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General deer season opens Saturday

General deer season opens this Saturday, Oct. 3, Heppner district wildlife biologist Glen Ward said a lot of yearling bucks are available for harvest this season because fawn crop production and survival has been high.

The bigger bucks are hidden in the timbered areas at higher elevations, he said. Dry forests may make hunting conditions poor unless some rain falls, he said.

No open fires are permitted in the Heppner regulated hunt area, he said.

Hunters should stay on main roads to prevent the spread of noxious weeds in grass and crop land, he continued. "Remember to get permission from private landowners."

Heppner, Fossil and Columbia Basin units should produce about the same number of bucks as 1986. Deer are widely scattered and in good physical condition. Yearling bucks will make up at least 85 percent of the total buck harvest. A few older bucks can be found at the higher elevations and in thick-timbered stands. Most of the private land is open by permission only and hunters are requested to travel on main roads to prevent the spread of noxious weeds, Jim Gladson of the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife said.

Nearly all of Union county is closed to general hunting except the Sled Springs Unit between the town of Elgin and the Wallowa River. The Starkey Unit and the Catherine Creek/north Union County units should be excellent for those possessing limited entry buck permits. Fairly good populations exist at lower elevations in agricultural lands, but deer are lightly scattered at all elevations. Antler growth has been excellent.

Permit-entry hunting is in effect for bucks in Keating, Pine Creek, Lookout Mountain, Catherine Creek, Sumpter and Starkey units.

In the Grant District mule deer numbers are about 30 percent below management objectives. Buck ratios, however, have increased slightly from last year in the Murderers Creek Unit. Hunters are reminded that the Murderers Creek and Northside units are open only to those that have drawn permits.

Mule deer populations continue to improve in the Wallowa District. Spring population estimates indicate the deer herd at 86 percent of the management objectives. Seventy-two percent fawn survival was recorded over-winter, compared to 64 percent in 1986.

The Hells Canyon Wilderness Area and Snake River corridor are closed to general season hunters and are open to limited entry permit hunting only. The Shamrock Road Management Area in East Sled Springs will be in effect this season

for the first time.

Deer numbers in the Walla Walla, Mt. Emily, and Ukiah units are up slightly from the past two years, he said. Adult buck carryover from last

year was only fair. The east half of the Mt. Emily Unit will be limited-entry-only for buck hunting. Deer populations on private lands in the foothills of the county are increas-

ing and can provide some excellent hunting opportunities. Permission to hunt and the spread of noxious weed should be considered when hunting on private lands.



Crop dusters from around Washington and Oregon had a chance to check out their spraying equipment Tuesday at the Lexington airport.

Flyers brought their planes over a test area at the airport to release liquid and have the spray pattern checked by computer. The pilot above had just landed his crop duster.



EMTs begin another fundraiser

Heppner Emergency Medical Technicians will sell tickets for a drawing on the Barbie doll pictured above. Money from the ticket sale will be used toward the purchase of a portable defibrillator for the ambulance. EMTs Carl Lauritsen and Pennie Miller show Klara Kinzer (right) how small the portable unit is. The unit was borrowed for the day.

The doll will be on display at Heppner Bowl, Sears, Bristow Market, Bunch Grass Saloon, Del's Market, Garners Men's Wear, Murrays Drug, Central Market, Court St. Market, Green Feed Store, and Coast to Coast over the next several weeks.

Wildlife refuges closed to hunting

The Umatilla Cold Springs and McKay Creek National Wildlife Refuges in Oregon are closed to big game hunting.

According to Refuge Manager Morris LeFever there is some confusion among hunters because the Oregon 1987 State Hunting Synopsis did not list these refuges as being closed.

The refuges are closed to all hunting until October 17 when the waterfowl season begins. Possession of rifles and other firearms is pro-

Open fires prohibited on State controlled lands

Open fires are prohibited on state controlled forest lands except in designated campgrounds areas, the Fossil office of the State Forestry Dept. said Tuesday. The restriction may be lifted by the weekend, so a

call to the fossil office may avoid confusion.

At present cooking fires on approved stoves are permitted, the department said.

Smoking is prohibited in timber and grass areas, except in vehicles.

Camp fire caution urged

Due to very dry conditions in the forest, Jim Lawrence, Forest Supervisor for the Umatilla National Forest, strongly suggests that hunters and other forest users be aware of the fire danger and be extremely cautious with warming fires and camp fires. Forest users should be sure that any fire is dead out

before leaving it. Many fall mornings are quite cold, but the woods are still very dry. If warming fires are allowed where you hunt, prepare your fire site by scraping away litter, duff and other burnable material within a ten-foot

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Getting Ready for Meeting

Heppner Garden Club members put the finishing touches on one of the 11 tables they prepared Monday afternoon for Tuesday's state garden club meeting at St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner.

Factfinder hears wage and insurance views

Both the county and road department employees have a chance to explain their positions at an informal hearing today at the county road shop.

Road Department employees have been working without a contract since July 1 when last year's contract expired.

Factfinder Roy Erickson of Salem will hear the county's and the road department's offers for wages and insurance.

The road department employees are asking for a 75¢ per hour raise with no cap on insurance coverage, the union negotiator Mike Persons said.

The county's last offer, for a

three-year contract package, called for a 3% raise (approximately 25¢ per hour), for the first year, their negotiator Don Scott and Assoc. reported.

Boeing regulated hunt expanded

The Boeing Regulated Hunt Area, located west of Boardman, will be enlarged for the upcoming upland game bird and waterfowl season, Brad Bales of the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife has announced. Approximately 4,000 acres of Taggares' agricultural lands will be added to the existing program to bring the total area available to the hunting public to 11,000 acres. The remainder of Taggares Farms and Carty Reservoir will remain closed to all public access as it has been in previous years, he said.

Other changes on the Boeing area include additions of year-round regulations on vehicle use on portions of Taggares Farms and areas south of the farm and Carty Reservoir. The public is welcome to hunt in these areas during authorized seasons (by permit only during pheasant and waterfowl season) but the majority of roads are closed to vehicle traffic. Another important change this year is that public hunting of big game animals is prohibited in the hunting access portion of Taggares Farms from October 3-25.

Complete regulations for all the regulated hunt areas in the Boardman area can be found in the 1987 game bird synopsis. Questions may be addressed to Brad Bales, 567-0489, Hermiston.

Register to vote before Oct. 13

Those who have moved, changed their name, or become 18-years-old since the last election need to register with the County Clerk's office before October 13 in order to vote in the November election.

The November election will be a vote-by-mail, the clerk has announced. Those who are uncertain about their voter registration status should contact the Clerk's office, 676-9061.

The November 3 ballot will contain an initiative measure which, if approved, would require voter approval of prospective landfill sites in Morrow County which receive garbage originating outside the county.

Camp fires allowed in federal forests

Forest Supervisors for the Umatilla, Malheur and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests have decided not to issue any open fire restrictions on the three forests for the upcoming hunting season unless weather conditions change significantly, Bob Yoder of the Forest Service said.

The forests are extremely dry. Hunters, woodcutters and other forest users are asked to be careful when smoking or using a camp fire or warming fire to ensure a safe and pleasant trip.

Non-industrial use of chain saws also is prohibited on state controlled lands, and firefighting equipment—shovel, ax, fire extinguisher—is required, the office reported.

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

September 22 - 28
High Low Prec.

Tues.	88	51	.0
Wed.	87	58	.0
Thurs.	85	54	.0
Fri.	75	45	.01
Sat.	65	37	.0
Sun.	68	38	.0
Mon.	74	42	.0

Hospital administrator says

Board has not reached agreement with doctors

According to Hospital Administrator Ernest Wick, no agreement has yet been reached between Drs. Jean and Ed Beretta and the Morrow County Medical Board. The husband and wife team who have been practicing in North Carolina are not coming to Heppner October

1. The Medical Board has submitted a proposal to the doctors who have asked for time to consider the offer.

According to Wick, a story in last week's Gazette-Times incorrectly stated that a contract with the doctors had been accepted by the medical board.

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