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## Deer season 'slow' for hunters Disaster courses slated in Heppner



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Despite a slow deer season Jason Patterson of Central Market has kept busy. Their locker room is full with 71 deer hanging.

This year's deer season is "pretty slow," according to Bob Krein of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Krein said that success is down from past years and added "We'll probably hit 15 percent, if we're lucky."

Krein said that the winter kill is a large part of the slow season, with 50 percent of the fawns lost this winter. He also said that the deer were pretty well scattered because of the good forage and then scattered more during archery season.

## Site council established at HHS

The Heppner High School 21st Century Site Council has been established and is "well on its way to being an effective tool for school improvement," said Mark Dowdy, council member. The site council is part of a mandate from the state by Oregon House Bill 3565, the Oregon School Reform Act. Every school in Oregon must have a site council by September, 1995.

Members of the HHS Site Council include one administrator, Steve Dickenson; one community member/parent, Rollie Marshall; one board member, Bill Doherty; one classified staff person, Martha Munkers; and five certified staff members, Les Payne, Dave Fowler, Mark Dowdy, Nancy Swarat and Bob Sagely. Steve Brownfield and Greg Grant were selected as alternate members. The classified and certified staff members were elected by their peers. The building administrator is required by law to be on the council. The board member was selected by the school board and the community member/parent was selected by the council itself in an organizational meeting. Classified members will serve one year terms, while certified members will serve two year

terms with some terms staggered to allow for elections each year, as mandated by law.

The council elected Bob Sagely as chairperson, Nancy Swarat vice-chair and Mark Dowdy, recorder.

The council will attend an all day state in-service through an Ed-Net telecast in Heppner Oct. 8. Council member Dave Fowler attended a training session in Salem, Sept. 23 and will oversee the in-service that will educate members further on their role and goals for the future. The 21st Century Site Council from Ione will also attend.

The council is planning to apply for state grant monies to help in future developmental goals.

## HHS booster club to raffle Blazer package at Reno Nite

The Heppner Booster Club is raffling off a Trailblazer package. The package consists of two tickets, gas and an overnight stay for two when the Blazers play the Dallas Mavericks on April 12.

To play the game board the player draws a number from one to 500. The number indicates how much one pays to play, one being one cent and 500 being \$5. The game board will be at the

The council could receive up to \$4,500 this year in potential developmental money. Bob Sagely and Steve Brownfield attended a grant writing seminar in Boardman Sept. 29 to help put the group on the right track.

"Since the site council concept is new, members are feeling their way and are working hard to make it a positive tool at Heppner High School," continued Dowdy.

The group plans to meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month, with the next regular meeting to be held on Wed., Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the HHS library. Site Council meetings are open to the public and the community is encouraged to attend.

First Interstate Bank on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 7 and 8; at MCGG Saturday through Wednesday, Oct. 9-13; and at the Shoe Box Oct. 14-16; and during Reno Nite Oct. 16. Drawing will be held during Reno Nite.

All proceeds from the Blazer package raffle and Reno Nite will go towards the new baseball field at the Heppner High School.

## City police seek volunteer reserves

The Heppner Police Department is looking for people who would like to take an active part in the volunteer reserve program.

For more information or an application contact the police department or city hall.

## CBEC to raise electricity rates

Columbia Basin Electric has announced a rate hike starting with the November billing.

The residential rate will increase from 5.257 cents per kilowatt hour to 6.27 cents per kilowatt hour. The residential service charge will remain the same, at \$14 per month.

For example, costs for a family with an electric bill of \$78.86 a month, not including the service charge, would increase to \$94.05 a month, for around 1500 kWh.

Small general service (small businesses) rates will go up 16.97 percent from six cents to 7.25 cents per kWh. This service charge will also remain the same at \$13 a month.

The service charge for general demand service (large businesses, the high school, hotel, some grain elevators), will decrease from \$273 a month to \$65 a month, but the demand costs will increase

from \$3.87 per kw over 30 kw to \$4.78 per kw. In the old rate, the first 30 kw were included in the service charge. Energy costs in this category will increase from 2.425 cents per kWh to 3.0 cents per kWh.

The primary service rate, which includes only Kinzua Corp. will increase 13.51 percent from \$4.86 per kw to \$5.52 per kw for demand and from 1.769 cents to 2.01 cents per kWh for energy.

Irrigation pumping will undergo a 9.37 percent increase. The irrigation rates will not increase until January 1, 1994 because irrigation is on an annual rate. Increases for irrigation pumping are as follows: first 15 HP present \$6.78 per HP, proposed \$7.18 per HP; next 35 HP \$4.38 per HP, proposed 4.64 per HP; next 150 HP 2.28, proposed

2.42; over 200 HP 1.98, proposed 2.11; all energy 2.39¢ kWh, proposed 2.53¢ kWh.

CBEC manager Fred Toombs said that a 14.7 percent increase in wholesale power costs from the Bonneville Power Administration, effective this month, was the final cause for the increase. The CBEC board elected to raise rates for all customers to increase revenues by \$693,716 for an overall increase of 13.67 percent.

Toombs said that in 1991 the board elected to absorb a three percent increase in wholesale rates, rather than raise rates at that time.

He said that the changes in revenues and rates have been developed over the past several months by a rate consultant's cost-of-service study, a rate committee representing all classes of customers and the board of directors and staff of CBEC.

## Boardman man arrested for rape of eight year-old

Donald Henry Dickenson, 36, Boardman, has been arrested for the rape and kidnapping of an eight year-old Boardman girl.

Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, Jr., says that Dickenson has previously been convicted of rape and

sodomy and had been released from the Oregon State Penitentiary only eight months ago.

Arraignment has been scheduled for Oct. 7. A parole hearing on Dickenson is also pending, said Woods.

## Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots are now available for the Nov. 9 special election, according to Morrow County Clerk Barbara Bloodworth.

Absentee ballots are available for anyone who can't go to the polls, for whatever reason, Bloodworth said.

To request an absentee ballot, send your request in writing, including your signature, to Morrow County Elections, P.O. Box 338, Heppner, OR 97836. Ballots are also available by stopping at the courthouse.

The completed ballot must be returned to the courthouse by 8 p.m. on Nov. 9. The last day to

register to vote for the November election is Oct. 19.

Voters may request to become a permanent absentee voter by filling out a form in the county elections office. Permanent absentee voters automatically receive an absentee ballot by mail for each election they're eligible to vote in.

Bloodworth says that those not sure if their voter's registration is current should call the courthouse 676-9061, or write to the above address. "It's a good idea to check on the status of your registration," advises Bloodworth.

## Blood drawing held in Heppner



Janet Greenup prepares to donate blood during the Red Cross blood drive in Heppner last Thursday, Sept. 30.

Assisting her is Janet Tillitt, Hermiston, Red Cross medical assistant.

## Roger Short to speak at meeting

The Heppner Merchants Association will meet this Friday, Oct. 8 at 12 noon at Kates Pizza.

This month's program will feature Roger Short, a business planning officer with First Interstate Bank.

Short will discuss the importance of planning in business, including estate planning and planning for the sale of assets. In his position with First Interstate, Short helps business owners plan

for the future along with coordination with CPAs and attorneys.

All business owners in the area are invited to attend the no-host luncheon. A brief discussion will also be held on the upcoming Moonlight sale.

Any questions about the meeting please contact David Sykes at the Heppner Gazette-Times.

## Coordinating Council group to meet

The Heppner Coordinating Council will meet at the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Council office on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 a.m.

The agenda includes updates on the swimming pool feasibility

study, the Port of Morrow/Kinzua Corporation Industrial park and the state of Oregon Regional Economic Development Strategies (REDS) program. The public is welcome to attend.

## Prescribed burn to begin soon

According to the Umatilla National Forest's Rules Specialist, Les Holsapple, the forest's fall prescribed burning program will begin soon. "Prescribed burns are used to achieve several goals. Logged units are burned to reduce potential fire hazard and to prepare the area for reforestation," stated Holsapple. He explained that reforestation will be accomplished by hand planting of tree seedlings or by natural seeding from seed trees selected and left standing in the unit. Removal of slash will also stimulate plant growth for wildlife forage and reduce fuel accumulations.

"In addition," Holsapple noted, "some unharvested areas are prescribed for burning for the purpose of reintroducing fire into fire-dependent ecosystems. Resource objectives include species diversification and reducing potential impacts of wildfire, disease and insect infestation."

The Heppner Ranger District plans to burn almost 300 acres in the Dry Swale Ditch and Coal timber sale areas. A 2,000 acre prescribed burn is planned in the Big Rock Flat area to improve forest ecosystem conditions.

Burning is scheduled to be completed before the end of November. All prescribed burning will comply with federal, state and local air quality and smoke dispersal guidelines to reduce the impacts of smoke on forest visitors and local residents.

The Pomeroy Ranger District will burn 400 acres of clearcut and selective cut units in the Godman, Hogback Ridge, Deadhead Springs, Stevens Ridge, Huckleberry Butte and Meadow Creek areas.

The Walla Walla Ranger District is scheduled to burn approximately 600 acres in harvest units in the vicinities of Fox Prairie, Tollgate, Lookout Mountain, and near Bluewood Ski Area. Prescribed burning will also occur on 110 of unharvested areas near Spring Mountain and Thomas Creek.

Prescribed burning on the North Fork John Day Ranger District includes 3400 acres at Albee Meadows and 1500 acres at Bone Point. The Gopher burn in the vicinity of Gopher Springs will be approximately 500 acres. Site preparation burns will be done at the Thompson, Morsay, Lane and Lane Bear timber sale areas.

For more information concerning the Umatilla National Forest Prescribed Burning program, contact Les Holsapple in Pendleton (503) 276-3811. For information about specific Ranger Districts contact Tom Jones, Heppner Ranger District, 676-9187.

## Pinochle party to benefit pool

People for the Pool will hold a pinochle card game Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

The charge is \$15 to play. One half of the pot will go for cash prizes, the other half will go towards the swimming pool project in Heppner.