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2005 Morrow County Queen Jessica Wainwright has roots in fair and rodeo

Queen Jessica with her 'love bug'

Queen Jessica Wainwright
Blue Eyes
Red Hair
5'8"

Like many of her predecessors, 2005 Fair and Rodeo Court Queen Jessica Wainwright has a deep family heritage in fair and rodeo. Her mother, Stacey (Kennedy) Wainwright was a member of the court in 1985 and a pennant bearer in 1983. She is a member of the Fair Board, leads a 4-H Club and is the official court chaperone. Her dad, Buzz, who has helped out with the 4-H Club and Fair and Rodeo Court a lot this year, rodeoed himself "back in the day," says Jessica. Her maternal grandparents, Larry and Ellen Kennedy, have long been active in 4-H and on the Fair Committee and her aunt, Denise Riddle, is on the fair board. Jessica herself was a princess on the court last year and was a pennant bearer in 2000. She has been involved in sheep 4-H for the past nine years, was a junior leader for the 4-H Sheep Club, Critters with Attitude, has been involved in dog 4-H for the past three years and over the years has volunteered in the fair office. Jessica's family also includes her brother, Bubba, 15, who will be a sophomore at Heppner High School this year.

On top of all her fair and rodeo activities, the spunky, five foot-eight redhead is busy with a ton of other activities. This summer, with her dad's help, she has been working on her beloved 1972 off-white "Bug". The Volkswagen, which has "a few electrical problems," has been decorated with wings on its hood and pinstripes down the side. "Dad's a mechanic, but right now we're learning together—neither one of us speaks German," jokes Jessica, referring to the bug's land of origin. "I'm definitely not the mechanic my dad and brother are, but I'm kind of catching on."

When she's not riding or fixing the "problem of the month" on her bug, Queen Jessica is riding her horse, Jazz, a 13-year-old quarter horse mare, that she

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2005 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen Jessica Wainwright

Bash a car at the fair

A big bull's eye on the back window of the "Car Bash" car marks the "favorite" spot.

The Morrow County Fair is sponsoring a "Car Bash" throughout the fair to raise funds for the new fair dormitory. A vehicle will sit in a fenced-off area of the parking lot and for $5 you can bash away for one minute with the provided sledgehammer or carpenter's hammer. Of course, there will be safety requirements such as no open-toed shoes or climbing on the vehicle and safety glasses will be provided.

Bashing will go on each day of the fair from noon to 8 p.m. until there is nothing left to bash.

Professional rodeo still going strong in Heppner

Eighty-three years of professional rodeo is still going strong in Heppner. This weekend NPRA action will be in full swing at the rodeo arena on Aug. 19 and 20. This rodeo is the third largest NPRA rodeo in the Pacific Northwest so the top cowboys and cowgirls come to try their luck.

Over 350 contestants are entered over the entire weekend. The Friday performance starts off at 6:30 p.m., with mutton bustin' and Grand Entry begins at 7 p.m. Saturday's action begins with the "Woolie Riders" at 12:45 p.m., and the first chute should open about 1:15 p.m. If you can't make Friday or Saturday, the famous Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo is still available on Sunday at 1:15 p.m. So bring the kids, family and friends for a weekend of family fun.

Stock will be sponsored this year by B-Bar-D Inc. and they promise some sure fire action from the chutes. The announcer will be Kedo Olson from Redmond and the bullfighter this year will be Tim Vredenburg and George Kinter will be the entertainer. They will keep the crowd laughing and involved through the entire show.

The facilities at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo are some of the best in the Northwest. There is easy access for handicap parking and front row covered handicap facilities. All seats are close and personal to the rodeo action. There truly is not a bad seat in the house. The Spur Em' barn is on the east end of the arena for refreshments without missing out on the rodeo action. Plenty of food, drinks and booths will be available as well. VIP seats are still available and advanced seats can be purchased from Lynn Dee Ramos at 676-9451 and credit cards are accepted. These are reserved so ushers will escort you to your seats. Bench seating is available at the gate as well for only $8.

The all around saddle is back this year. Sponsored through the Oregon Trail Booster Club this gorgeous saddle will be

Unity man hired to replace retiring Neiffer at Ione

The Ione School District is in the process of ramping up for the start of the '05-06 school year. ISD Administrator Bryn Browning told the board at their regular meeting Monday night that registration for students with incomplete schedules or conflicts will be held on Thursday, Aug. 25, by appointment only. Pre-registration was completed in June.

Browning also told the board that Kevin Campbell from Unity has been hired as the science/math teacher to replace Duane Neiffer, who retired effective Aug. 1.

Sports physicals for Ione students will be held Monday, Aug. 22, at 6 p.m. at the school and are free of charge. Students are required to have a physical every other year to be eligible to play sports.

SMART training will be conducted by coordinator Linda Neiffer on Thursday, Aug. 18. Volunteer applications are available at the school office, Collier's Market, Wheatland Insurance-Ione and the Ione Post Office.

The Ione staff in-service will be held Aug. 23-25.

The to-do list, which includes a new art classroom in the shop, a new cafeteria window and built-in desk, moving the ice machine and various plumbing and electrical jobs has been completed. Installation of new sinks in the shop cannot be completed until the city of Ione fixes a broken water valve, which Browning requested.

The new gutters are working correctly and flooding to the cafeteria has been eliminated by removing the wall gutter and routing the water to a different location. The splash guards along the breezeway are also reducing the amount of water the wind carries into the area.

Browning reported that she is working with a trainer from North Central ESD for English Language Learner training.

Browning also reported that the school's Annual Yearly Progress results are inaccurate for language arts. Ione School District met requirements in all other areas. Incorrect

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