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## Staci O'Brien selected Rodeo Queen



1994 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court: Queen Staci O'Brien, Princess Kim Bedortha, Jossie Evans and Char Coe

Four highly-skilled young horsewomen were selected as the 1994 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court following tryouts held at the fairgrounds in Heppner Sunday, Sept. 26. Selected as queen was Staci O'Brien, Heppner. Her princesses are Charene Coe and Josilyn Evans, both of Heppner and Kimberly Bedortha, Ione.

Queen Staci O'Brien, the 18-year-old daughter of Burke and Ginger O'Brien, is a 1993 Heppner High School graduate. Her lifelong interests besides horses include sports, crafts and child care. This summer she has been working in a day-care center in Pendleton under a work-study program with an eye towards becoming an elementary teacher.

During her school years, she was an active 4-H'er participating in livestock clubs. A former princess in 1992, she has also served as a pennant bearer. In 1993, she was selected as the prom queen and was a homecoming princess in 1992. Staci was also a member of the school dance team and has participated in the Wrangler Riding Club playdays and events.

Family members include an older sister, Kristi, who, like their mother, was also a court princess. She also has a brother Casey. This year, her grandfather, Leonard King, was inducted into the Pendleton Round-Up Hall of Fame.

Princess Kim Bedortha, 16, is the daughter of Tom and Anne Bedortha, Ione. A junior at Ione High School, she is active in varsity basketball, volleyball and track. Besides 4-H, her horse ac-

tivities include barrel racing. Other interests include bicycling, traveling and making new friends. As a member of the Ione Youth Group, she was actively involved in helping host Cycle Oregon VI participants when they recently stayed overnight in Ione. Like the queen, Princess Kim has an older sister, Kristine, who was also a court princess.

Also riding horses from an early age is Princess Charene Coe, 16, the daughter of Tim and Jan Coe, Heppner. For the past seven years she has participated in the fair events with sheep and horse projects where she has won many awards. She is also an active FFA member and participates on judging teams. A junior at Heppner High School, she is active in track, basketball and volleyball. She has participated in Wrangler playdays and has carried a pennant for previous courts. Family members include an older sister,

Tricia, a past court princess and a brother Scott.

Completing this select group of court representatives is Princess Josilyn Evans, 15, the daughter of Heppner area ranchers, Monte and Becky Evans. Jossie is a sophomore at Heppner High School and serves as the class secretary. She qualified for the state track meet in three events last year and played on the JV volleyball and basketball teams. She is a FFA Chapter member and on the FFA judging team. She also belongs to the Outdoor Club and the Wildhorse Club. She enjoys barrel racing and gaming events as a member of the Wrangler Riding Club. As a top competitor during fair with her horse and beef breeding projects, she was the High Point Rider and Champion Senior Performance Horse winner at the 1993 Open Horse Show. Princess Jossie has a younger brother Casey, who is also an active 4-H'er.

## Richard Ladd resigns from fair board

Richard Ladd has resigned from the Morrow County Fair Board.

Ladd would have served two three-year terms in December.

Ladd, chairman of the board said it was more appropriate to turn over the helm of the fair board three months early, since that period of time is consumed by the budget process and it would not be appropriate to quit at that time. According to a courthouse news release there is a two term limit of service.

Ladd said that he was gratified with the cooperative spirit of the

Fair Board members and enjoyed his term of office even though it was a time consuming job.

The county court accepted the resignation, commenting that under Ladd's leadership, great strides have been made in all phases of the Fair Board's responsibilities and improvements at the fairgrounds.

The court is now accepting applications for the board seat vacated by Ladd. "In the spirit of community representation, someone from the Ione/Lexington community would be desirable," said the release.

## Frank Anderson to be honored at OSU

Frank Anderson, Heppner, will be honored by the Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences Tuesday, Oct. 12 in Corvallis.

Anderson will be among the 1993 Diamond Pioneers to be added to the college's Diamond Pioneer Registry recognizing those 75 and older for their contributions to agriculture and related areas.

Anderson, nominated by the Morrow County staff of the OSU Extension Service, was cited for his work in soil conservation, for his work in developing new agricultural practices and for his community service.

Anderson's efforts in soil conservation, including grassed waterways, diversion ditches, and residue maintenance, earned him the Conservation Farmer of the Year award in 1949. His son, Charles, is carrying on the tradition. He was the 1986 Conservation Farmer of the Year.

Anderson assisted OSU in cereal grain testing and in the early testing of canola production and also was instrumental in the development of a strategy for cheatgrass control.

He has served on the county school board and on the Federal Reserve Board, Portland Branch, among other community service activities.

Others to be honored as 1993 Diamond Pioneers are Alton McBride, Long Creek; Lou Richard, Monmouth; Hector Macpherson, Albany; Wilma McKee, Amity; Jennie Casale, Aurora; Byron Brinton and Charles Chandler, Baker City; J. Frank Schmidt, Jr., Boring; Leighton and Juanita Davis and James Harper, Corvallis; N. John Hansen, Dallas; Ray Smith, Forest Grove; Myrtle Kraus, Grants Pass; W. Lynn Barnes, Halsey; Joe Wright, Klamath Falls; Bert and Betty Udell, Lebanon; Bill Sweet, North



Frank Anderson

Bend; Robert Scharf, Perrydale; Arnold Ebert, Salem; Melvin Jenks, Tangent; Fritz Hofmann, Tillamook; John Rea, Touchet, Wash.; Joe Bonner Johnson, Walla Walla, WA.; and Walther H. Ott, Westfield, N.J.

## Test results seem to indicate county trend

Morrow County students seem to do better the longer they stay in the system, according to test results presented at the Morrow County School Board meeting Monday night Sept. 20.

Assistant superintendent Roger Helmer presented county-wide test results for both the Oregon Statewide Assessment which is an assessment test based on the Oregon schools curriculum, and the Stanford Achievement Test. The Stanford Achievement test compares students to other students across the nation. For example, if a student receives a 50 percent in a certain area in the Stanford Achievement Test, that student has done better than 50 percent of the students taking the test.

"I was told that our kids got worse the longer they were here," said Helmer. "I don't see that."

Morrow County fifth grade students who had taken an

Oregon writing assessment test scored slightly below the Oregon statewide average, but 11th grade students who took the test last year were right at the state average.

Reading and mathematics Oregon Assessment tests in grades three, five, eight and 11 mirror the writing results with third, fifth and eighth graders scoring below the state average and 11th graders just about right on. Helmer said, however, that Morrow County students were still "proficient" in all areas, except fifth grade mathematics computation, which dropped below proficient to "Basic" or partial mastery of the subject.

Stanford Achievement Test percentage scores also seem to uphold the trend in which test scores are higher in higher grades. Second-graders scored below 50 percent in all areas—reading, math, language, spelling and environment (science) for a

total of 35. Fourth graders were still below the 50th percentile in reading, math, language, spelling, science and social science, but their total score was up slightly to 41.

Sixth, ninth and 10th graders scored even higher, with total scores of 52, 54 and 53 respectively. Seventh graders, however, seemed to buck the trend, scoring under 50 percent in all areas, except math. Their total score was 40.

In all grade levels, language and spelling received the lowest SAT scores, with 33.5 and 34-grade two; 36 in both areas—grade four; 49 and 46—grade six; 35 and 34—grade seven; 46 in both areas—grade nine and 40 and 44—grade 10.

Helmer said that more consistent testing and better tracking of results in the future will help determine trends and help the board decide their course of action.

## ASCS list of voters available

A list of the names of all known eligible people to receive ballots in the upcoming annual ASCS committee election is available in the county ASCS office, reports R.H. Matthews, CED. Farmers will begin nominating candidates for the ASC election on October 7.

ASCS, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is responsible for farm program administration. On the local level, ASCS operates under a farm-elected committee system. This year's election will be by mail ballot between November 26 and December 6. Voters may also get ballots at the county ASCS office.

Anyone who meets the following requirements is eligible to vote in these farmer committee

elections: any individual of legal voting age with an interest in a farm as owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper who is eligible to participate in any ASCS program.

Several general provisions related to ASCS voter eligibility. A wife who operates a farm with her husband can vote if her name is on the deed of conveyance. Any person under legal voting age can vote if he or she runs a farm, and a legal guardian who runs a farm for a child can vote for the child. No person can be denied the right to vote because of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status, or handicap.

A person may cast a ballot in any county in which he or she is an eligible ASC voter.

## Blood drawing set Sept. 30

A community blood drawing has been planned for Thursday, Sept. 30 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the St. Patrick Senior Center, 182 N. Main, Heppner.

The drawing will be held in the

activity room.

"Blood shortages are running high," said a Red Cross spokesperson. "Please plan to come in. It only takes an hour to save a life."

## New gift shop to open in Heppner

A new gift shop, Day's Unique Boutique, will open Oct. 5 on Main Street in Heppner.

The shop, located at the former Heppner TV building, is owned by Sandi Day and Molly Day. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The shop will feature many gift items—tooled leather, wooden planters, glass etchings, teal

dolls, swags and wreaths, southwest and Indian pottery, parkas, rock clocks, pheasant feather baskets, stained glass, paintings, dried flowers and macrame items, among others. The shop will also offer custom cards, custom painting on caps, sweatshirts and T-shirts, furniture refinishing on order and to sell, calligraphy, and fashion consulting.

## Solar interference to disrupt TV

This is the time of the year again that Heppner T.V. Inc. will experience interruption in the satellite stations during the day at approximately 1:05 p.m. on cable television.

"Solar interference is an inherent part of satellite operations and occurs spring and fall of each year," said Judie Laughlin of Heppner TV. This takes place when the orbital positions of the

satellite and the sun are in one line. The earth station then receives signals from both, but the more powerful sun subdues the desired signal, causing a loss of service. This short period of time lasts approximately nine minutes. The interference can be expected from October 6 through October 14. This only happens with stations the cable company receives directly from the satellites.

## MSWCD to have board meeting

The monthly board meeting of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District will be held Tuesday, Oct. 5 beginning at 3 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Electric Coop meeting room.

Agenda items include the treasurer's report, correspondence and yellow starthistle control on Rhea Creek.

## OSP trooper to be assigned to area

An Oregon State Police officer will be assigned to the Heppner area within 45 days, according to OSP Lieutenant Terry Griffith, regional dispatch center at Bend. Griffith said that Senior Trooper Gerald Jacobson, now in Medford, will be transferred to the area.

Jacobson will replace Senior Trooper Carl Martin, Heppner, who retired July 31 after 24 years with the Oregon State Police.

## Hardman Oyster feed

The Hardman Community Oyster Feed, Salmon Bake and Ham Dinner will be held on October 2 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hardman Community Center.

The dinner will also feature homemade desserts. Bob Allen is the cook.

Cost for the dinner is \$9 for adults, \$4.50 for children and preschoolers are admitted free.

## Pie sale Friday

The Methodist and Episcopal church will hold their annual pie sale this Friday Oct. 1 at Cal's BP Service Station. Fresh homemade pies will be sold beginning at 8 a.m.