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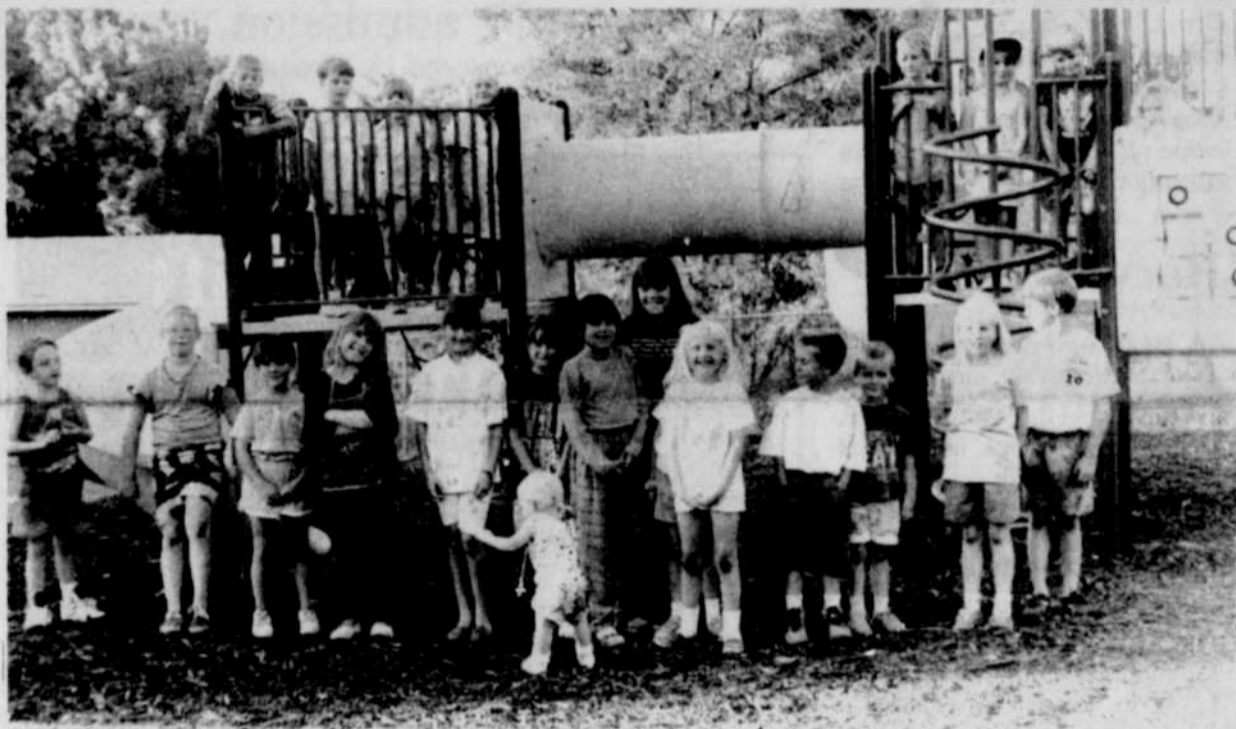


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New playground equipment installed at Heppner Elementary grade school



Kids that participated in the walk-a-thon show off new playground equipment at the school.

A new piece of playground equipment, "Tic-Tac-Triple-Zip," has been installed at Heppner Elementary School.

Volunteers started installation of the \$12,345 piece of equipment on Aug. 30, the first day of school and completed work on Sept. 4.

The new equipment is handicap accessible.

Children who participated in a walk-a-thon this spring raised around \$900 for the equipment. Other donations included Lions club-\$275; Willow Lodge #66 IOOF-\$500; Kinzua Corp-\$3,671, bark chips, logs and help

with land excavation; South Morrow County Education Association-\$150; Oregon State Education Association-\$100; and a \$2,500 grant. The remaining funds were from private donations and monies raised by the Parents Club.

Children involved in the walk-a-thon include: Jennifer Burkenbine, Aaron and Stacy Delveaux, Adam and Emily Bergstrom, Kiel and Krystal Nairns, Markel and Travis James Riley and Adam Wight, Frankie Ledford, Olivia and Kaitlyn Sagely, Chris and Daniel Traylor, Kelly Straley, Aaron Griffith, Tylynn

and Brian Smith, Linsey Mitchell, Sally and Lily Calvert, Autumn and Emily Chick, Krystal Temple and Stephanie Smith.

John Boyer and Mark Rietmann did the excavation. Dave Allstott headed the construction crew with help from Jerry Gentry, Ken Eckman and Jim Lankford. Others involved were Tim Adams, John McCabe, Bob and George Nairns, George Waterland, Kelly Fox, Steve Rhea, Mike Jones, Mark and Tami Rietmann, Scott Coe, Rita Bergstrom and Allen Burkenbine.

Ione to be featured on Channel 2

By Anne Morter

KATU, Channel 2 out of Portland will feature Cycle Oregon in Ione several times during the next week.

On September 10, during the 6:30 p.m. news, the Cycle Oregon staff will be interviewed as a kick-off to the ride, wearing

the original 'Yikes! Bikes!' T-shirts designed by the Ione committee.

On Sept. 14, all three news broadcasts will feature shots from Ione. Live shots will air sometime during the 5 and 6:30 p.m. editions of the news and a taped segment will be featured at 11 p.m.

On Sept. 15, Ione will be the highlight of anchorman, Paul Linnman's "Spirit of the Northwest" feature, set to air at approximately 6:55 p.m. Linnman and a taping crew spent several hours taping at various locations around town last Thursday, Sept. 2.

Volunteers needed to serve at Ione for cycle VI

By Anne Morter

More volunteers are still needed for various meal serving jobs for the Ione stay of Cycle Oregon. Dinner has been split into two shifts, the first from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and the second from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Breakfast will be run in one shift, starting at 5 a.m. and ending at 9 a.m. Anyone in-

terested in volunteering for a serving shift should contact Anne Morter at 422-7429.

A complete list of dinner and breakfast servers has been posted at Bristow's Market and the Post Office in Ione, Del's Market in Lexington and on the bulletin board at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner.

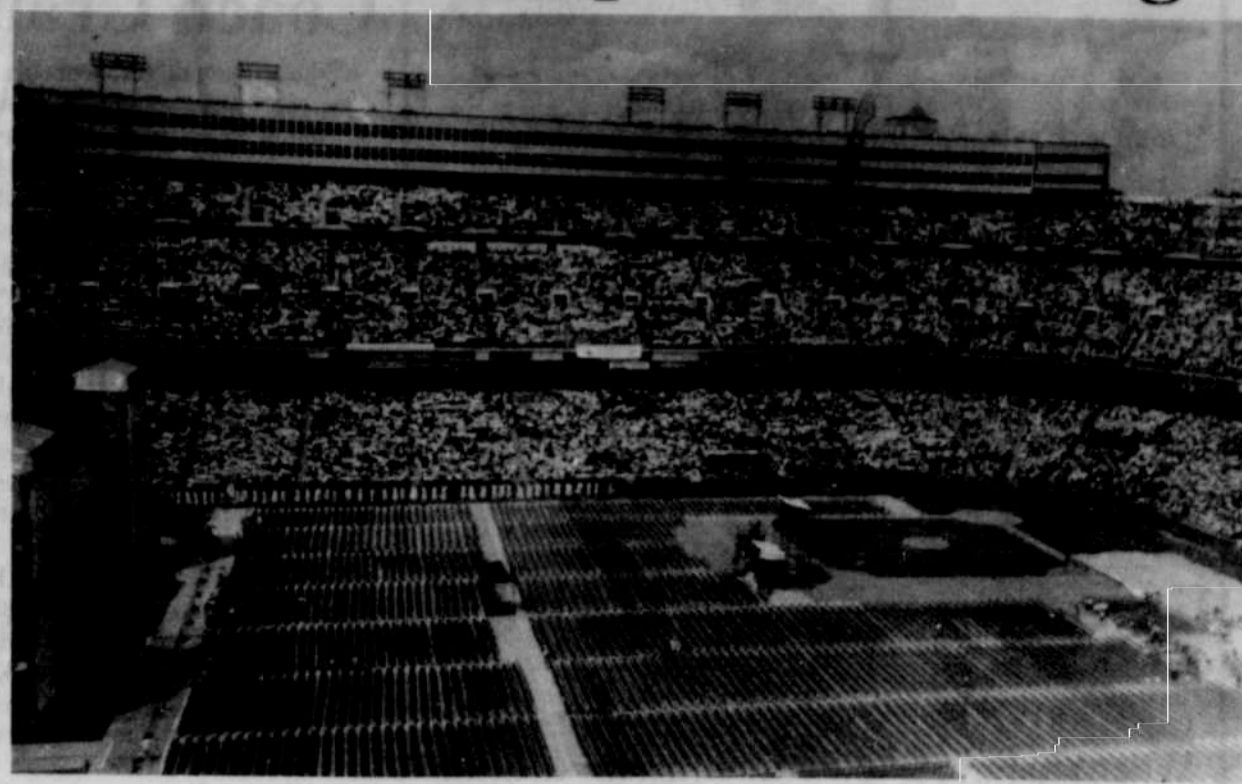
Camp Fire seeks leader

Camp fire is seeking a leader to take over a local group for boys in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Meetings for the group will be held after school.

For more information call the Camp Fire office at Pendleton 276-6181.

Trek to see Pope exhilarating



Mile High Stadium greeted 250-300 thousand people along with the Pope.

It's still up for debate which was higher—the kids or the altitude—during the Pope's visit to Denver, Colorado, as part of the Sixth World Youth Day.

World Youth Day involved between 250 and 300 thousand youth from all over the world, including a group from the Heppner Lexington area: Tina Chinen, Phillip Spicerkuhn, Cynthia and Stephanie Skultety and Chuck Bowman, Heppner and Joe Lindsay and Ryan Munkers, Lexington.

"The idea was to give kids a chance to focus on themselves as Christians and on the fact that they are a part of a community as believers," said Bill Kuhn, Heppner, who chaperoned the local kids, along with Martha Munkers, Lexington. "They saw that being Christian was a cool thing to be."

And it was a lot of fun. The rally included rock bands, an opportunity to meet people from all over the world and to hear Pope John Paul II, a sleepout under the stars with thousands of other kids, a trip to a waterslide park, and all the McDonalds food you could stand.

The group left Heppner around 5:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9 and traveled to Pendleton where they joined a group of Pendleton kids from St. Mary's church on a chartered bus. They traveled two days, 10 to 12 hours a day, stopping overnight in Ogden, Utah, both ways. Once they arrived in Denver, they stayed at the Sheraton Hotel, except for one night of camping out.

Thursday and Friday were catechesis days which the Hepp-

ner group attended at Mile High Stadium. Catechesis included inspirational talks interspersed with music and testimonials from people all over the world and lasted between three and a half to four hours. The sound system was "incredible" with three or four bands playing rock, spiritual, and current music. There were cheerleaders on the sidelines and "waves" in the stands.

On Saturday the Heppner and Lexington kids joined 20 to 30 thousand other kids in a pilgrimage, walking 20 miles in the heat, some singing, some rapping on their way to Cherry Creek Park. That night they slept outside, in roped-off segments of 1,500 to 2,000 people. "Sleeping was really interesting," said Kuhn. "The kids were so psyched up, sleeping didn't make a lot of difference to them. Some tried and some didn't. We slept sardine-style, all crammed in."

The Sunday morning Mass was open to the public, so they were awakened at 5 a.m. to allow other people to come into the park. Around 400 thousand people attended that Mass.

"Sunday was hard on the kids," continued Kuhn. "By 9 a.m. it was 90 degrees. After that much time, walking 20 miles and five days of hamburgers, some of our kids got sick." The local kids weren't down for long, however, and were soon back on their feet after something cool to drink and a rest in the shade. Kuhn said that medics were "everywhere" but so many people became ill, mostly because of the heat and dehydration, that an elementary

school was opened to take care of

the overflow. The shuttle system was a "disaster" said Kuhn, but the Heppner-Lexington kids were able to hook up with a LaGrande group who had chartered a bus. The two groups developed an "instant rapport" and got to be good friends.

Kuhn said that the Pope's message to the youths was that they were not only the future of the church, but the present, and that meant that they can do something now to change the world. One particularly touching testimonial was from a young man with cerebral palsy who had been told that he would never walk. But, the boy's father never gave up and the young man eventually walked. However, the young man and his father had now switched roles, because the father had developed cancer and it was now the boy's turn to take care of him.

Sunday's Mass concluded around 1 p.m., but because of the crowds and poor shuttle system, the group didn't get out until around 6 p.m. and were not able to leave for home until Monday morning. The kids spent most of the time on the bus recovering, but still didn't get much sleep. "They were a little bit lower key, though," said Kuhn. The group arrived home around 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 17. "It was exhausting, but as far as mentally and spiritually, it was great. I needed several days to recover physically, though," added Kuhn.

A slide presentation of the trip will be held at St. Patrick Church on Sept. 26.



Back l-r: Bill Kuhn, Phillip Spicerkuhn, Joe Lindsay and Ryan Munkers. Front-Stephanie Skultety, Tina Chinen, Martha Munkers

Trust scholarship winners announced

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust has awarded five \$500 scholarships to local students who are in their second, third or fourth year of college or in graduate school. The trust has awarded \$6,500 in scholarships in all this year, \$2,500 of which was received by an anonymous donor. Other scholarships were announced at graduation time.

Receiving scholarships this year are: Carrie Brownfield, a senior at Western Oregon State College (WOSC) majoring in elementary education; J.J. Shaw, a University of Idaho senior majoring in mechanical engineering; Lana Orr, an Eastern Oregon

State College senior majoring in elementary education; Scott Johnston, a WOSC junior majoring in elementary education; and Chisana Warren, a Blue Mountain Community College

sophomore majoring in music education.

The trust is accepting tax deductible donations. For more information or to make a donation, contact Bob Kahl, 676-9113.

Singspiration service Sept. 12

"Amazing Grace", "How Great Thou Art", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic" if these and other hymns are your favorite, then why not come to singspiration service on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church located near Willow Creek Dam in Heppner."

says the Rev. Stan Hoobing.

"It's a great opportunity to sing your old time favorites, see old friends and make new ones," he adds.

There will be a free will offering for the work of the South Morrow County Ministerial Association.

Refreshments will be served.