

Tupper Fire and Fuels Career Camp held

For the third year in a row, Morrow and Umatilla County high school seniors spent five days learning about the Forest Service and potential careers in natural resources at the Heppner Ranger District Fire and Fuels Career Camp located at Tupper Work Center.

Fire and Fuels Career Camp is a week-long residential camp designed to spark the interest of high school seniors in a career with the U.S. Forest Service, with an emphasis on fire and fuels management. Students were also introduced to other natural resource careers throughout the week including wildlife and fish biology, hydrology, soils science, archaeology, entomology, silviculture and engineering.

The curriculum is designed to provide a broad exposure to career and educational opportunities, map reading and orienteering, fire ecology and natural



Morrow and Umatilla County high school seniors recently participated in the Heppner Ranger District Fire and Fuels Career Camp. The students spent five days learning about fire and fuels management. -Contributed Photos



in the camp's instruction and development.

"This year's camp was a tremendous success because of the efforts put forth by the employees of the Heppner RD, Umatilla National Forest, and our many partners. I'd like to publicly thank all that participated in making it a great week," said Mafera. Kristen Marshall and Bill Schlaich, both Heppner High School graduates, served as the coordinators for this year's camp and worked with over 60 individuals from the Heppner Ranger District, the Umatilla National Forest, and partners throughout the state of Oregon in making the camp a quality experience for the students.

For more information on the project, contact Kristen Marshall or Tom Mafera at the Heppner Ranger District Office at (541) 676-9187.

resource management, hazardous fuels reduction, fire suppression techniques, and Forest Service hiring processes.

Of the 30 students who graduated from the 2007 and 2008 Fire and Fuels Career Camps, 14 have been offered summer seasonal temporary positions as firefighters, survey crew members, recreation and trails technicians, and incident dispatch opera-

tors.

Tom Mafera, District Ranger for the Heppner Ranger District, initiated the first Tupper Fire and Fuels Career Camp in October of 2007. This year, students were recruited from the three high schools in Morrow County and one high school in Umatilla County. The 2009 roster included: six students from Riverside High School; six students from Heppner

High School; four students from Echo High School; and one student from Irignon High School.

"This group of students started the week with a high level of interest and their enthusiasm grew throughout the week," said Mafera. The students remained engaged and energetic right up to the end and had nothing but good things to say about the camp. Ranger Mafera said camp

critiques from the students went well. "They gave us an A minus. It appears they would prefer a little less classroom instruction."

The camp is broadly supported by the Morrow County School District, our primary partner. In addition, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), and seven National Forests participated

Child Care Resource and Referral announces upcoming classes

Child Care Resource and Referral announces their upcoming classes for November and December.

"Family Child Care Overview" will be held November 2 in Hermiston from 6-9 p.m. This is a free class. Sessions can be set up upon request. This class is required by the Child Care Division for anyone wishing to become a Registered Family Child Care Provider, and for individuals that want to learn more about Oregon's laws governing child care. CCD Certifiers will be on hand to talk about the rules

and regulations and to explain the on-site Health and Safety Review process.

"Supporting Children with Disabilities" will be held November 17 in Hermiston from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost for this class is \$5. This training will focus on young children with disabilities. The trainer will be Niki Brown of the ESD.

"Medic First Aide and CPR" will be held November 18 and 19 in Hermiston from 6-10 p.m. The cost is \$45. This class is needed for CCD registration and to qualify for the DHS Enhanced Rate. This

class will teach you how to perform CPR on infants, children and adults. Fire Aid topics include what to do until emergency medical help arrives. This class provides a two year certification. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. There are only 12 slots available. Students must attend both nights.

"Smoke-Fire-Flames-What's the Plan?" will be held November 19 in Hermiston from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost for this class is \$5.

"Hodgepodge Art—Use Your Imagination" will be held Decem-

ber 3 in Hermiston from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This class will be presented in both English and Spanish. The cost is \$5.

"Teaching & Regulating Emotions" will be held December 14 in Pendleton from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5. This class addresses potential mechanisms through which emotion regulation relates to children's early academic success.

For more information or to pre-register for classes, call Child Care Resource & Referral at 1-800-559-5878 or 541-564-6878

Valby Lutheran pumpkin carving party held

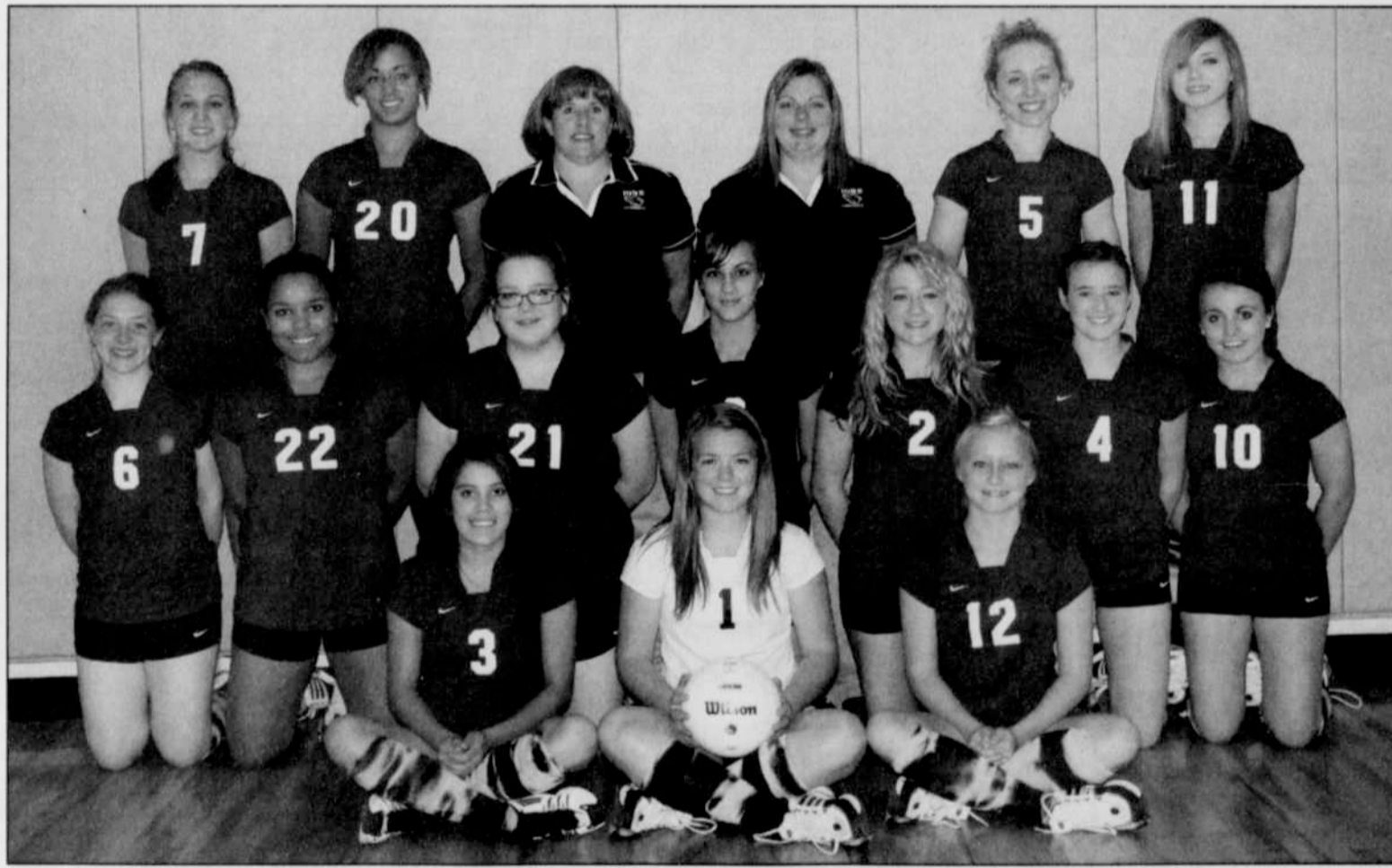


Valby Lutheran Church hosted a pumpkin carving party last Sunday afternoon. Thirty kids and parents created 16 pumpkin masterpieces, and then roasted hot dogs and marshmallows on a campfire outside the church. The largest pumpkin was home-grown by Aaron Smythe, and Bill Tews contributed many pumpkins from his garden. Donations received from this event generated more than half of the congregation's goal to earn matching funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to benefit Lutheran World Relief. Weekly worship continues each Sunday at 9 a.m. All are welcome. -Contributed Photo

GOOD LUCK, CARDINALS!

Ione plays Arlington
Thursday, Oct. 29
at 6 PM in Ione.

The winner
advances to the
District Tournament
in Umatilla on
Saturday, Oct. 31,
beginning
at 10 AM.



Back Row-Stefanie Archer, Vanessa Ziliani, Asst. Coach Lynn Dee Ramos, Head Coach Dawn Eynetich, Beth Morter, Lacey Thompson Middle Row-Sarah Stillman, Shadow Kendrick, Mary Gates, Brianna Peterson, Tyree Svetich, Collette Cason, Makenna Ramos Front Row-Yesenia Verduzco, Mary Rietmann, Stacey Halvorsen

Go Cardinals! Best of Luck to you from these businesses and individuals:

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BPOE #358 Elks Lodge
Bank of Eastern Oregon
Boardman Foods, Inc.
Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Dances With Mules
Dean's Pendleton Athletic Company
Devin Oil Company, Inc.
Dobyns Pest Control
Eastern Oregon Orthopaedic
Gar Aviation, Inc.
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Gregory Jones, DMD
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Lexington Pump
Les Schwab Tire Center
Morrow County Fair and Rodeo

Morrow County Grain Growers
Morrow County Recreation District
Murray Drugs and Country Rose
Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo
P2L Excavating, LLC
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