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Ducks Unlimited banquet to help wildlife



Cindy McKinney displays a picture to be auctioned

Ashley McCabe bags 7-point elk



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Ashley McCabe of Lone shot this seven point elk in the Desolation Unit on the North Fork of the John Day River near Ukiah Sunday, Nov. 3.

McCabe, who was hunting by himself, said that he walked up on the elk, which was bedded down about a half hour from camp. He said that he goes elk hunting every year, but this was the biggest elk he has shot so far.

The annual Ducks Unlimited banquet will be held this Friday, Nov. 8, beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club. The auction is expected to begin around 8:30 p.m.

Steve Rhea, local organizer of the event says that some of the proceeds from the auction will go back into the community for nesting habitat and other local wildlife projects. "A lot of the money we make stays in Oregon," said Rhea.

Planned this spring in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service is floating nesting habitat for ducks at Bull Prairie Lake. Rhea said that the habitat would go in as soon as the ice goes off in the spring, probably February or March.

Three to four thousand dollars of merchandise, including many wildlife prints will be auctioned and raffled off, said Rhea. Tickets at \$12 each are available at Van Marter and Kahl Insurance or at the door. Raffle tickets are \$5 each.

The evening's dinner menu will include prime rib served buffet style.

Mustangs meet Vale in playoffs

The Heppner Mustangs travel to meet the Vale Vikings on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. MST. Vale is located in the mountain time zone and therefore the game will start at 12 noon PST, our time.

Vale is the defending state champion at the 2A level and is the number-one ranked team this year. They are the first-place team out of the Wapiti League and Heppner is the second place team out of the Columbia Basin conference.

Admission prices for all state playoff games \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

Firewood season ends Nov. 30

The final day to cut firewood on the Umatilla National Forest for the 1991 season will be Saturday, November 30 when all areas on the North Fork John Day Ranger District will close. The closing date for the Herren Meadow (#2) Area on the Heppner Ranger District has been extended to November 17. All other firewood areas on the Umatilla National Forest are now closed.

Firewood permits are still available at all Umatilla National Forest Offices and at consignment outlets located in Heppner, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Hermiston, Ukiah and Dale.

All open areas are currently still accessible; however, up to 12 inches of snow has accumulated in some areas, and four-wheel-drive and/or tire chains are strongly recommended.

Firewood permits purchased for

Local schools celebrate Red Ribbon week



Photo by Pam Minster

Lone students recite the "Proud to be Drug Free" pledge with Morrow County deputy Steve Myren

Lone Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon week October 21 - 25 by learning a song, "My Choice - Drug Free" and students studied about what makes them healthy.

Morrow County Deputy Steve Myren donated D.A.R.E. T-shirts for a daily drawing at the school. Students who wore red ribbons saying "Drug Free and Proud" put their names in a drawing to win a T-shirt. Lone winners were Aaron Tworek, Jared Thompson, Felicity Warren, Cameron Krebs, A.J. Hendricks and Cody Bellamy.

On Friday students wore red and paraded downtown behind the DARE care. During the parade students stopped and sang a song and took the "Just Say No" pledge.

Columbia Junior High School recognized the National Red Ribbon campaign with speakers and ac-

tivities deploring alcohol and drug use within the adolescent population.

Ex-professional football player Tom Flick, initiated the Red Ribbon campaign with a talk that emphasized the idea of setting goals pertaining to drugs and alcohol. He told students his goal was to never take that first drink, even when placed in precarious situations.

On Monday teachers distributed red ribbons to all the students "Proud to be Drug Free" and read and discussed the ways to tactfully refuse. An anti-drug poster competition was held on Tuesday with winners Nikki Lunders, Billy Charles, Megan Smythe, Jesus Ramos, Shawn Edman, Sarah Bergeson, Marta Nilson, Lonnie Spray, Isaac Reyes and Kelly Bond being recognized.

Wednesday brought the viewing of the award winning film "Kids

Under the Influence" for all students. Teachers and students read and discussed articles on seat belt safety taken from a brochure distributed by Mothers Against Drunk Driving. School cooks got involved in the campaign by providing an all-red lunch, chili dogs, strawberry jello, red colored pineapple and strawberry ice cream was the menu for the day.

Thursday a dance was held with the theme "Proud to be Drug Free". On Friday the students and teachers wore red signifying their dedication to drug free adolescence. During afternoon homeroom sessions the week was concluded by a reading entitled "A Message to Chris". The week was sponsored by the school's IMPACT team which consists of Kevan Pratt, Shelley Powell, Jerry Martin, Sally Edinger and Don Holes.



Heppner Elementary school students marched through town singing songs and repeating chants during the recent Red Ribbon Week.

Lone crowd enjoys musical mellerdrammer



South Morrow Community Choir, under the direction of Bob Isted, singing four songs from their repertoire.

The "mellerdrammer" started with stage director, Jane Rawlins instructing the audience that their participation was required in the form of applauding, booing, hissing and "ahhing" at the correct time. Musical cues were provided by local pianist Rikka Tews, and visual aids were presented at the appropriate times by a very busy sign bearer.

The crowd enjoyed booing the evil and sinister, Stafford Blackman, played by county judge Louis Carlson. Tony Beckett played the hickiest hick you'd ever want to see as Noble Hart, hero and the winner of the hand of the fair Nellie Quackingbush. Amos Quackingbush, played by Chuck Nelson, spent most of his time fretting that he was paying his help too much and not charging his boarders enough. Ah, but in a mellerdrammer, everything works out in the end as even Amos finds happiness with his long-ignored housekeeper Birdie Seed (Vi Wilgers).

The lone crowd enjoyed the production, which showcased a wide variety of Morrow County talent and is anxiously looking forward to the next theatrical event.

L-R (c) Jane Walker and Kathy Tellechea accept checks in the amount of \$439 and \$580 from Jane Rawlins and Jenny Bingham on behalf of Creative Care preschool and Heppner

Day Care. The money was proceeds from the recent mellerdrammer presented.

By Anne Morter

"No, No, A Million Times No" the musical "mellerdrammer" presented by the Heppner Intergenerational Theater Troupe played to another full house in Lone last Tuesday. A delicious array of home made desserts were the first order of business as well as much conversation about the unusually early snow the night before.

The program included other local talent. Sherry Bingham, whom we would soon come to know as Nellie Quackingbush, sang a solo, "What I Did For Love" followed by the

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