

By April Hilton-Sykes

What was the essence of the year 1995? The Million Man March? Blacks vs. whites. Democrats vs. Republicans? Liberals vs. conservatives? Bill Clinton vs. Newt Gingrich? Or was it a little closer to home—North Morrow County vs. South Morrow County? Whatever the mood of '95, the events close to home always shape our lives.

Following are just a few of the events that shaped history during the past year in South Morrow County.

JANUARY: Vietnam veterans are honored at an Alumni Association banquet; the class of '89-91 win alumni tournament for the second year in a row; Lone Youth Group helps Portland homeless; County court resolution paves way for county-wide park and rec district; Morrow County School superintendent Chuck Starr answers questions about grade 7-12 configuration; Concerns raised about moving grades seven and eight to Heppner High School; Allstott and Gentry win business of the year, Ken Turner, man of the year, Helen Crawford, woman of the year, Barbara Hayes, educator of the year; Del's Market opens for business after fire; JoyceKay and Jerry Hollomon, Bob Kahl, Heppner Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine and the Heppner Fire Department receive Chamber of Commerce Hats Off awards; Morrow County School Board to seek bus transportation bids; Marilyn Garcia named First Interstate Bank manager.

FEBRUARY: New museum in south Morrow County could spell relief; Hill House adult foster care facility fills need in community; Rondi Robinson crowned Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Queen, Stephanie Skultety, Michelle Meakins, princesses; Rec district begins formation; Bank of Eastern Oregon opens Condon branch; Bill Schlaich, Jared Ashbeck named to East-West Shrine team; Huston Lesley celebrates 99th birthday; Mike Armato to head up BEO Mortgage; Snow falls heavily in south Morrow County; School board takes no action on request to reverse 7-12 configuration; Jessica Stefani, Bridget McElligott receive Soroptimist International Youth Citizenship Awards; Cardinal girls end season with 30 consecutive wins; Lone boys and girls head to district; Union Pacific begins liquidation of Condon-Heppner branch line property; Cut of 25 teachers recommended to balance school budget; Artist's conception of swimming pool revealed; Lady Cards capture district crown; Lone boys defeated by Wasco, but claim spot in state tournament; Fillies earn spot in playoffs; Elks Scholarship winners announced—Jenny Krein, Dani Hill, Kelsie Evans, Chris Dickenson, Mark Moeller, Brent Wright.

MARCH: Sara Adkins celebrates 100th birthday; School district outlines cuts in teachers, programs; Brosnan Family, St. Pat's honorees; Court OK's recreation district; Jenny Krein chosen for Coca-Cola scholarship; Lexi Matteson, Tiffanie Munkers place in Roseburg rodeo; Columbia Basin All Star team announced—Trent Hughes, Kelsie Evans, Char Coe, Jenny Krein; Oregon Together donates \$1,500 to area groups; School district to contract bus services; Heppner celebrates St. Patrick's Day; Home Rule proposal in final stages; Gary Marks finds hidden shamrock; Willow Creek Park dedicated; Josey Sue Taylor, 21 months, dies in tragic wagon accident during St. Patrick's Day festivities; Lynde Minster selected Girls State delegate; Jeri McElligott, Cathy Halvorsen win Trail Blazer/Budweiser All Star honors; First Interstate donates \$2,500 to rodeo bleachers; Deane Seeger, Jerry Healy, Larry Lindsay win Port of Morrow positions, Russ Morgan, Morrow County School Board director spot; County operating levy, school district bond levy, Willow Creek Park District bond and serial levy all pass.

APRIL: Heppner FFA Chapter well represented at state; Kelsie Evans, Mandi Gutierrez selected as 4-H ambassadors; Eric Rollis qualifies for state Geography Bee; Playground and restroom to be installed at Heppner City Park; Ethan Burnside, Jenny Krein nominated as Tandy Scholars; Mardeen Patton named Bank of Eastern Oregon lone branch supervisor; School board approves teacher layoffs; Forest Service donates pagers to EMT Association; School district loans rec district funds for fall sports; City breaks ground for new restroom; Shorty Peck named fair and rodeo grand marshal; Guy Van Arsdale, county public works director; Shrubs, trees planted at Willow Creek Campground; HHS selects prom court-king and queen Brent Wright, Jenny Krein, court, Char Coe, Chris Dickenson, Rondi Robinson, Trent Hughes, Chad Skroch, Kelsie Evans; Roger Cash named to fair board; St. Patrick's Committee presents \$2,000 to South Morrow County Scholarship Fund; John Moffit promoted to Bank of Eastern Oregon assistant vice-president; John Qualls, Dani Hill win Cargill scholarships; Elementary math contest winners announced—Nick Armstrong, Shelly Rietmann, Joshua Reeve; Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun wins Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police award; Telemetry system failure results in water shortage.

MAY: Russians visit Heppner High School; HHS golf team sets new record; New records set by HJH track team; HJH-Centennial annual student exchange held; HHS investing team earns top honors; HHS golf team takes second in state playoffs; Ethan Burnside, Dani Hill, Mark Moeller, Jenny Krein win South Morrow County Scholarship Trust awards; City acquires new sludge truck; John Qualls wins BEO scholarship; Rain greets Rolling Hills runners; Stan Kemp Conservation Farmer of the Year; School district raises lunch prices; Rain, runoff raise Willow Creek Lake, creek reaches flood proportions; Grandview couple buys Office Tavern; Bonnie, Noel Bunch, new managers at North-western Motel; Mustangs head to district playoffs; Thierry Delbart wins district tennis title; Traci Dickenson, David Michael, Nicole VanEtta qualify for state track tournament; Cardinals win Big Sky Conference District 3 1-A track and field meet; Trent Hughes, Chris Dickenson, Rod Zumwalt, Chad Skroch named to first team CBC baseball all stars; HHS students improve mini-park; Trent Hughes, Chris Dickenson named to All State 2-A East baseball team; Hospital Foundation awards scholarships to Amy Osmin, Mark Moeller, Laura Muir, Jenny Krein, Christian Shultz, Ahna Lietke; Lone hosts bike racers; Colin McElligott, Randi McElligott, Ahna Lietke win district spelling contest; New x-ray equipment installed at Pioneer Memorial Hospital; Mark McElligott, Tim Dickenson win junior high math contest; Sale of Bristow's Market brings and end of an era.

The Essence of 1995

JUNE: Heppner, lone hold graduation ceremonies; Little League field dedicated in memory of George Waterland; Dave Gunderson named state coach of the year; David East wins gold medal in 3-A, 2-A, 1-A state golf championships; Sixty-five kids attend Willow Creek Lake fishing derby; Leah McCarl opens hair salon; Teachers-district reach contract agreement; Sheridan Tarnasky wins \$1,500 career enhancement scholarship; Norm and Barbara Zeller buy Bristow's Market; City council adopts \$2 million budget; Boardman Council approves first reading of annexation to city; New physician, Dr. Ernie Atkins, hired at Pioneer Memorial Clinic; Classified union charges bad faith to Morrow County School District; Exchange student, 'Ice', returns to lone for visit; Rodeo Club members, Lexie Matteson, Annie Hisler, Katie McCain, Tiffany Munkers, Justin Matteson, to go to national high school rodeo finals; Boardman annexes Port of Morrow property to city; Redmond man injured by bull at rodeo grounds; George Koffler elected to state bankers' association board.

JULY: Father Gerry Condon celebrates 40 years in the priesthood; Randy Anderson to manage Les Schwab; Mike Sweek sworn in as new policeman; Charity McElligott named 1-A volleyball coach of year; Senior apartment complex proposed; Lone celebrates the Fourth of July; School district loses unfair labor practices suit; Morrow County Grain Growers purchases Lexington baseball field; Hail storm devastates area wheat ranchers; Medical district to hire physician's assistant for Irrigon; Meeting set on park district withdrawal; Rev. Al Trachsell, new United Methodist minister; Rev. Andrew Johnson hired at First Christian; Park district hears withdrawal petitions; Summer Youth Program underway; Wheat harvest begins with average yields; David Green buys Heppner Garbage Disposal from Cliff Green; Lowell Gribble demonstrates lubricating invention; A.J. Tarnasky earns BEO scholarship; Annie Hisler places well at Falon, Nev. rodeo; IHS coach Charity McElligott, player Mary Jane McCarty participate at all star match; Jossie Evans wins Morrow County Horse Show champion senior performance horse, Char Coe, reserve, Sybil Krebs, champion high point rider, 13-17, Evans, reserve, Nonnee Walters, high point 12 and under, Katie Bacon, reserve.

AUGUST: First stage of proposed museum on display; Mike McGuire, Tim VanCleave, Tom Norton, Sam Myers, Bill Jepsen, Matt Jepsen attend Promise Keepers events; Youth football program to be organized; Matt Chetwood, Randy Van Etta, Corey Sweeney, David McCurry save Mike Hammons from drowning at Willow Creek Lake; Health District rejects Dr. Boss' offer; Football camp opens; Dr. Paul Marshall, new dentist at Heppner clinic; Japanese exchange students embrace life in America; Jeannine and Ernie Dilley rescue boy from Penland Lake; Mary Goheen attends San Francisco Soroptimist convention; Doug and Kathleen Lowe sell Bucknum's Tavern to Jana Lee and Ray Musgrove; Tim Coe opens The Woodshed wood craft shop; Lone residents walk in 'Human Race' in memory of Jason Halvorsen; Lone students earn state's best marks; 'Look What Kids Can Do' at the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo; US West customers to be transferred to PTI; Chuck Matteson wins calf roping saddle; Stanfield cowboy wins all around; School computer network funded; County school enrollment up; Jim Hankins named to health district board; Minster family of lone all enroll in college; New area code to begin Nov. 5.

SEPTEMBER: Kyle Robinson has grand champion heifer; Ken Smouse wins state wheat awards; Youth football program underway; Steve and Linda Yaw buy Cal's from Buzz and Kathleen Lynch; Rural residents propose livestock district; Handicap access to be installed at dam; Tom and Helen Riehl sell R&W Drive In to Patty and Alex Rystedt; Ron Currin wins steer wrestling at Round-Up; Mike Beers wins Mike Currin Memorial saddle; High school sorts out new dress code; City of Heppner wins street improvement grant; Recreation district budget passes 1609 to 1035; Marilyn Garcia resigns from First Interstate; Tom Springer to retire.

OCTOBER: Ida Farra and Sandra VanLiew win 1995 Morrow County Fair Creative Hands awards; Marjorie Worden celebrates 100th; Elizabeth Allen honored; Gingerbread House fills community need; Lone High School crowns homecoming court—Stephanie Lemieux, queen, Rob Crum, Roseanne Baker, Cory Baker, Kara Miller, Petr Hybs, Dawn Sheirbon, Andrew Anderson, Angie Ball, John Doherty, court; Heppner High School homecoming court crowned—queen Jessica Sumner, king Shaun Hisler, court Stormy Howard, Eric Schonbachler, Renee Devin, Ben Ewing, Jossie Evans, Chris Sykes, Traci Dickenson, Jim Schlaich, junior court Robert McElligott, Jessica McKinney; Laurel Webber-Gray wins Lexington scholarship; Enoch and Bernita Hickey lease Lexington Service Station from Buck and Joanne Morris; 1995-96 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court announced—Queen Brenda Holtz, court, Dawn Boor, Beth Hermanns, Stormy Howard; Parents upset about Heppner Elementary School first grade class size; Rondi Robinson wins Morrow County Fair, Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo scholarship; Bond levy funds improvements at Heppner Elementary, High School; Jim Farley honored by OSU; Jane Rawlins tells of visit to Poland; Pickups, tools stolen from Morrow County Grain Growers.

NOVEMBER: Stormy Howard, Annie Hisler earn CBC second team volleyball honors; Outreach Ministries banquet dedicated in memory of Jason Halvorsen; Geri Grieb elected Morrow County Wheat League president, Craig Miles, vice president; Lone School has special stamp cancellation; City of Heppner receives \$49,500 street light grant; District Attorney Earl Woods foils escape attempt; Morrow County Grain Growers burglar apprehended; Landowners denied park district withdrawal petition; School bus drivers, district still at odds; Ron Currin wins Columbia River Circuit Steer Roping Finals; John Bristow resigns from Port of Morrow Board; John Qualls wins scholarship; HHS FFA officers, Josie Proctor, Tina Kemp, Frank Martin, Mandi Gutierrez, Toni Kemp, attend Kansas City national convention; Heppner Mustangs go to district playoffs; School district, drivers deadlocked; Lone Youth Group helps with community projects; Voters approve livestock district; Sheena Christman wins Make It With Wool pre-teen division; Mustangs grab six first team CBC positions—Shaun Hisler, Chris Sykes, Brent Gunderson, Jim Schlaich; four second team—Sykes, Ben Ewing, Rod Zumwalt, Brian Koffler; honorable mention—Schlaich; Mustangs lose heartbreaker to Nyssa, 34-26; City of Heppner receives awards; Marvin Padberg appointed to Port of Morrow Commission; School district turns down request to hire first grade teacher; Agreement reached on HES first grade; HHS National Honor Society, Wild Horse Club athletes help with food drive; Carl Martin honored by Marine Board; Neighborhood Center distributes Thanksgiving baskets; Christmas tree erected on Main Street; Kent Goodyear to resign from Port of Morrow; Lutheran churches donate to Neighborhood Center; School Board approves bus service contract; HHS Drama Club puts on play.

DECEMBER: Drs. Berretta may not renew contract; Lawsuit filed against school district; Artifactory ushers in Christmas season; Willow Creek Baptist sharing tree to help cheer area children; Friday School kids present Christmas program; JoyceKay Hollomon becomes real estate salesperson; Toni Kemp selected for writing contest; Ben Hubert wins VFW contest; BEO marks 50 years of service; Heppner Council gives green light to housing program; Townsend family face tough times; Cindy Osterlund honored by Extension; Stan Hoobing new Heppner Coordinating Council chairman; Local ministers offer inspirational messages; Area churches schedule Christmas services; Virginia Grieb, Mark Miller, Clinton Krebs elected to Farm Service Agency positions; Lone Legion Auxiliary, 4-Hers, students assist women's shelter with donation; Heppner FFA chapter members act as Santa's helpers at Lunch With Santa; Mid Columbia Bus Company to begin Morrow County service; Ron Brisbois, Randall Peterson, Shoe Box win lighting contest, Richard Paris, Joyce Hughes, second; Ernie McCabe, third.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE GAZETTE-TIMES!

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

-- Mr. and Mrs. Ned Clark recently entertained with a supper and bunco party at their home. Present were Wilbur and Dorothy Jackson, Lyle and Virginia Peck, Cecil and Delpha Jones, Carl and Geri Martin, Clarence Buchanan and Barton Clark. Bunco was won by the Joneses. The host and hostess gave each guest a Christmas remembrance.

-- Lexington Grange met on Monday evening for the regular meeting. A turkey potluck dinner was enjoyed. The lecturer's program was followed by Christmas music by some of the Sunday School children of the Christian Church, accompanied by Betty Marquardt. The prize for the Christmas game was won by Karen Temple.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 15. Pomona will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, at Lexington Grange Hall.

-- Luella Taylor and Delpha Jones entertained the P.N.C. of Holly at the Jones' home Tuesday evening. Dinner was at 6 p.m., followed by a secret sister party. Secret sisters were revealed and names were drawn for 1996 sisters. Those attending enjoyed an evening of visiting. Geri Martin won the door prize. Those present were: Virginia Peck, Dorothy Jackson, Leila Palmer, Kathy Tellechea, Luella Taylor, Geri Martin, Annetta Padberg and hostess Delpha Jones.

-- Gary and Martha Munkers have returned from Portland where Gary recently underwent knee surgery.

-- Florence Grey has moved from Hill House to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

-- Lois Hunt is a patient in the hospital in Portland. She traveled to Portland on Wednesday.

Take care when purchasing Cotton Bowl packages/tickets

Oregon Attorney General Theodore R. Kulongoski has warned University of Oregon (U of O) football fans to use caution when purchasing travel packages to attend the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas on Jan. 1.

"We are all excited that the University of Oregon is playing in its second consecutive New Year's Day bowl game," Kulongoski said. "But we cannot let the excitement get in the way of our better judgment. While most sports package offers are legitimate, past experience indicates there are fraudulent operations that promise services they never intend to provide."

When selecting a travel agent, consumers should inquire whether agents have a history of handling sports packages to attend major sporting events and whether agents are registered with the state and insured. The official U of O Cotton Bowl travel package is only available through its Alumni Association. Travel agents claiming any "official" connection with the University should be reported to the Association office at (541) 346-5656 or the Attorney General's consumer hotline, (503) 378-4320 or 229-5576 (Portland only).

Additionally, consumers should call the hotline to check for consumer complaints. Travel agents also are required to register with the Department of Consumer and Business Services, (503) 378-4140.


After selecting a travel agent,

consumers should maintain communication with the agent and, if time permits, obtain all tickets, including those for the event, before departing on their trip. Buyers of the official package through the Alumni Association will receive a confirmation letter but won't be able to pick up the package until the day of departure at the airport.

As an extra precaution, consumers working with out-of-state companies on packages that include tickets to the game should ask the company to fax a photocopy of the actual tickets before sending a check or providing a credit card number. Consumers should never pay cash, as consumers using cash instead of credit cards lose their rights to dispute fraudulent charges under the federal Fair Credit Billing Act.

One last area of concern for Kulongoski involves scalping of tickets. While Oregon has no state statute making it illegal to scalp tickets, there are local ordinances that prohibit scalping in certain areas. In general, scalping is prohibited within a certain distance of an auditorium or stadium. Regardless, consumers need to be very careful when purchasing tickets from a scalper as it greatly increases their risk of being scammed.

For information on purchasing tickets from U of O, consumers may contact the U of O Cotton Bowl Ticket Information Line at (541) 346-4461 for a tape recording on how to purchase tickets.



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Bible Study for all ages 2 p.m.
Worship Service 3 p.m.
Meeting in the
7th Day Baptist Church
560 North Minor

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Happy 16th Birthday,
Tall, Dark and
Handsome!

Love, April, David, Chris,
Andy, Allison & Camille