

Opening hunting weekend comparable to last year

Bob Krein of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says that hunting success rate on the opening weekend of deer season ranged in the 20 to 25 percent range.

Krein said that out of 300 hunters checked around a fourth to a fifth bagged their deer, which was comparable to last year's records.

He said that 465 hunters were checked last year, which equates to around 5,500 hunters total, which he feels is pretty close to this year's figures. He said that the deer seem to be in the low areas. "We had a lot of people in low and very few in the mountains."

Krein said that there were "quite a few violations," but the problems were "overall not as bad as last year." While there were a higher number of citations, Krein said he believes it to be because of an increase in officers. "We had extra enforcement in," he said. He said problems ranged "from borrowing a wife's tag to criminal trespass."

Theresa Flaiz, gas attendant at Miller's Mini Mart and Chevron in Heppner says that by Sunday night the station had sold around one thousand gallons less than they had on opening weekend last year. Flaiz said that it appeared that many hunters were traveling together in larger groups. Speculation is that the hunters were carpooling because of the increase in gas prices.

This deer, bagged by Greg Sweeney of Heppner must have had nine lives—or at least two.

The four-point, shot by 7:30 a.m. opening morning of deer season had been shot through the head by a bow hunter the previous season. The deer was still in velvet, probably because of his injury, says Sweeney. The ar-



Greg Sweeney with his four-point

row, still imbedded in the deer's head, entered through the back of the head and protruded through the top of the deer's nose. The arrow had broken off in front and the exit wound had healed over, with the arrow still in place.

Sweeney said that the buck, which was moving along at "quite a clip," was shot "somewhere outside the city limits." He said he was the first hunter to bring his deer into Central Market on opening day.

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Students earn equipment



Last year's second and fourth graders at Heppner Elementary School helped cut, sort and count 10,250 soup labels for Campbell Soup Company's labels for education program. Their efforts earned three microscopes and a batting tee for the school. "I couldn't have done it without them," said organizer

and fourth grade teacher Mary Hagewood. Students are back l-r: Mindy Binschus, Stephanie Wegwerth, Sherry Sieler, Tim Sumner, Tom Zumwalt, Tyson Palmateer and Adam Doherty. Front row l-r: Josie Proctor, Annie Hisler, Josh Roy and Heith Henderson.

Noxious weeds are hazardous to your health

By Dave Pranger, Morrow Co. Weed Supervisor

A weed by definition, is simply any plant out of place. A noxious weed however, is a plant of a more serious nature. Technically, a noxious weed is any plant which is determined by the county weed board and declared by the county court to be injurious to public health, crops, livestock, and or other property under the provisions of the Oregon Weed Control Statute (ORS 570.505).

Once a weed is considered noxious it is then designated and control-prioritized into "A" and "B" groups. "A" list noxious weeds are weeds of known economic importance occurring in the county in small enough infestations to make eradication practicable. They may also be weeds not known to occur, but their presence in surrounding counties or states make future occur-

rence seem imminent. These include: Rush Skeletonweed, Yellow Starthistle, Tansy Ragwort, Dalmatian and Yellow Toadflax, Mediterranean Sage, Leafy Spurge, Spikeweed, Musk Thistle, Scotch Thistle.

"B" list weeds are those of economic importance and of limited distribution and subject to intensive control or eradication where feasible. These include: Poison Hemlock, Canada Thistle, Jointed Goatgrass, St. Johnswort, Perennial Sowthistle, Field Bindweed, Cereal Rye, Wild Oats, Johnsongrass, Knapweeds (diffuse, spotted and Russian), Field Dodder, Water Hemlock, Medusahead Rye, Puncturevine, Purple Loosestrife, Whitetop, Kochia.

Early identification and control are the keys to preventing these weeds from rapidly spreading and becoming an economic burden. This makes

the need for annual surveys and mapping an essential part of an effective weed control program.

Large and small landowners alike should survey all their property annually for noxious weeds. This way small infestations can be controlled quickly and easily with little expense. Some of the consequences of not recognizing a noxious weed problem early are higher costs of control once spread, reduced crop and rangeland yields and lower land value. With consequences such as these it only makes good sense to know your weeds and control them early. Should identification be a problem though, the Morrow County Weed District is available for assistance.

When it comes to noxious weeds, nothing says it better than the old cliché: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Local volunteers assist Air Life

Air Life of Oregon, which serves central and eastern Oregon with both a helicopter and airplane air ambulance, kicks off its fourth annual membership campaign October 1.

Local volunteers have been busy preparing for the October campaign by placing brochures in local businesses, arranging for business readerboards to carry an Air Life message during the month-long campaign, and scheduling presentations to community groups. Their efforts will be supported by a multi-media informational campaign during October.

"One hundred twenty Air Life volunteers make it possible for us to reach every corner of our service area," said program manager Vern Bartley. "Without them, we would be unable to conduct a cost-effective campaign."

Volunteers in Gilliam and Morrow counties include Robanai Disque and Irv Rauch of Lexington; Florence Holt, Molly Rill, Rita Sumner, Greg

Sweek, Ernest Wick and Lilly Wilson of Heppner; Eunice McElligott of Ione and Jerry Peck of Boardman.

Molly Rill accepted the challenge of leading the first membership campaign in this area. She said it has been easy so far because her volunteers "are a real gung-ho group. And," she said, "as a parent and daughter of older parents, I recognize our county's need to have air transport service available to us. Support of Air Life is a priority for me."

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

Sept. 25 - Oct. 1, 1990			
	High	Low	Prec
Tues.	83	45	.0
Weds.	79	50	.0
Thurs.	79	51	.0
Fri.	84	50	.0
Sat.	84	46	.0
Sun.	79	44	.0
Mon.	64	43	.0

Sewing contest deadline nears

By Anne Morter

The October 29 registration deadline for the District 11 Make It Yourself with Wool contest is approaching fast. District 11 includes Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler and Gilliam counties. Contestants must have their completed registration forms returned to Maureen Krebs, district director, no later than Monday, October 29, to enter. Late registrations will not be accepted.

The contest will be held November 12 in Ione in the basement of the United Church of Christ. A no-host luncheon will be followed by a fashion show and presentation of awards.

Contestants may enter in one of the following categories: pre-teen (13 and under), juniors (14-17), seniors (18-24) and adult (24 and over). The category entered is determined by a contestant's age on December 31, 1990.

An entry fee of \$5 is due with the completed registration form. Registration forms are available from local fabric stores or county ex-

Varsity game cancelled; JV's will play

The scheduled varsity football game between the Heppner Mustangs and Pilot Rock Rockets for Friday evening at the fairgrounds has been canceled. Instead, the Heppner junior varsity football team will be playing the Rocket JV's. Game time will be 7:30 p.m. Friday at the fairgrounds. There will be no admission charge.

Pilot Rock has been forced to cancel two varsity games this season

because of the very low numbers of players involved in football. The Rockets began the season with a varsity team playing two non-league games and losing both contests. Injuries and other factors have contributed to the decline in numbers. Most of the remaining players on the team are young and inexperienced and safety reasons contributed to a decision to drop the varsity competition.

The next varsity football game for the Mustangs will be Thursday, October 11, at the fairgrounds with Heppner hosting the Wahtonka Eagles in a crucial Columbia Basin Conference game at 7:30 p.m. This game is being played on Thursday night because of the state-wide teacher in-service day on Friday.

Senior citizen passes for all Heppner High School activities are now available and can be picked up at the high school office and the senior citizen center.

Christman trial postponed

The trial of an Ione man charged with manslaughter has been postponed because of the resignation of his attorney.

Carl Christman is charged with first-degree manslaughter, driving under the influence of intoxicants, recklessly endangering and reckless driving as a result of a May incident in which the car he was driving allegedly struck and killed a Mor-

tana man. Christman had been represented by attorney Mike Kilpatrick of Mount Vernon. However, Kilpatrick resigned early last week and was replaced by Robert Moon of Baker. Moon moved to postpone the trial set for October 15 on the grounds that he had insufficient time to prepare a defense. The motion was granted over the state's objection. A new trial date has not yet been set.

Co. Health Dept. offers flu vaccine

Morrow County Health Department now has flu vaccine available at all regular immunization clinics at a charge of \$5.

Influenza is not usually life threatening in healthy individuals, but the vaccine is recommended for the elderly and people with health problems, said a health dept. news release.

Clinics are: every Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the health department in Heppner;

First and third Tuesdays, 1:30-4 p.m. Boardman City Hall;

Second and fourth Tuesdays, 1-4 p.m. Irrigon County offices.

Century farms to be honored by Historical Society

By Delpha Jones

The Morrow County Historical Society meeting will be held at the Lexington Grange Hall on Sunday, Oct. 7, with a full afternoon planned.

There will be a turkey potluck dinner served at 1 p.m. with turkey, dressing and gravy furnished and salads and desserts potluck. There will be a presentation of century farm plaques by the Oregon State

Historical Society. The program will include Jim Lathlean of Baker, who is vice president of the Sumpter Valley Railroad, speaker, special music and a short business meeting. Door prizes and a display table. The meeting is open to the public and the society invites everyone to attend. There will be a report of work done at the Rhea Creek cemetery and other business.

Preliminary work done on transfer station

Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson said that preliminary work has been done at the garbage transfer station located between Heppner and Lexington and that he expects the transfer station to be completed in "about six weeks."

Carlson said after preliminary earth work and pouring of concrete, roadwork will be completed.

The transfer station will be a site

for people in the cities and country to dump their garbage. From the transfer station the garbage will be taken to Finley Buttes Landfill on Bombing Range Road near Boardman.

Heppner City officials say they expect the city dump to close Oct. 16, weeks before the anticipated opening of the transfer station.

The city dump is closing because it is full.

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