.

Princess Lexi was a pennant bearer on the 2002 court.

During the Morrow County Fair and OTPR, Lexi will be riding her 14-year-old Quarterhorse sorrel, Jacki, a "dependable, serious" horse that likes kids. Lexi also has a dachshund-terrier mix, Sunshine, and likes to ride four-wheelers, but admits that her world "pretty much revolves around horses".

Besides all her activities, Lexi also holds down a job at Boardman Pharmacy and Hardware. After high school she plans to attend Eastern Oregon University at LaGrande to someday become a special education teacher.

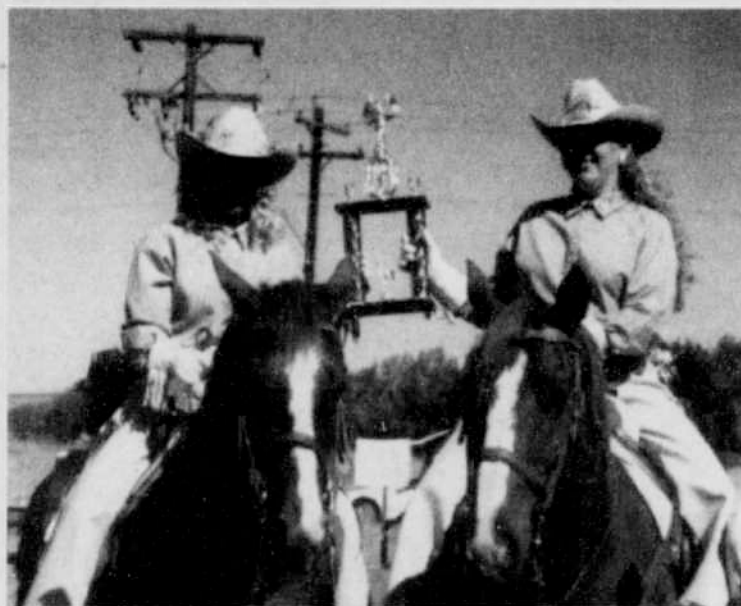
Lexi's favorite court outfit includes oatmeal colored Wrangler Riatas with a royal blue shirt with white lettering that says OTPR on one sleeve and MC Fair 2003 on the other and also includes the princesses' names on the pocket. The outfit is accented by a white scarf, and the hat, chaps, boots and oatmeal colored gauntlet gloves.

"I'd like to see everyone at our two pro rodeos Friday and Saturday, as well as our dance Friday night," says Lexi. The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo's two performances will be Friday, August 15, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 16, at 1:15 p.m. The Rodeo Dance will be from 9 p.m. to midnight on Friday, August 15, with "music on the grass" provided by "Thunder Rose."

So far this year, the 2003 princesses have represented Morrow County very well, accumulating numerous first place awards. They attended The Dalles

Cherry Blossom Festival where they took first place; the Spray Rodeo Parade, where they also took first; the Umatilla Landing Days Parade-first; the Boardman Fourth of July Parade-first; the Baker Miner's Jubilee Parade-first; the Heppner St. Patrick's Parade-first and the Heppner Christmas Light Parade-yet another first. They took second out of 36 entries at the Prineville Crooked River Roundup Parade and also attended events at Arlington, Athena and Elgin. They helped out at the Boardman Chamber

dinner, the Heppner Chamber Town and Country Banquet, the Morrow County Grain Growers customer appreciation breakfast, the Irrigon Watermelon Festival, the Celebrate Heppner pie auction and were meeters and greeters at the Irrigon Music in the Park. Still on tap are the Hermiston Fair, Fossil, the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo and the Walla Walla Labor Day event. The girls will then round out their reign by participating in both Pendleton Round-Up parades.



Morrow County Fair and OTPR Princesses Megan McCabe and Lexi Kennedy with first place trophy received at the Boardman Fourth of July Parade.

Adopt a Teacher foundation hosts mini carnival

The Adopt A Teacher foundation will be in charge of the mini carnival this year, Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 1-4 p.m. during the Morrow County Fair.

This year the carnival will host a myriad of booths. Some of these booths will consist of Plinko, Face Painting, a Basketball Hoop shoot, Bean Bag Toss, Ring Toss, a Duck Pond, Penny Pitching, Milk Bottle Toss, Floating Glass Bowls, Dart Toss, and more. All proceeds will go directly to the Adopt A Teacher program to help fund a teacher. Come, bring the whole family and enjoy some good old-fashioned fun and help support your teachers in the process.

Tillamook Creamery hosts Ice Cream Social

Once again the Tillamook Creamery will sponsor an Ice Cream Social. On Thursday, Aug. 14, at 3 p.m., kids of all ages can enjoy the delicious ice cream. They have donated extra this year, so hopefully we won't run out.

Also, the whole week of fair they will participate by having an informational booth, so stop by and say hi.