

## **May 23-24, 1986 Pioneer Queen and Grand Marshal**

### **Ruby Kirk**

Ruby Kirk was born on Weston Mountain, the daughter of William B. and Jennie Mae Hyatt Hall. Her great-grandparents homesteaded the area and are buried in a small cemetery on the original farm.



**Queen Ruby Kirk**

Kirk attended grade school on Weston Mountain and graduated from Weston High School in 1936. She attended St. Mary's School of Nursing prior to WWII. She married the late George Wendall Kirk, and was a welder in the Richmond, California shipyards during the war while Wendall served in the Navy in the South Pacific.

Upon returning to the Weston area, the couple farmed on Weston Mountain before moving to the present ranch east of Weston. Wendall and Ruby raised three daughters, Brenda Hall and Jill Perrine of Weston, and Judy McCartin of Reno, NV.

She is an avid sportsman, snowmobiler, skier, and motorbike rider, having ridden many of the trails in the Blue Mountains. She owns two registered Appaloosas and rides in many area parades. Twice she has gone on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride, covering 100

miles in five days in Idaho and Montana, as well as the 59er ride from the Walla Walla River to Joseph.

Ruby and Wendall were enthusiastic supporters of the Bad Rock Days motorcycle trails held in Weston at one time. They hosted the group at a community potluck at their home the final days of the trials.

Ruby is current president of her riding club, the Rainbow Riders. She is past president of the Weston Chamber of Commerce, and present site chairman of the Senior Citizens Center. She and Wendall were recipients of the 4-H Life Membership plaque for their work in 4-H in which Ruby was a livestock club leader for 10 years. She is co-president of the Umatilla County Cowbells, and an active member of the Weston Methodist Church.

Queen Ruby will be escorted by her son-in-law, Ron Perrine. Attendants will be her three daughters, sister-in-law Sellma Hall, and lifelong friend, Della Syfford. Her three grandchildren, Kirk and Brian Hall and Tanner Perrine, will also participate.