



Dawn is queen

Dawn Timms was crowned queen of the 1986 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo at ceremonies Saturday, March 29. Following Timms' swearing in by Fair Board member Merlyn Robinson, former Fair and Rodeo Queen Sylvia Ladd placed the official crown on her head.

The first official appearance of the court will be April 12 at Portland Meadows where a race will be designated a Morrow County race and a blanket donated by Bob Hoskins will be awarded the winner. The court will be sitting in the terrace and those who would like to make reservations to sit with them may call Gail Papineau, 422-7518.

The court's first mounted appearance will be May 3 at the Arlington rodeo.

Auctionable items needed

Salable auction items are needed by the Senior Citizens of South Morrow County who are planning a May 19 auction to benefit the Senior Citizen Building fund.

Anyone willing to donate auction items may contact Bill Cox at 676-9497, Jane Rawlins at 676-9435, or Paul Jones at 676-9972. Items will be picked up and stored at the fairgrounds until the fundraiser.

Lucky egg hunters win prizes

The lucky youngsters who found gold or silver eggs were awarded prizes at last Saturday's Lone Easter Egg Hunt.

Prize winners in the Kindergarten-First Grade were Brenda Holtz who found a gold egg and Jimmy Taylor, a silver egg.

In the second and third grade group, Marie Tworek found a gold egg and Jason Halvorsen, a silver.

The Lone Extension Club sponsored the hunt.

Pheasant eggs available

Pheasant eggs will be available next week from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Those who wish to incubate eggs may keep half of the birds raised and turn one half of the young birds out at a site of their choice, said a department spokesperson. For more information about the pheasant eggs, contact Bob Krein 676-9956 or Glen Ward 676-5230.

Valby Lutheran Church

Centennial celebration planned



By Justine Weatherford

One of Morrow County's most historic churches will see its congregation celebrating 100 years of worshipping there on Sunday, April 13. The Swedish Lutheran Valby Congregation actually was being formed in 1885, but was formally begun on April 19, 1886, when 17 of the Swedish Lutheran settlers of the Gooseberry area of Lone, met with Dr. Erik Norelius in the John Johnson home and organized, with John Peterson assisting Dr. Norelius as secretary. The church was accepted into the Augustan Synod.

On Saturday, April 12, everyone is invited for fellowship at the Hope Lutheran Church on Alfalfa St. in Heppner from 7 until 9 p.m. On Sunday, April 13, the 100th Anniversary at Valby will be commemorated at the 11 a.m. worship service, which will include communion. At 1 p.m. there will be a potluck Swedish Smorgasbord Dinner (no dessert). At 2:30 the Anniversary Program will begin which will be followed by the sharing of a cake and coffee and lots of visiting.

Many of the descendants of the original chartering families and

very early members still attend Valby Church (Valby means Shepherd's Dell in Swedish). Those who attended that historic 1886 meeting were Carl John Anderson and family, John Johnson and family, Andrew Carlson and family, Nels Magnus Peterson and family, Oliver Pearson, Olaf Bergstrom, Andrew Anderson, John E. Peterson and John Johnson.

Five acres of land was given to the congregation by Andrew and Mrs. Pearson in 1887 and the founders began advertising in denominational papers then, which attracted the Frank Lundell family who brought a group of Swedish people from the Fourmile and Ella area into the church, including Swen, Paul and Johannes Troedson and families, the Nils Swanson family and Pete Bengtson and Otto Lindstrom.

The present church building was erected in 1897 for a total cost of \$458.82 and was dedicated on Oct-

ober 24 of that year. The active Ladies Aid group purchased an organ at a cost of \$55.

Many fine pastors have served at Valby Church, and since about 1955 when a mission church and an American Lutheran Church known as Hope Congregation was formed in Heppner, the single pastor has served both Lutheran congregations. Rev. Rick Evenson is the current pastor of the two churches.

Commemorative buttons and plates are being sold and orders are being taken for the Valby Centennial History Book. A photographer will be available for family portraits before the church on April 13 (by appointment only--contact Betty Carlson, 676-5302).

The centennial committee: Martha Peterson (422-7136); Rikka Tews (422-7459) and Shirley Palmer (676-9730) will answer any questions.

Pastor Wornell elected to congregation

The Rev. LeRoy Wornell and family were recently elected to pastor Christian Center in Port Orford. "We're excited about this," Wornell says. "We have often visited the coast, but have never lived there. The church is about two blocks from the ocean. The opportunity for a healthy ministry is there. Port Orford's population is slightly smaller than Heppner's, but the surrounding area has about a total population of around three thousand."

The Wornells came to Heppner in August, 1983 from Springfield. "The people are so friendly here. In just a short time we felt right at home," said Sherry Wornell (Mrs. LeRoy).

Pastor Wornell will begin his ministry on April 6. "It's making this week a hectic one, but we really don't want to wait. Even Jim and Judi (Wornell's children) are excited about going, even though they'll be changing schools in mid-year."

Port Orford is a community of about 1,000. It is located 50-miles

south of Coos Bay, and its main industries are logging, fishing, and tourism.

Rev. Wornell has been in the ministry for 19 years, and has pastored churches in both Oregon and Washington. In 1976 he took a leave of absence from the pastorate to attend his church's seminary in Springfield, Missouri, and then an additional two years of graduate work in history and education at the University of Oregon. Prior to coming to Heppner, he was associate pastor and minister of education at New Life Center in Springfield, Oregon.

"I love the pastoral ministry, because it affords me many of the things I enjoy doing. Teaching, preaching, and administration have always been of interest to me. I really love the teaching-learning process that is unique in a church situation. The ministry is a people business, and I like to think at least I hope that my ministry has affected some lives and helped them to become more aware of God and his love."

Irrigon man real winner

Mike Cahill of Irrigon was determined to be the winner of the Boardman-Irrigon advisory committee position No. 5 by the Morrow County School Board at a special meeting Monday night. Cahill received 12 write-in votes in the March 25 special election. Tom Myers who received 43 write-in votes appeared to have won the election, District Superintendent Doyle McCaslin said, but he was found to be a Boardman resident and the position was open for Irrigon residents only.

Other election results canvassed by the Board are as follows: School District Operating Levy failed by a vote of 886 "no" to 732 "yes."

Joe Stevens the winner of the write-in vote for Board Position No. 1.

Mary Lou Carlson winner of the Board Position at-large.

Sue Proudfoot winner of the Lone-Lexington Advisory Position No. 1.

George Miller winner of Lone-Lexington Advisory Position No. 5.

John Jensen winner of Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Position No. 2, a three-year term.

Harley Sager, incumbent, winner of Heppner-Lexington Position No. 3, and

Peggy Fishburn, incumbent, winner of Heppner-Lexington Position No. 5.

Cancer Crusade began Tuesday

The American Cancer Society's Cancer Crusade began Tuesday, April 1 and will continue through April 15. During this time, volunteers will be going door-to-door to collect tax-deductible donations for the society and to hand out materials to let people know what services are available through the cancer society.

Since the crusade has not been conducted locally for several years, many people may not know that beds are available for cancer patients through the Society, other equipment and support groups are also available, said a local spokesperson for the crusade. The community can receive more if they only apply to the Society. They have not turned down a request, and there always seems to be equipment or support available if it is requested.

The Society is also trying to locate a local storage area for equipment.

Funds are used for research, patient care, and to inform people about the Cancer Society.

Bonna Rae Miller is the local contact person for persons wishing to know more about what the Cancer Society has to offer. She may be reached at 676-5519, evenings. Donations to the Cancer Society may be mailed to local treasurer, Jackie Allstott.

John Krebs trial slated

Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago reports that John Krebs will go on trial April 24 in Marion County on charges of Escape I. The Marion County grand jury handed down an indictment on Krebs February 15 as a result of an alleged October 9, 1985 aborted escape while he was being transported to the Oregon State Penitentiary by two Morrow County deputies.

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