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It's Fair & Rodeo time



C.J. Johnson gets an entry ready for display in the 2011 Morrow County Fair. Johnson is the superintendent for Super Kids. The Fair & Rodeo runs this Wednesday through Sunday at the fairgrounds in Heppner. Look for a schedule of events around town or visit the Fair web site at: morrowcountyoregon.com/fair. photo by David Sykes

Local man works to bolster pheasant population

By David Sykes

A while back Sam Hornbeck got an idea. And for those who know Sam, when he gets an idea, things generally start to happen.

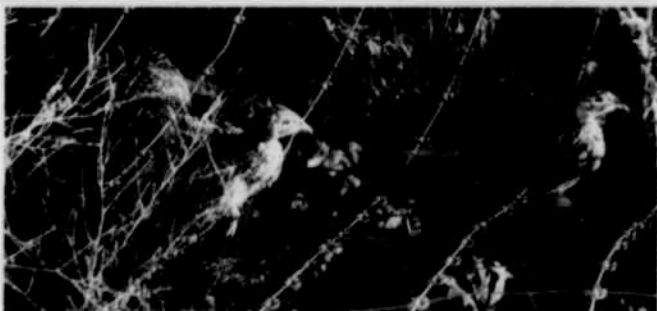
Hornbeck, who lives in Heppner, noticed there seemed to be fewer pheasants around South Morrow County than there used to be. So he set out to do something about it.

With \$300 in seed money from the Willow Creek Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) and a matching amount from county tippage funds he constructed, with volunteer help from the Boy Scouts, three protective pheasant shelters to be placed on local farms around the area. "We want to try and build the population back up and maybe get some more pheasant hunters coming back into this area. It would be good for our economy," Hornbeck had told WCVEDG when requesting the money. The shelters would be used to place young pheasant chicks and protect them from predators while growing up.

Along the way Hornbeck enlisted the help of local Fish and Wildlife man Steve Cherry, who one day last week placed the final 100 birds in a shelter in the middle of some CRP



Steve Cherry (left) of the local Fish and Wildlife office, along with Jake Belineau, also of Fish & Game, Troy Dunsmier, intern with F&W, and Sam Hornbeck of Heppner place birds into protective structures on property near Heppner.



A total of 300 six-week old pheasant chicks have now been released into protective structures around South Morrow County in the past several weeks. The project is part of an effort to increase pheasants for hunting initiated by Heppner resident Sam Hornbeck. Photos by David Sykes

ground on a farm near Heppner.

A crew of Cherry, Belineau, also of F&W and NRCS, a young intern, Troy Dunsmier, and Horn-

beck took the cages out and placed the birds into and around the protective

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Walden says debt is unsustainable and it's time to face fiscal reality

Congressman makes swing through Heppner

By David Sykes

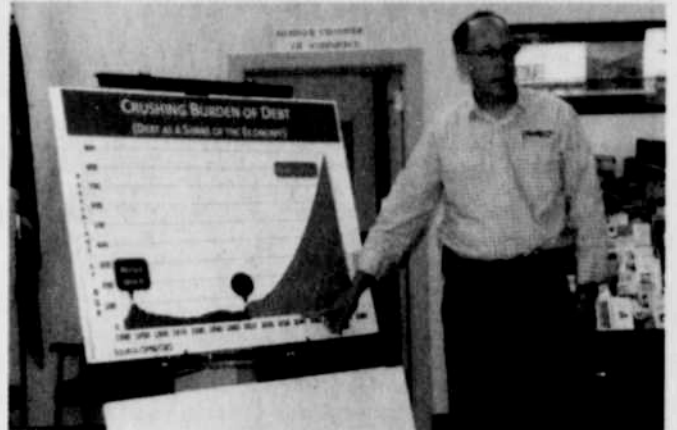
The unsustainable borrowing and spending by the United States government is "unacceptable and immoral," US Congressman Greg Walden told a gathered crowd of about 30 at a town hall meeting in Heppner last week. "And this cannot go on," he said of the country's economic situation.

Walden said the recent legislation to raise the debt limit, which was also tied to spending cuts, was a start to get our fiscal house in order. "We didn't get into it overnight, and we can't get out of it overnight," the congressman, who voted in favor of the debt limit increase/spending cut package, added.

Walden was encouraged by the debt limit debate and legislation, saying that although there have been many, many votes over the years to increase the debt limit, "never has it been tied to a cut in spending.

If you did what we just did (passing the legislation) you could cut the deficit in 10 years," he said. Walden also said he voted on a budget (commonly known as cut, cap and balance) that would have paid off the national debt by 2040, however it died in the Democrat-controlled Senate when they refused to vote on it. "The Senate for over 180 days has failed to pass the budget," he said, adding that it received 46 Democrat votes in the house but 0 votes in the Senate or from the President.

In explaining how far the United States has gone into debt, Walden pointed out that currently foreign countries, mostly Russia, China and Japan, own 47 percent of our debt, or about \$8.4 trillion. In 1990, only 11 years ago, that figure was \$2.4 trillion or 19 percent. "Russia is apparently in better shape



Congressman Greg Walden uses a chart to point out how the nation's borrowing is unrealistic and cannot be sustained for the future. He was in Heppner for a town hall meeting last Thursday. Photo by David Sykes



Walden visits with Heppner resident Shirley Rugg at a town hall meeting last week.

that the United State," he said. "That is unacceptable and immoral and we cannot let it go on," Walden emphasized.

Walden also pointed to the 2010 election which changed the house from Democrat to Republican control, commenting that the people had spoken. "This is the checks and balances working in Washington. And some people don't like it," he said.

When asked about the proposed balanced budget amendment which require the federal government to only spend what it takes in, and if it wanted more money it would have to raise taxes, Walden said he voted for it last time and would vote for it again. He added that if either house passes a balanced budget amendment, the other house has to consider it.

When asked what

is going to happen when government spending is cut back, Walden said it would be time to make necessary choices. "What are we as a people going to do without, because the government does not have the money to give us?" he asked. He said everything is on the table, however, they would not be going after Medicare or Social Security, and that everyone over 55 would see no change in these programs. There would, however, be "structural changes" in these two programs going forward, he said.

In response to a question about foreign companies and governments buying natural resources from the United States, Walden said

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MCGG, BEO donate rodeo saddles



Jamie Helfrecht



Kay Rene Qualls, Amber Fritz, Sandra Van Liew, Debbie Young, Cindy Kennedy, Lynne Uitto, Bev Crum and Tricia Rollins

Morrow County Grain Growers is donating the Morrow County Rodeo Amateur Calf Roping saddle and the Bank of Eastern Oregon is donating the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo All

Around saddle this year.

The Morrow County Rodeo will begin at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, August 21, at the rodeo arena at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo NPRA performances are set for 7 p.m. on Friday, August 19, and Saturday, August 20, at the rodeo arena.

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