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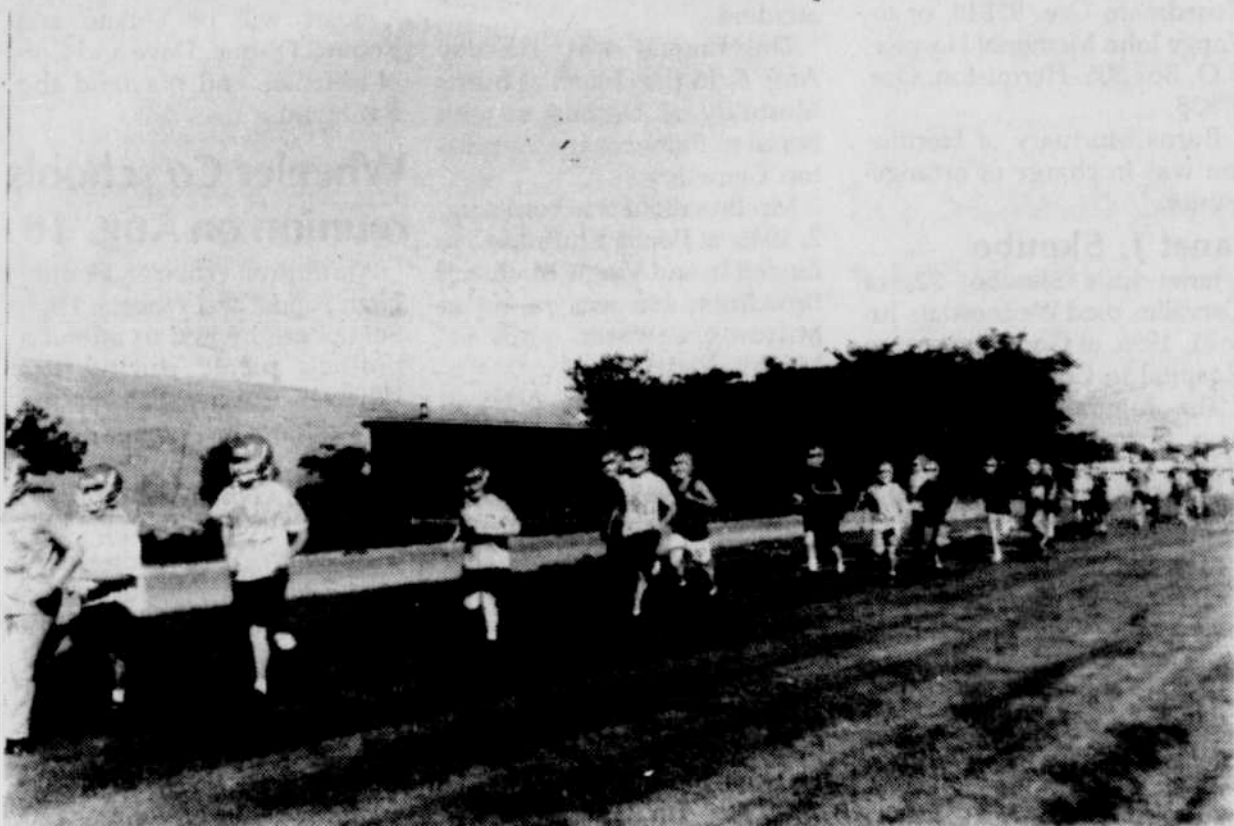


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## Football camp underway



If it's football season, school can't be far behind. Area boys began practice at the South Morrow County Football Camp held Aug. 5-9 at the Heppner High School. The camp, for boys in grades five-12, is organized by HHS coach Greg Grant.

## Health District gets go-ahead on Irrigon Clinic

The Morrow County Health District (MCHD) Board, at its regular meeting Monday, Aug. 5, learned that the Irrigon Planning Commission gave unanimous approval for MCHD's plan to begin construction of a medical clinic in Irrigon.

After formal approval by the Irrigon City Council, MCHD plans to go out for bid for construction of the clinic.

## HHS class of '46 reunion

Heppner High School graduating class of 1946 will celebrate their 50-year reunion on Friday, Aug. 16 at the Heppner Elks.

## CBEC power outage on Aug. 16

All Columbia Basin Electric Co-op customers receiving electric service from the Bonneville Power Administration's Boardman Substation will be without power Friday, Aug. 16 from 2-4 p.m., for BPA maintenance.

## Blood drive in honor of teens

The Heppner Community Blood Drive, scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 24, will be held in honor of Brian Knowles, Bill Schlaich and Adam Doherty. Donors will be provided note cards to be able to address a personal message to the young men.

At Pioneer Memorial Clinic (PMC) in Heppner starting Tuesday, Sept. 3, Dr. Ed and Jeanne Berretta, who had worked at the clinic for several years, have moved to Walla Walla. Dr. Ernie Atkins remains as physician at PMC.

Needling blood. Because of blood donors like you, blood was available for Brian, Bill and Adam.

## Princess Stormy enjoys camaraderie with other courts

Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess Stormy Howard, the 17-year-old daughter of Kenneth and Maureen Howard, is the youngest in her family. She has lived in Heppner all her life. Five brothers, three sisters and several nieces and nephews round out her immediate family. She also enjoys spending time with nieces and nephews Ryan and Taighler Dougherty of Heppner and Makenna and RJ Ramos of Stanfield.

The princess has dark brown eyes and light brown hair with blonde highlights. She will be a senior at Heppner High School (HHS) this fall. Stormy was also a princess on the 1995 HHS Homecoming Court.

Princess Stormy is a member of the National Honor Society and the Wild Horse Club. She participates in varsity basketball and made the second team All-Star volleyball team last year. She has acted in drama club productions. She also received the Most Valuable Cheerleader Award last year when the Heppner squad earned the District Cheerleading Award.

She has three years of 4-H experience in a cooking club and modeling her favorite outfit at the 4-H Fashion Revue.

This summer, Princess Stormy has held various jobs and now has a rodeo princess's dream job-riding horses. It's not as simple as that though, she explains. The four horses she rides need exercise every day to stay in shape for barrel racing and roping, so she rides them through the hills around Heppner.

"Thanks to my sister, Tammy Hentz, who gave Keno to me as a Christmas present," Stormy will be riding the dark bay eight-year-old quarter horse gelding for all mounted appearances. "Keno does everything-he loves to barrel race, pole bend, and has been ridden in the mountains," she said.

The royal learned to enjoy the competition of barrel racing and pole bending at an early age when she participated in Wranglers Riding Club events. She will ride Keno in the Sunday Morrow County barrel racing competition.

For fun and relaxation, the very active princess likes to sleep until noon or "chill in front of the t.v." with friends.

Princess Stormy says she tried out for the court because she thought it would be good experience, and since she relates well to people, she knew she could do a good job representing the Morrow County fair and rodeo.

"It has definitely been worth the time and effort," she said, "but without my parents, I wouldn't have had the chance to enjoy the summer that I've had. They have given me all the love and support I could have asked for, even at 3:15 in the morning."

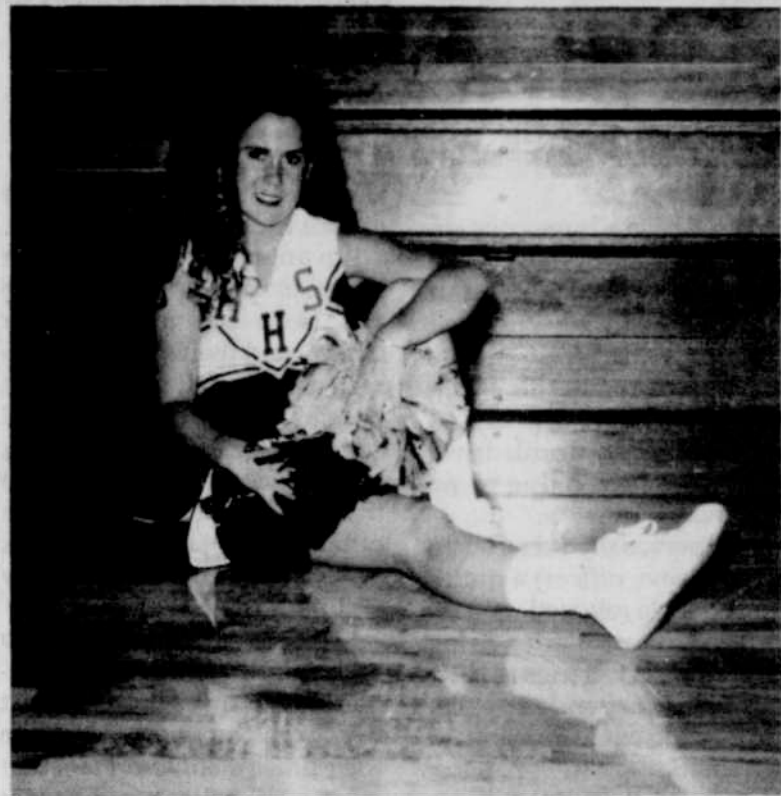
The best part about being a princess, she said, has been the opportunity to become close with the girls on the Chief Joseph Days court. "Since both courts have been at several of the same parades and rodeos, we have ridden together in the arena while warming up for grand entry, sat together at the luncheons and visited. They have made us feel comfortable; they are so easy to get along with," Princess Stormy continued. "We (the Morrow County court) are all hoping that they will be able to overcome a scheduling problem and come to our fair and rodeo."

The princess agrees with the other members of the court that

## Princess Stormy Howard

Eyes: Dark Brown  
Hair: Light Brown  
Parents: Kenneth & Maureen Howard  
Age: 17 years old  
Senior at HHS

Activities: Honor Society, Wild Horse Club, basketball, volleyball, drama, cheerleading, 4-H.



Stormy Howard poses for the camera in her cheerleading attire in the gym where she also plays volleyball and basketball.

the worst part about being on the court is getting up early. "At Sisters, we had a 3:15 a.m. wake up call, and since (Princess) Dawn and I didn't go to bed until midnight the night before, it made a really early morning."

Thus far in the season, her most memorable event was the motel stay at Sisters and the fun she and Princess Dawn had at the Dairy Queen. They ordered banana splits to take out to the motel next door, but the weather was so hot that by the time they got to their room, the ice cream had melted. Dawn managed "to spill hers

on me, the floor, my shoes. It looked disgusting, but was really funny," Stormy said, "especially the look on our moms' faces when they saw us. I guess you had to be there."

Like the rest of the court, Princess Stormy is looking forward to the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. "We can show everyone that we have worked hard enough as ambassadors to earn their support," she concluded. "I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come and enjoy our fair and rodeo. It promises to be a fun-filled weekend with never-ending excitement."

## Harvest 20-25 percent above average

Morrow County Grain Growers manager Larry Mills reports a "pretty good" wheat crop this year.

Mills said that the harvest was probably not as good as initially anticipated, but was still about 20-25 percent above average.

"Everyone is pretty pleased," said Mills. He said that harvest was going well and expects that it will be completed some time next week if the weather remains good.

Mills added, however, that some of the spring grain wasn't as good as expected because of the "backward spring".

Crops saw some damage from the hail storm last Tuesday, July 30. "Some folks got significant damage," said Mills,

mentioning the Bob Jones ranch on Heppner Hill and the Bill Kenny ranch.

Bob Ployhar of Ployhar insurance said that his clients suffered around \$35,000 in damage resulting from the storm.

Steve Rhea of VanMarter and Kahl Insurance of Heppner said that he estimates "well over \$100,000" in damaged crops, but added that he has not completed his assessment.

"It's not as widespread as last year," added Bob Kahl, owner of VanMarter and Kahl. "But it's as devastating as last year, if you happened to be in the wrong place."

Nancy Snider of Wheatland Insurance in Lone said that their clients reported no losses due to the storm.

## Heppner HS principal resigns

Heppner High School principal Steve Dickenson has announced that he has resigned as principal at Heppner and has accepted a position at Colton, which is located near

Molalla. The Reverend Stan Hoobing, pastor at Hope and Valby Lutheran Parish, has also accepted a new position in Colton.

## Fair and Rodeo tab in this week's G-T

The Heppner Gazette-Times Fair and Rodeo Special Edition will be included in this week's newspaper.

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo will be held August 14-18 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

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