

Local kid catches a big one



Kyle Tayloe, 12, of Heppner, caught a large mouth bass weighing 5½ pounds at Willow Creek Lake on Oct. 10. After his catch, Tayloe released the bass back into the lake.

Creative Arts club to meet at fair annex

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts group will meet on Oct. 28 at the Fair Annex at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in arts or crafts may join the group for a day and see the different things happening.

DA's report

James Ronald Vandaele pled guilty to Contempt of Court. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, five years bench probation and repayment plus 20 percent.

Sandra Haynes' workshop on scratchboard is scheduled for Oct. 23 and 24. The workshop must be paid for in advance. Please contact Judie Laughlin at 676-9781. Haynes will also be conducting a workshop on colored pencils on Nov. 13 and 14. You may contact Laughlin for this workshop also.

Winners of the mural raffle were LaRae Kindle, Dick Paris, Darcy Robinson and Dale Adlard. We hope they are enjoying their new piece of art. The proceeds from the raffle will help paint a few more feet on the mural.

Ponies beat Rockets by wide margin

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Ponies built a big lead and coasted to a 42-14 win over the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, Oct. 8 in Pilot Rock. The Ponies improved to 4 and 0 on the year and will finish the year at home on Friday, Oct. 22 against Athena-Weston at 3 p.m., following a bye this week.

The Ponies took over at their own 41-yard line after forcing a Rocket punt and went to work as Spencer Palmer ran twice for 14 yards, Wacy Coil ran for five, Dalton Wellman ran for 17 yards then found Luke Young behind the secondary for a 23-yard touchdown. Bryan Holland kicked the extra point to make it 7-0 after one.

On the Rockets next possession, Josh Shank had a quarterback sack on third down to force another punt, which gave the Ponies good field position in Pilot Rock territory. Coil then ran twice for nine yards, Palmer ran for 11, Chance Day ran for five to set up an 18-yard touchdown pass from Brent Eckman to Palmer. Wellman hit Coil for the two-point conversion to make it 15-0.

The Ponies defense came up big again as Matt and Bryan Holland each had sacks for seven-yard losses and they took over inside Rocket territory at the 48-yard line. Palmer ran twice for 21 yards then on fourth and four he broke free for a 32-yard touchdown. Bryan Holland's kick was good to make it 22-0 at the half.

On the Rockets first possession of the second half, Bryan Holland twice had tackles for losses for 11 yards and the Ponies took over at the Rocket 43-yard line after a punt. Eckman ran for four, Shank ran for five then broke a tackle at the line

of scrimmage and celebrated his birthday by running 34 yards for a touchdown. The kick was no good, but the Ponies had a 28-0 lead.

The Ponies took over on downs at the Rocket 21-yard line and faced with a third and 12, Chris Wellington took a pitch from Wellman and went around end for the touchdown. The extra point was blocked, but Palmer picked it up and ran it in for the two-point conversion to make it 36-0 after three.

The Rockets scored twice in the fourth, then Bryan Holland returned a kick-off 63 yards for a touchdown to make the final score 42-14.

Heppner 7 15 14 6-42

Pilot Rock 0 0 0 14-14

First Quarter:

Heppner- Luke Young 23-yard pass from Dalton Wellman (Bryan Holland kick).

Second Quarter:

Heppner- Spencer Palmer 18-yard pass from Brent Eckman (Wacy Coil from Wellman).

Heppner- Palmer 32-yard run (Holland kick).

Third Quarter:

Heppner- Josh Shank 34-yard run (kick failed).

Heppner- Chris Wellington 23-yard run (Palmer run).

Fourth Quarter:

Pilot Rock- 70-yard run (pass failed).

Pilot Rock- 31-yard pass (run good).

Heppner- Holland 63-yard kick off return (kick failed).

LOCAL BARBECUE EXPERT

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Flu Vaccine – Morrow County in good shape

By Molly Rhea

Nationally, as well as locally, the medical hot topic is the availability (or should that be "un-availability"?) of the influenza vaccine. Now for the surprise. Throughout the state of Oregon, Morrow County ranks as the third lowest in terms of unmet need. This means only Gilliam and Wasco counties have a lower percentage of high-risk residents that have not received this year's flu vaccination.

According to Jennifer Jaca RN with Morrow County Public Health, Morrow County will be able to inoculate approximately 49 percent of our residents considered "at-risk," while Oregon officials are estimating only 20 percent of the state's "at-risk" population will be vaccinated using current supplies.

How did this happen? The main reason was source of the vaccine. Morrow County Public Health and the Morrow County Health District have chosen to order from Aventis who had no problems with the distribution of their vaccine. Morrow County received more than half of their order of vaccine, versus Umatilla County, which received less than 10 percent; while Union and Wheeler counties received no influenza vaccine at all.

Due to this year's scarcity of the vaccine, Oregon health officials have issued a strict mandate determining who is eligible to receive these injections. The vaccine is supposed to go to only those who need it most, including the very young, the elderly, those with chronic health conditions and medical personnel who work directly with patients.

"Compared to the rest of the State, Morrow County is really in pretty good shape," states Jaca. "Morrow County started with just under 1200 doses of vaccine and we (Public Health) project the county's total need is about 3400 doses."

Morrow County Public Health (MCPH) has administered all the vaccine they received and is referring people to Morrow County Health District's Pioneer Memorial Clinic and Irrigon clinic for their inoculations. MCPH is requesting more doses of flu vaccine from the state. If additional doses become available the public will be notified. Anyone with questions can call the Morrow County Public Health office at (541) 676-5461.

Hunter gets his first buck opening week



Braden Britt, 14, of Heppner, got his first buck during opening week of buck season. His father Rick was with him.

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ELECT

KEN MATLACK
MORROW COUNTY SHERIFF

Election time has finally arrived. I have spent much time in each of our communities, contacting people, listening to ideas and concerns and presenting information on where I intend to lead the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. My ideas are based on two basic principles: practical experience in doing the job and listening to the people that elect you.

I have a clear idea what the citizens of Morrow County want and I am prepared to do exactly that.

My priorities include:

- SHERIFF AND UNDERSHERIFF WILL BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ASSISTING DEPUTIES IN THE FIELD
 - HIGH PRIORITY FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ALL DRUG VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING REPORTED DRUG HOUSES.
 - ASSURANCE BY POLICY THAT VICTIMS WILL BE INFORMED AS TO WHAT HAS BEEN DONE REGARDING THEIR CASES DURING EACH PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION
 - ENHANCE RESERVE PROGRAM FOR RURAL ENFORCEMENT PROJECTS
 - ENSURE EACH AREA OF COUNTY HAS REGULAR POLICE PRESENCE
 - EXPLORE ADDITIONAL CO-OPERATIVE POLICING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
 - SEEK ADDITIONAL STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT
- Thank you for your continued support and remember to vote for Ken Matlack, Morrow County Sheriff*
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