

### Barb Zeller opens hair styling salon



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Barbara Zeller, a hairdresser with 15 years experience, has opened her own shop, "At The Top," at 655 S. Chase in Heppner.

Offering personalized hair design for men women and children, Zeller will feature Matrix VaVoom, Systeme Biologie and Paul Mitchell products.

Zeller, who has worked previously at Country Shears, has worked in Heppner since 1986. She is married to Norm Zeller and has two children Amanda and Brian.

Grand opening at the shop will be Friday, May 10, with door prizes, free samples and refreshments.

Phone 676-5558 for appointments.

### Local Soroptimists members attend regional conference

Seven local Soroptimists attended the seventy-third Conference Northwest Region of the Soroptimist International of America, Inc., held April 19, 20 and 21 in Kalispell, Montana.

President Marlene Gray and LoRayne Bowman were delegates, Clista Venard and Pat Hyatt were on the conference program and other members attending were Judie Laughlin, Molly Rill and Mary Goheen.

Official federation visitor was immediate past president Patsy Daniels. Del Nickerson, chairman of the Growth and Development committee was the keynote speaker and Roberta Porter, president-elect of the International of America also attended.

The conference meetings and meals were held in the Outlaw Inn which proved to be very adequate in all respects and Kalispell had warm sunny weather. At this conference it

was decided that there would be no division of the Northwest Region at this time.

There was a total attendance of 487. Many members from Washington and Oregon had planned to travel by rail. The strike disrupted plans, but the strike was settled at the last minute and the soroptimists were able to travel by rail after all.

Mary Goheen stayed an extra two days in Kalispell visiting a friend in Victor, Montana and attending a post conference theater dinner party in Whitefish. The theater was a one-woman play by Jane Fellows portraying a portion of Emily Dickinson's life and, says Goheen, "it was an outstanding performance." Mrs. Fellows and her husband are both well known artists, he as a painter and sculptor and she as a sculptor as well as an actress. The Railroad depot is in Whitefish so the rail travelers were also able to enjoy the excellent dinner and performance.

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### Single-parent families on the rise, say experts

If it seems as though there are more single-parent families now than just a few years ago, your perception is probably correct.

"One of the most important recent changes in family life is the enormous increase in single parenting," says Carol Bennett, Oregon State University Extension agent in Morrow County.

"The number of single-parent families more than doubled between 1970 and 1988, from 3.8 million to 9.4 million," she said.

"According to the current population survey and the 1970 decennial census, about 15.3 million of the nation's 63.2 million children under 18 years were living with a single parent."

Nearly three out of five African-American families with children under 18 years in the home are headed by a single parent. For Hispanics the figure is 34 percent, for whites, 22 percent.

"Almost nine out of 10 (87 percent) of single parents are mothers and four out of five of them had never been married," adds Jan Hare, OSU Extension family life specialist.

Research indicates that single parents tend to be younger than parents in two-parent families. The median age of one-parent family

heads in 1988 was 33.2 years while that of parents of two-parent families was 37.4 years. Single mothers tend to be younger than single fathers. In 1988, 19 percent of single mothers and only 11 percent of single fathers were under 25 years of age.

The data indicates 5.1 million children under the age of six, 5.2 million between the ages of six and 11 and 5.1 million between the ages of 12 and 17 live with a single parent.

"Nearly 47 percent of children living with single mothers were in families with an income of less than \$7,500, compared with 20 percent of those with single fathers and only four percent of children living with both parents," Bennett points out.

Income for the average single-mother family was \$11,989 compared to \$23,919 for single-father families and \$40,067 for two-parent families.

The increase in single parenting also increases need for personal money management skills. If you or a single parent you know would like to improve money management, consider viewing videos on "Tracking Your Spending" and "Making Ends Meet" which is available for self study at the Heppner Extension Office, Pettyjohn Building.

### Heppner Middle school announces third quarter honor roll

Heppner Middle School recognized 27 students for their academic achievement in the third quarter of the school year. The honor students have been issued an honor card which entitles them to special recognition at businesses in the Heppner-Lexington area.

Four-point students are Jonas Healy, Shannon Benjamin, Brent Gunderson, Toni Kemp, Traci Dickenson, and Jenny Krein.

Those receiving a 3.7 or better are Jessica Keersemaier, Ann Wick, Eric Schonbachler, Brian Koffler, Lindsey Waterland, Phillip SpicerKuhn, Mindy Qualls, Josh Coiner, Ethan Burnside, Mark Moeller, and Jessica Van Winkle.

Those receiving a 3.5 or better are Dani Hill, Tracy Blodgett, John Qualls, Ben Ewing, Bonney Hill, Dan Burnside, Bryce Tucker, Brian Struckmeier, Matt Keersemaier and Jessica Sumner.

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### Ione class of 1931 to hold reunion

By Anne Morter

The Ione High School class of 1931 will be celebrating its 60th anniversary with a no-host dinner at Beecher's Cafe on Wednesday, May 15. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

The Class of 1931 was one of Ione's largest, boasting 19 graduates. Eleven are still living and all plan to attend the festivities. Of the graduates, all but two still reside

in Oregon but Virgil Ested will be traveling from San Diego and Ordie Farrens is coming from Boise, Idaho. Despite the years and the miles, the Class of 1931 has managed to stay in touch with each other, getting together for many reunions including their 50 and 55 year gatherings. One thing is for sure, Beecher's dining room should be alive with memories the evening of May 15.

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