

County school enrollment up



Marissa McCabe (left) and Amber Flaiz, both 12, Heppner, are among the first class of seventh-graders to attend junior high at Heppner High School. The Morrow County School District consolidated the Heppner junior and senior high schools as a cost-saving measure.

"It's not too bad," said Marissa of the new arrangement. "It's better," added Amber. "I like it better."

Enrollment on the first day of school for the Morrow County School District is up 38 students over enrollment on the first day last year, according to district superintendent Chuck Starr.

Starr said that 1,989 students enrolled in county schools this year, compared to 1,951 last year.

Enrollment at the two north county elementary schools,

A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon and Sam Boardman Elementary, and Columbia Junior High in Irrigon was 995 for kindergarten through eighth grade, up 43 students over last year on the first day.

Enrollment for Heppner Elementary and Junior High was also up from 320 last year to 340 this year.

Heppner High School saw a slight gain from 143 last year to 145 this year. Enrollment at Riverside High School, however, was down from 362 last year to 345 this year.

Ione schools also saw a decrease. Ione kindergarten through eighth grade enrollment was down to 106 this year, compared to 110 last year. Ione High School enrolled 58 this year on the first day, down from 64 last year.

Starr added that north end schools typically see increased enrollment after the Labor Day holiday.

HCC to meet September 12

The next meeting of the Heppner Coordinating Council will be Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 a.m.

The council meeting location has been changed to the U.S. Forest Service, Heppner Ranger District office. Future meetings of the council will also be held at the USFS office. The public is welcome to attend.

The meeting will be to discuss the Heppner Strategic Plan with the community members who have been selected to participate in the Rural Futures Forum (RFF) Leadership Development Program sponsored by Rural Development Initiatives, Inc. of Redmond.

Heppner participants in the 1995-96 RFF leadership training program include Dan Brosnan, Cara Osmin, Ann Spicer, Mike McGuire, Corol Mitchell and Delanne Ferguson.

Previous leadership trainees in the RFF program were Rolli Marshall, Claudia Hughes and Bob Jepsen.

Guest preacher at Hope, Valby Sept. 3

Laurie Larsen-Caesar, a Lutheran seminary graduate of Harvard Divinity School, will be the guest preacher and liturgist at Valby and Hope Lutheran churches on Sunday, September 3.

Larsen-Caesar is no stranger to the Northwest as she grew up in Montana where she attended a Lutheran church. As part of her seminary training, she spent one year at a Lutheran seminary, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California.

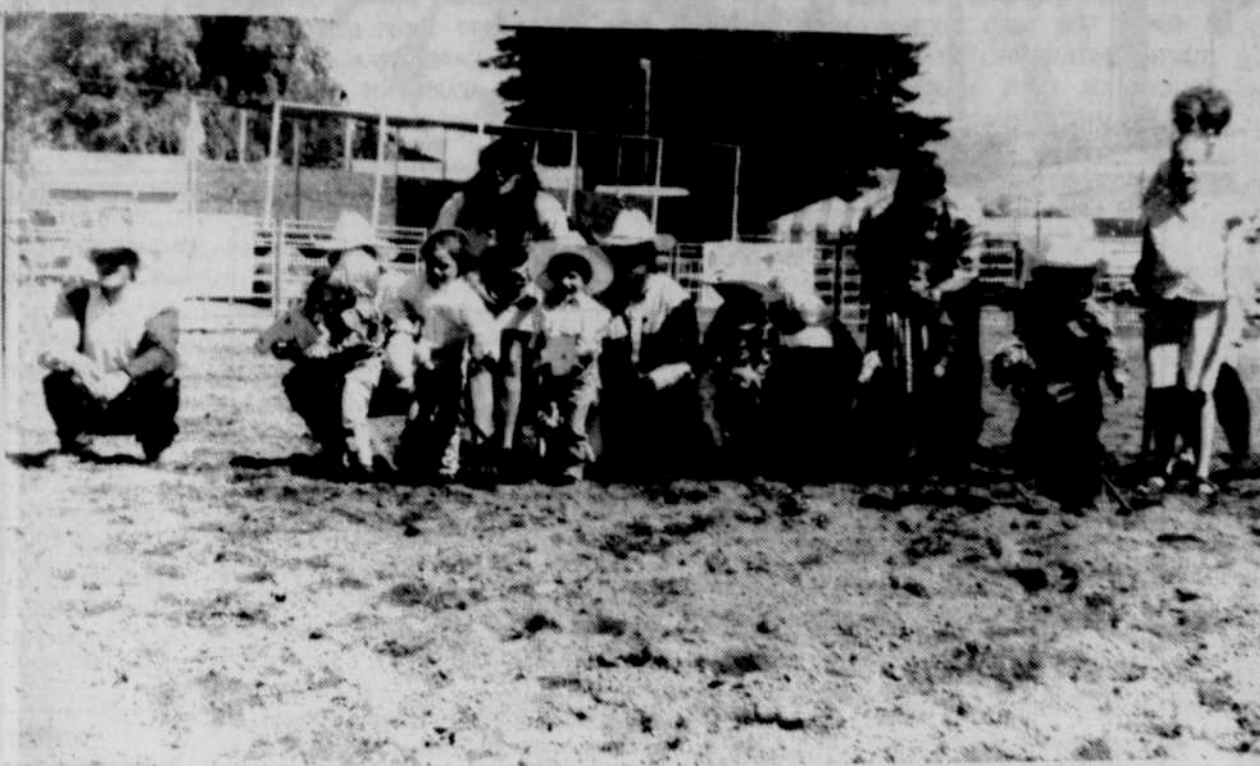
While Larsen-Caesar was in seminary, she met and married Drew Caesar, who is the assistant pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Pendleton. "They have a very 'ecumenical' marriage," said the Reverend Stan Hoobing, pastor at the Hope-Valby parish.

At present, Larsen-Caesar teaches English at Eastern Oregon Corrections Center as a faculty member of Blue Mountain Community College. She is a candidate for the ordained ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Worship service at Valby Lutheran Church, located on the Ione-Gooseberry Road, begins at 9 a.m. Worship at Hope Lutheran Church, in Heppner, will be at 11 a.m.

Visitors and friends are welcome to attend the services.

70-plus riders enter stick horse race



The stick horse racers

It was a sunny day at the Morrow County Rodeo in Heppner, August 20. Some people thought that they were at the Pendleton Round-Up and it was time for the Indian Pageantry, but they were wrong—it was just the 70-plus Morrow County stick horse racers and their moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles and friends who poured into the multipurpose facility and the Oregon Trail Rodeo Arena at the Morrow County fairgrounds.

There were stick horses, stick bulls, stick ponies and just plain ol' sticks. The kids were dressed in their finest rodeo outfits and the horses were

ready to run.

When the dust settled, the winners were: three and under—first Chance Ford Day, second Alexis Doutre, third Austin Dennis and fourth Torrie Lovgren; four and five year olds: first Lane Bailey, second Katie Kilkenny, third Ashley Kannard; six and seven year olds: first Nick Berretta, second Brent Parks, third Madison Bailey, fourth Ryan Cate.

Judges for the annual Morrow County Rodeo Stick Horse Race were: Janet McDowell, Jody Gumb and Elaine Miller. J.D. Pitcher took entries along with Marlene Currin, Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo secretary.

The queen of the Morrow

County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, Rondi Robinson, and her princesses, Stephanie Skultety and Michele Meakins, handed out the trophies, ribbons, treats and certificates to the winners and participants.

Brett Barber and Kathleen Greenup made and loaned some of the "cutest and fastest stick horses in the county" to riders who came without horses of their own. Ron McDowell, Terrie Gentry and Darcy Robinson were also on hand to help match the horses with their riders.

Larry Mills and Frank Halvorsen were the race announcers.

Class of 1945 plans reunion

Heppner High School class of 1945 will hold their 50th class reunion on September 2, at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Ray French, who is coordinating the activities, announced that the festivities will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., with dinner following at 7:30 p.m.

French encourages anyone who may want to visit and reminisce with members of the class to "come and join the fun". French said he is the only member of the class still living in Morrow County. Al-

though most of the past class members still live in Oregon, some have moved to other states and at least one each is expected from the states of California and Alaska.

Members who have stated they will attend the reunion besides French include: Kath-

erine Harris Lovgren, Betty Coxen Hoyt, Jean Turner Runnion, Joe Hughes, Albert Bailey, Jack Pickens, Margaret Provo Noack, Alfred Rugg, Kathryn Howell McLaughlin, Melba Burnside Chronister, Joe McLaughlin, Jack Edmondson and Ted Ferguson.

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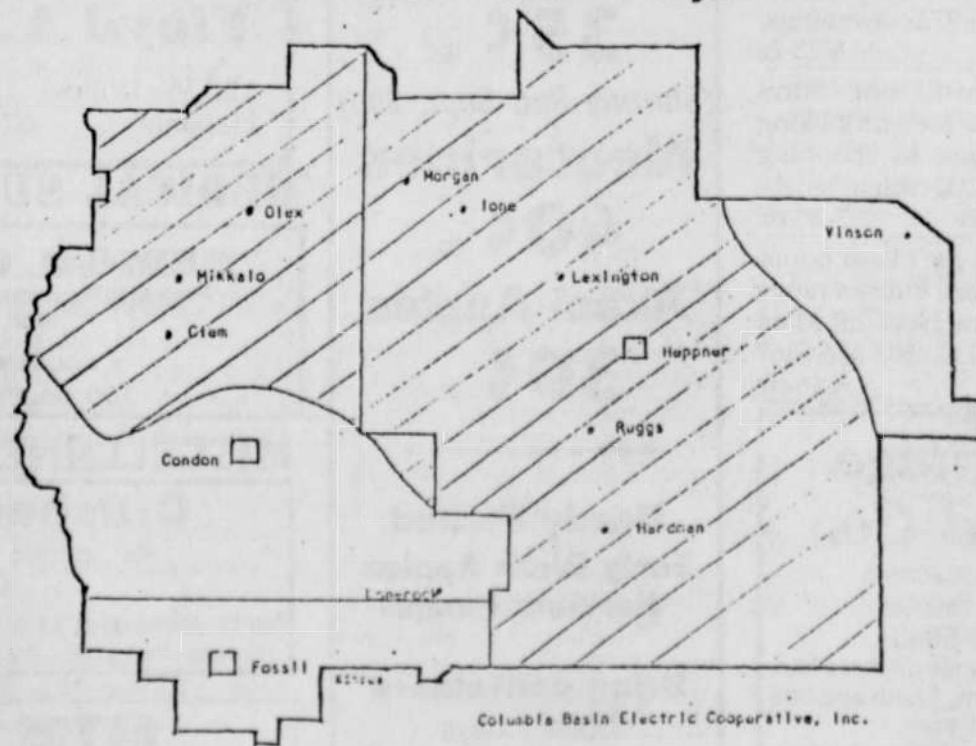
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