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## Matteson wins Morrow County Calf Roping saddle



photo by Sandy Matthews

2004 Amateur Calf Roping Champion Ryan Matteson (far left), with (L-R): the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court Queen Lexi Kennedy and Princesses Emily Bergstrom and Jessica Wainwright. Saddle sponsored by Kinzua Resources, LLC. (More Morrow County rodeo pictures page 3)

## Six file for Heppner Council and Mayor

Three Heppner city councilor positions and the Heppner mayoral position will be on the Nov. 2 general election ballot.

Running for mayor is Tim VanCleave and Keith Lewis. The mayoral position is a two-year term.

Running for city councilor positions, which hold a four-year term are: Position #1- Cynthia Doherty; Position #2- Warren C. Givens and Glenn D. Baker; and Position #3- Kay Robinson.

**Editor's Note:** Warren C. Givens and Kay Robinson could not be reached for photographs before publication deadline.



Keith Lewis-  
mayoral  
candidate



Tim VanCleave  
mayoral  
candidate



Cynthia Doherty-  
city councilor  
candidate,  
position #1



Glenn D. Baker-  
city councilor  
candidate,  
position #2

## Oktoberfest to be held in Heppner

The First Annual Oktoberfest sponsored by John and Nancy Gochner will be held on Saturday,

Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Heppner. To reserve a spot for a booth or table contact Nancy at 676-5481.

## IUCC begins fall season

Ione United Church of Christ is starting the fall season with a special day on Sept. 12. Worship will begin at 11 a.m., with coffee and conversation after the service. Sunday School for preschoolers through grade 6 will begin at 9:45 a.m., with a Parents Meeting at the same time on the first day.

An Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. and a Youth Class for grades 7 through 12 at 9:30 a.m. will begin on Sept. 19th. All are welcome.

The church is located at Main and D Street in Ione. For more information, please call Rev. Paul Clay at 422-7530.

## Riding Club to meet

The Reload Ridge Riders Club will be meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m., upstairs in the Elks Lodge in Heppner.

Ian Caldwell of the State Parks will be there to discuss future club events.

## Classrooms receive new video equipment



Heppner Elementary teachers are smiling about their new DVD/VCR players, which were purchased for each classroom by the HES Parents' Club. Funds earned at the Spring Fling were used to buy the new technology.

## Mural artist to return to Heppner

Robert Walton from Leavenworth, WA, will be starting on the Mural of the Heppner Railroad Depot and sheep ranches of Morrow County. This mural will tell the history of Morrow County when sheep were the main source of income and a variety of different style barns and houses will be shown.

The railroad depot will show a wool warehouse, plus a sack grain warehouse. A painting of how the finished mural will

look can be seen at the Museum or the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Walton will paint at least half of it and the Mural Committee is trying to raise enough funds to paint the other half. Tax-deductible donations can be made to the Farm Foundation at P.O. Box 515, Heppner, OR 97836.

Prints on canvas are available with small prints of the entire mural costing \$200; full-size prints are \$600; and half-size prints

are \$495. Prints can also be made showing any ranch or just the Railroad Depot. Prints can be ordered by contacting Betty Mills at 676-5546 or Sharon and Bob Harrison at 989-8496.

This mural will be 35 feet high and 128 feet long and will cover the entire wall of the Ag Museum on Riverside Avenue. "Your donation of any amount will help us finish this story of Morrow County," said a committee member.

## Electric Co-Op to test utility poles in area

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op, and their subcontractors, will be conducting their annual pole testing operation throughout parts of the service territory during the next two months. Periodic testing of poles is required by REA and RUS, and helps reduce failure rates and power outages.

Crews visually inspect each pole unit for

damage and bore a test hole in the pole to inspect for soundness. All poles in the service territory are inspected on a ten-year rotation basis.

Specific areas to be tested this fall include Hinton Creek lines, Little and Big Butter Creek lines, and lines in the Gurdane area. Vehicles should be marked with "National

Wood Treating Company" or "Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op" signage. Crews will be operating 4-wheelers while traveling from pole to pole along the power lines.

Any comments, concerns or questions about the inspection crews or program may be made to Slater Mitchell at (541) 676-9146 or cbcscdm@oregonvos.net.

## Walden announces anti-drug money for Umatilla and Morrow counties

U.S. Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) announced Friday, Sept. 3, that \$20,000 in federal drug prevention assistance would be given to Umatilla and Morrow counties through the National Marijuana Initiative. The investment will fund additional investigation of drug trafficking organizations in the region.

The release of these funds follows continued written requests and phone calls from Walden, Oregon High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Director Chuck Karl and the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT) to the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) this year.

Per Walden's request, ONDCP Deputy Director for State and Local Affairs Scott Burns joined him for a meeting with BENT representatives in Pendleton on Aug. 3. He spent considerable time gaining firsthand knowledge of local drug problem and learning the needs of area

law enforcement. Burns' visit came at the start of an extensive 3000-mile road trip Walden made throughout the Second District in August to meet with residents on a variety of issues, his 213<sup>th</sup> trip between Oregon and Washington D.C. since election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I have been to Umatilla County 22 times since being elected in 1998 and I cannot think of a more important visit than this one," Walden said about his meeting with Deputy Director Burns.

The investment will be administered by BENT, which consists of counter-drug personnel from the Oregon State Police, Morrow County Sheriff's Office, Umatilla County Sheriff's Office, Pendleton Police Department, Milton-Freewater Police Department and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. They will use these funds in conjunction with U.S. Forest Service and

Bureau of Land Management personnel to locate and eradicate marijuana operations and gather intelligence about drug organizations in the area.

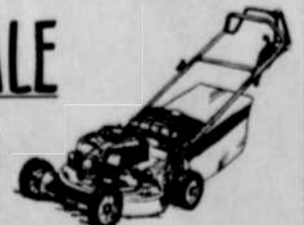
"Helping keep our communities safe from the scourge of illegal drugs is one of our most profound responsibilities as parents, as public officials and as citizens," said Walden. "Unfortunately, Umatilla and Morrow counties, like other communities across Oregon, are home to drug producers and dealers who prey on our youth. It is only through continued coordination between law enforcement, local leaders and citizens that we will be able to eliminate the threat posed by these drugs."

"I am especially pleased with the attention we've received from the Bush Administration, particularly ONDCP Director John Walters and Deputy Director Scott Burns," Walden continued.

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