

Wild Horse Racers



Courtesy of Snap Shots.

Along with the professionals, youth teams competed at the Professional Team Bronc Riding National Finals in January at the county fairgrounds. This wild horse race team included (from right) mucker Stormy Spino, shankperson JoyDe Smith, and rider Chloe Smith.

School employees ratify contract

Support staff vote to forgo wage increases

Jefferson County School District 509-J classified staff from the Oregon School Employees Association Chapter 54 have ratified a three-year contract agreement with the district's school board that includes no pay raises next school year, officials announced Monday night.

"In a noble effort to support local students during difficult economic times, the group has agreed to work the next school year without salary increases," the joint news release stated.

OSEA represents school support staff including clerical, educational assistants, custodians, nutrition services employees and maintenance and transportation workers.

According to leadership from OSEA and the JCSD 509-J, negotiations were primarily collaborative and amicable. District

administrators were impressed with the overall process and the professionalism demonstrated by the classified union representatives.

"Our classified staff demonstrated a remarkable commitment to our students and schools with the ratification of this three-year contract," said Rick Molitor, superintendent for JCSD. "They really stepped up to support our students during challenging economic times."

The contract was ratified with a large majority vote in favor of the agreement by the chapter membership. Bob Bradetich, OSEA field representative attributes the successful negotiations to the OSEA members' understanding of the current economic hardships.

"This agreement allows us to move forward and continue to provide the students of the district with the services and support necessary to assist in their educational process," said Bradetich.

OSEA is a labor union that represents more than 21,000 educational employees working in Oregon school districts, community colleges, education service districts, Head Start agencies, libraries and park and recreation districts. As one of the largest labor unions in Oregon, and with the second largest membership of educational staff, OSEA is a recognized leader within the state's labor and education community.

Jefferson County School District 509-J serves the communities of Madras, Warm Springs Reservation, Metolius and Antelope with seven schools (one primary, one intermediate, two elementary, one K-8, one middle and one high school), 2,900 students grades K-12 and 400 staff members. The district is proudly among the most culturally diverse in Oregon with equal populations of Native America, Hispanic, and Caucasian students.

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