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Red Ribbon week is Oct. 23-30



Phyllis Payne's elementary school drug and alcohol class has been largely responsible for the display of red ribbons and signs that have been displayed around school and town this

week signifying the 'Red Ribbon' say No to Drugs week. Grocery bags were colored, coloring contests held and a movie is being presented as part of the activities.

St. Anthony terminates contract with Pioneer Memorial Hospital

Word was received this week that the administrative agreement with St. Anthony's Hospital and Pioneer Memorial Hospital would be terminated as of December 23.

In a letter from William Alsdorf executive vice president of St. Anthony Hospital, no reason was given for the termination of administration but Alsdorf asked for a meeting with the medical board on November 7 to give reasons for their action and to make recommendations for future

administration of the hospital.

Spokesman for the medical board were unavailable at press time but Judge Louis Carlson said that the hospital would continue the same service as is now being provided and that members of the County Court were in support of the current administrator Ernest Wick and would be conferring with the medical board at an executive meeting of the County Court on Wednesday, October 26.

Thanksgiving baskets given out by Center

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and the Morrow County Neighborhood Center will be giving baskets to the family or persons eligible. Pick up your slips at the center to be filled out and returned no later than November 11, to receive a Thanksgiving basket. Anyone knowing of a family or person needing a basket, let the center know or tell the family or person to contact the center.

The rummage sale held October 14 and 15 was a success due to the hard work of the volunteers, Lee and Barb Ansotegui donated use of the

building, Jack Little donated storage, Pat O'Brien and Mike Vejraska for hauling, the Catholic Church for the use of tables and racks and everyone that donated to the center. This would not have been possible without their help.

The Fairy Good Mother program is a new project. It is a program that works with the Children's Services Division to make sure that no foster child's birthday in this area is forgotten. Anyone interested in getting involved in the program can contact the center for more information.

Tax statements reflect increased rates

Property owners in Morrow County recently received their 1988-89 tax statements. These statements reflect tax rates that have increased between \$2.21 and \$4.63 from last year. One major factor of this increase in the tax rate is the decline in true cash value in the county, according to Greg Sweek, County Assessor.

Morrow County's value dropped by approximately \$80 million this year. This drop is almost a 10 percent reduction from last year's value. The largest value reduction was for utility type properties, such as the PGE coal fired plant and Union

Pacific Railroad. These two utilities have appealed their value to Oregon Tax Court. Until the case is settled, only the uncontested or lower value is allowed to be extended on the assessment roll. If the county prevails in Tax Court, then these utilities would be required to pay the back taxes plus interest on the new value.

The remainder of the value decline is shared by residential property (2.3 million), industrial (\$3.5 million), farm (\$5.0 million), and miscellaneous (\$1.7 million). This downward valuation is a reflection of the stagnant economy that Mor-

Elk season starts Wednesday

Elk season officially begins Wednesday, October 26. The first hunt will run through Sunday, October 30. The second hunt will run Saturday, November 5 through Sunday November 13.

According to Glen Ward, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Game Biologist, the population is stable. Between 350 and 400 bulls will be harvested this year, 90 percent spikes. The elk will mainly be found in roadless areas and steeply timbered canyons. There are two

road closure areas, Texas Butte and Wickiup which includes around 40,000 acres. "The purpose of the road closure areas is to provide better quality hunting and provide a longer period of time for the bulls to be harvested during the season."

"It is hot, dusty and dry, success for the hunts will greatly improve when and if it snows," says Ward. Hunters are asked to pick up their campgrounds and pack out any litter they may have, especially plastic covers.

4-H club to sell cinnamon rolls

The Cook 'N Delight 4-H club will be selling hot cinnamon rolls, hot chocolate and hot cider during the Moonlight Sale on Thursday.

The club will be selling in front of The Shoe Box. The cinnamon rolls will be sold by the piece or the pan.

Witches abound at library-museum Oct. 31

Witches will be in residence at the Heppner Library and Museum on Halloween Night, Monday, October 31 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Follow the screams to the park at the north end of Main Street. You may come away with a treat if you are brave enough to ask!

row County has been experiencing.

The other factor behind the increased tax rates is that the tax levies for most districts have increased from last year. Districts with tax bases are allowed to increase that base by 6 percent and those without bases, with exception of the Morrow County School District which fell within the safety net, have had levies approved by the voters for this year. The tax rate is determined by dividing a district's levy by the assessed value for the district. As a general rule, when value goes down the tax rate goes up.

Residents are undecided in how to vote



Photo by Joyce Hughes

The George Steagalls show no partiality in campaigning with a display of signs at their ranch home.

Town and Country Days plans are firming up

Town and Country Days are scheduled for the week of January 9, with the banquet on Friday the 13, reported Wayne Evans, chairman of the Town and Country Days planning committee.

"The theme for this year's event is 'Our Future, Our County, Our Kids', said Evans. "This year's agenda will be similar to past years with a wine tasting on Thursday and a banquet on Friday." The banquet speaker will be Mick Delaney, famed motivational speaker and

humorist. "We feel lucky to get him," said Evans.

New this year will be a beard growing contest. Participants must be clean-shaven on Wednesday, November 23 (the day before Thanksgiving). The contest will be judged by the Soroptimists at the wine tasting on January 12.

Commodity meetings (Wheat League, Livestock Growers, etc.) will be scheduled for Friday, January 13.

"Friday's lunch program has not

been firmed up yet", said Evans, "but we're trying to put together a panel discussion using our local kids to discuss their future in Morrow County."

Other events during the week include a Chamber of Commerce luncheon with an installation of officers ceremony on Tuesday, a Port of Morrow meeting on Wednesday, and meetings of Willow Creek Park District and the South Morrow Toastmasters.

Notices

Don't forget the meeting of the Morrow County Fair Board to be held Thursday, November 3 at the fair annex building at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting is for community input for a new lighting system for the fair and rodeo grounds. Input is needed for planning, designing and financing the new sports facility system.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Check presented to Heppner Day Care



Tony Bullman president, presents a check in the amount of \$300. to April Hilton-Sykes, director of Heppner Day Care Center. The check was a donation of the South Morrow County Ministerial Association.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Hunters-please, dispose of the remains of your game animals in a proper manner. They are being scattered all over town. It is a violation of city ordinances.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

October 18 - 24

	High	Low	Prec.
Tues.	59	42	.02
Weds.	68	42	.0
Thurs.	70	42	.0
Fri.	79	42	.0
Sat.	64	40	.0
Sun.	71	43	.0
Mon.	70	41	.0

Market Report

Complements of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Monday, Oct. 24
Soft White

Oct	\$4.48
Nov	\$4.48/\$4.49
Dec	\$4.52/\$4.53
Jan	\$4.54/\$4.55
Barley	
Oct	\$110 T
Nov	\$111/\$113 T
Dec	\$114 T
Jan	\$115 T
PIK	99.5%
Hard Red Winter	\$4.43

8.75% TAX DEFERRED

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