

## Mustang volleyball team recognizes senior players



Senior Mustang volleyball players and their parents were recognized during the Weston McEwen game on Thursday, October 16. —Contributed Photo

## Irrigon begins supplying water distribution system from new city well

The City of Irrigon began supplying water from the new city well, Well #3, into the water distribution system on October 1. The City is feeding the water from Well #3 to reduce the nitrates in the drinking water. The nitrate level has now dropped from about 14 parts per million of nitrate to less than three parts per million. The US Environmental Protection Agency has set the maximum contaminate

level for nitrates at 10 parts per million.

With the new well on line, the water in the Irrigon water system meets all state and federal regulations for drinking water. The City of Irrigon waited to ensure that the system would operate properly and the nitrate level would drop and hold before announcing the change.

There is still much more to be done with the Water Improvement Project,

according to Public Works Director, Keith White. The new reservoir needs to be constructed and more distribution piping needs to be installed. The city wanted however, to start furnishing the low nitrate water to the families on the Irrigon water system as soon as possible so that people could safely use the water for all purposes, including consumption by infants and pregnant mothers.

## Matthews joins Heritage Land Company

Heritage Land Company announces the addition of Skip Matthews to its real estate sales force, specializing in farm and ranch sales. "Skip has been a leader in agriculture here in Morrow and Gilliam counties for over 20 years," said Kim Cutsforth, principle broker and owner of Heritage Land Company. "We are pleased to announce that he will bring that knowledge and experience to our office to assist local producers with their real estate needs."

Matthews had previously been employed by the federal ag office. "When the federal door closed on my career here in Heppner I was looking for something that I could do to continue to stay in the area and still be involved in agriculture," said Matthews. "Real estate seemed a logical step to that end. When a person is interested in agricultural property in the area they need to get

all the information they can to make an informed decision. In addition, the folks selling property need to be assured that their property is presented in a way that will bring buyers to the table. I am here to help Heritage Land Company do just that."

Matthews, 52, lives in Heppner with his wife Sandy and their son Donald. He also has a daughter, Whitney attending Boise State University. Matthews also serves as the local



Skip Matthews

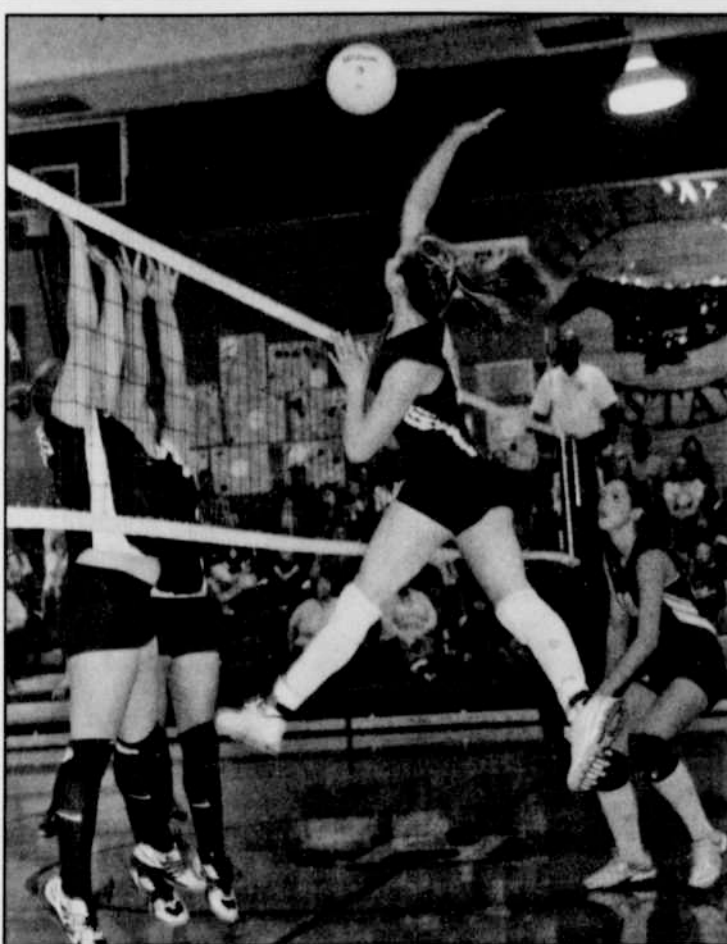
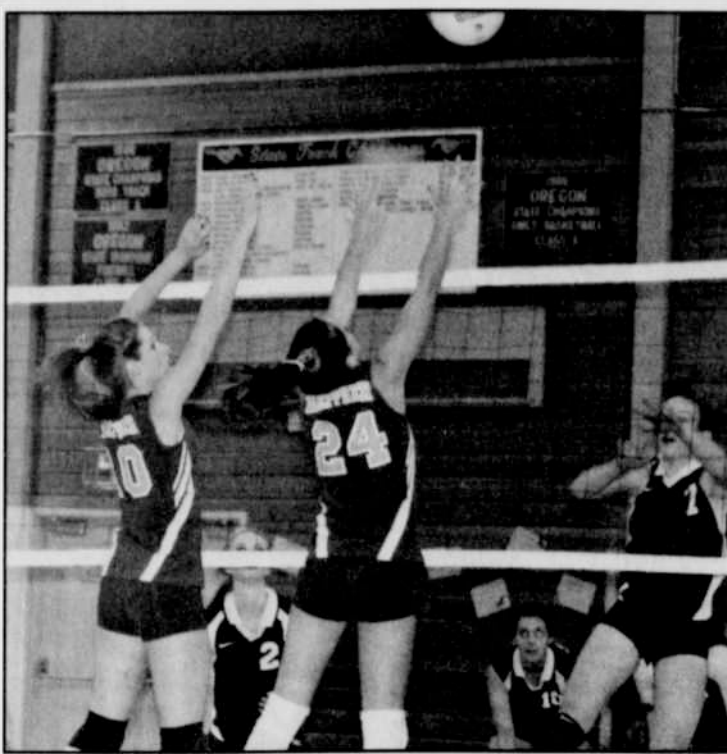
Pheasants Forever chapter president and is the president of the Willow Creek Park District board of directors. He has been an Elks member since 1989 and has recently joined the IOOF lodge in Heppner.

Heritage Land Company, the oldest real estate office in south Morrow County is excited about the addition. "We try to stay involved in the complicated agricultural market here, there is a lot to understand when selling or buying a ranch. Property owners can feel confident that Heritage Land Co. will help them make informed marketing decisions. Skip will be a great asset to our office."

## Recreation District meeting rescheduled

The September Recreation District meeting has been rescheduled for October 30 in Irrigon at the Morrow County Annex at 7 p.m. The agenda will be the same.

## Mustangs tied for first place in district



Top Photo: JoAnna Patton, and Lindsay Cutsforth at the net. Bottom Photo: Sherilyn Peck for the kill. —Photos by Sandy Matthews

On Thursday, October 16, the Heppner Mustangs played the Weston McEwen Tiger Scotts in a gym filled with community supporters and the student body. It was a noise filled four games with most of the crowd standing and cheering through all of the intense matches. The mustangs came out on top winning three of the four matches 25-12, 18-25, 26-24, and 25-22.

On Saturday the Mustangs played a 4-way at home. They won both games in three matches each, beating pilot rock 25-6, 25-15, and 25-15 and Irrigon 25-20, 25-10, and 25-19.

The Mustangs are currently tied for first in the district with Weston McEwen. Both team played games Tuesday, October 21. If both teams win there will be a playoff game on Thursday, October 23, at a mutual site to be determined after the Tuesday games. The district championship will be this Saturday, October 25, in Enterprise. Good Luck lady Mustangs.

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Kenneth James Sicard, 48, was convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, six months driver's license suspension, 90 sanction units with 30 jail units, complete 80 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$540 in fines, fees and assessments. Sicard was also convicted of DUII, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days with 168 days suspended, one year driver's license suspension, 24 month bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$1,288 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Paula Lynn Taylor, 52, was convicted of attempting to commit a Class A felony-deliver marijuana to a person under the age of 18, a Class B felony, and was sentenced to two years supervised probation, six months driver's license suspension, 120 sanction units with 60 jail units, complete 80 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$2,423 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Kenneth James Sicard, 48, was convicted of manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance in Schedule II, a Class B felony, and was sentenced to six months driver's license suspension, 24 months supervised probation, 120 sanction units with 60 jail units, complete 80 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$1,848.

-Roy Nunez, 22, was convicted of harassment, a Class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days with 90 days suspended, one year bench probation, other numerous conditions, and pay \$783 in fines, fees, and assessments.

-Christopher Dewayne Schneider, 25 was convicted of assault in the fourth degree, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days with 180 days suspended, two year bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$1,138 in fines, fees, and assessments.

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

### July 15 Cont.:

-MCSO was out making contact with a subject who appears to be lost. The subjects needed directions.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner whose juvenile daughter wants to go see a boy in Florida.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon who said his wife called and said she is leaving and not taking the kids. MSCO responded and wife is not leaving and that the ids are ok.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that someone is harassing her.

-MCSO issued a citation to Nastasia Christalina Pankratz, 18, for violation of the basic rule.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon.

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## Re-Load and Re-Elect Ken Matlack Morrow County Sheriff



- ✓ Renegotiated Jail Contract with more bed space.
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- ❖ Supports Ballot Measure 61
- ❖ Supports Ballot Measure 57

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