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Halloween fun in Heppner



It was pretty hard to tell the inmates from the wardens at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner as the group took a breather from the chain gang to show off their 'look' on Halloween.



Central Market employee Carmen Healy prepares to either fly away or make a clean sweep of things at the store in Heppner Halloween day.

Playoff lunch to benefit Mathenys

A soup and bread lunch, with proceeds benefiting the Dave and Patti Matheny family, will be available at the first round of the state 2A football playoffs this Saturday, November 10, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

The lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m. and will continue through halftime. The game gets underway at 1 p.m. The Heppner Mustangs will face off against the Portland Christian Royals.

The menu will include homemade soups, homemade bread, cookies or brownies, hot spiced cider and punch. Cost is \$4 each.

District starts supt. search

The Morrow County School District has started the process for the superintendent search.

By board action, the screening committee will consist of teachers, classified personnel, principals, advisory committee members, confidential staff, board members, as well as one community member each from Heppner, Ione, Irrigon and Boardman.

Those interested in being considered as a community representative from one of these communities may contact either Julie Ashbeck at the district office at 989-8202 or George Murdock at the ESD at 966-3101. The board will name the committee at the December meeting.

Co-op shows profit drop

Despite nearly a 40 percent increase in sales, the Morrow County Grain Growers showed losses for fiscal year 2001, co-op management said Monday.

At its annual meeting co-op administrators said last fiscal year's \$236,164 loss against income of \$35,381,728 could be attributed to poor weather conditions, write downs on inventory and bad debt, and lower income tax refunds. Last year's total income was \$25,502,603.

"Despite these losses your co-op is very sound," MCGG manager John Ripple told the gathered crowd. He pointed out that management was working hard on cost cutting measures, and that working capital and the balance sheet were in good shape. Auditors echoed this, saying that the company was strong, with increasingly good ratios.

"Remember this is your co-op and we ask for your continued support," Ripple told the members.

Pompon sales not connected to HHS cheerleaders

A company calling local merchants to sell pompons which would be given away at local basketball games is not connected with Heppner High School cheerleaders.

According to local merchants, the company misrepresented themselves as HHS cheerleaders and asked \$199 for 50-150 pompons. The callers said the names of the merchants participating would be mentioned at basketball games or advertised in some manner.

Local boy Scouts raise funds for New York scouts



Left to right: Scout Master Terry Harper, Cub Scout Curtis Harper, Boy Scouts Drion Van Doorn, Ben McCarl and Cameron McCurry, Scout Master Dan Metz and Samarra Van Doorn at fund raising bake sale.

By Debbie Harper

Heppner Scout Troop 661 raised \$218 on a bake sale for Boy Scout troops in New York City. The boys made 20 dozen cookies for the sale. Troops parents, as well as members of Cub Scout Pack 661, also contributed to the bake sale which

was held Friday, Nov. 2.

"All the money collected will go directly to scout troops in New York," said Scoutmaster Dan Metz.

Scouts in NYC have been impacted by the tragedy of September 11. Troops lost nine adult leaders, many troop members lost parents or family members and the

troops lost many of their major contributors.

People wishing to contribute money to help NYC scout troops may contact Dan Metz at 676-5176. More information about the impact September 11 has had on NYC scout troops can be found at <http://www.bsa-nyc.org/>.

Ione Youth Group conducts food drive



Ione Youth Group members

Twenty-seven Ione Youth Group members collected food in Ione Halloween night for the Heppner Neighborhood Center. The food will be distributed to the needy of South Morrow County.

While some of the high school students went door-to-door in the Ione area, others collected food donations at the haunted house on Main Street. The collected food was taken to the home of Laurel Cannon, who said she was impressed with the number of kids participating and how hard they worked. Debbie Burns and Bill Rowell picked up the food and delivered it to Heppner the next

day.

The youth group has been collecting food on Halloween night for several years. "The Ione community has been very generous in supporting this worthwhile project," said a Youth Group spokesperson.

Youth participating in the food drive were Adam McCabe, Adam Neiffer, Kristina Powell, Cyndi Heagy, Amellia Peck, Salli McElligott, Rhonda Wilhelm, Brad Burright, Aaron Tworek, Tracy Griffith, Caitlin Orem, Cayle Krebs, Karl Morgan, Diana McElligott, Jamie VandenBrink, Brian Gutierrez, Mike Radie, Macarena Esposito,

Emily Key, Natalie McElligott, Jeff Hunt, Paul Neiffer, Meghan McCabe, Billy Gates, Johnny Collin, Barbara Holland and Sara Peck.

Veteran's Day ceremony Nov. 12

A Veteran's Day observance will be held on Veteran's Day, Monday, November 12, at 11 a.m. at the Heppner Memorial Park.

The observance will feature a fly-over at noon. A reception at GD's Restaurant will immediately follow the ceremony.

Master of ceremonies will be Heppner Mayor Bob Jepsen.

The ceremony schedule is as follows: color guard presented by the American Legion; invocation by Fr. Francis Hebert; raising of the flag with Bob Taylor and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; National Anthem sung by Samarra Van Doorn, Julie Howard and Karen Zeiler; Pledge of Allegiance lead by Jerry Breazeale, Heppner city manager; speakers, Arnold Appleton, Vietnam veteran, and George Hash, survivor of WWII and mayor of Umatilla; musical presentation by Van Doorn, Howard and Zeiler; reflections on the Korean War by Judy Rickert; reading of the names by Louis Carlson; recital of Taps by Sam Van Liew and Luke Murray; benediction by Pastor Andrew Johnson.

Wheat Growers set fall meeting

The Morrow County Wheat Growers annual fall meeting will be held Tuesday, November 13, at the Riverfront Lodge in Boardman.

A social hour, sponsored by the Morrow County Grain Growers will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner, hosted by the Morrow County Wheat Growers, to begin at 7 p.m.

The agenda will include: the Oregon Wheat Growers League convention with Tammy Dennee, OWGL executive director; new farm vehicle regulations by David McKane with the Oregon Department of Transportation; a farm bill update by Phil Zurbrick, OWGL vice president; and pesticide use reporting by Marnie Anderson, chair of the state Board of Agriculture.

Those showing their patriotism by wearing the "best Red, White & Blues" could win a

prize.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to the OWGL office, 541-276-7330, by Monday, Nov. 12.

Open house set for NY volunteers

The Morrow County American Red Cross invites the community to an open house honoring two Morrow County volunteers who recently returned from New York.

Marsha Pratt and Michele Ball, both from Irrigon, spent three weeks working with the Red Cross assisting victims and workers. Their assignment took them one block from the World Trade Center tragedy.

The community is invited to visit with them and hear of their experiences on Monday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner Elks meeting room.



VETERAN'S DAY

We will be closed
Monday, November 12
in observance of
Veteran's Day

Morrow County Grain Growers

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