

## Eastern Oregon hunting update released

The eastern Oregon hunting update has been released.

**Deer:** Overall deer numbers are about average, or a little below, depending on winter-kill and the wet spring. Hunters may have to work a bit to get at some of the older bucks.

Survival in the Sumpter, Keating, Pine Creek and Lookout Mt. units was lower than average after a hard, long winter. Buck ratios good, though, and deer body conditions are excellent.

Deer numbers in the Northside, Desolation, southeast Heppner and northwest Beulah units remain lower than hoped.

Deer in the Heppner and Fossil units are stable to slightly increasing, and buck ratios are good. The Columbia Basin and East Biggs unit deer herds are stable.

Deer hunting should be average in the Walla Walla, Mt. Emily, Ukiah, eastern portion of Heppner and northern Columbia Basin units, best in the Ukiah and Walla Walla units.

A wet spring was good to deer in the Starkey, Catherine Creek and east Mt. Emily units, with deer in excellent body condition throughout all areas. Hunting will be average.

Deer numbers remain low, however, in the Wenaha, Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, Snake River, Minam and Imnaha units.

**Elk:** Elk continue to do well throughout the Blue Mountains, with some exceptions, mostly due to predation and too many roads.

Bull ratios are up in the Pine Creek, Sumpter, Keating, Lookout Mt., Northside, Desolation and Murderers Creek units.

Heppner and Fossil unit hunters should have a good season.

Mt. Emily and Walla Walla continue to offer very high quality branch-bull hunting, but it will be a tough year for spike hunters in the Walla Walla, Mt. Emily and Ukiah units because of high predation.

Look for average hunting in the Starkey unit, up some in the Catherine Creek unit and about the same in the east Mt. Emily unit.

The Wenaha unit had improved calf survival, but numbers remain down.

**Bear and cougar:** Bear and cougar hunting should be good in the Sumpter, Keating, Pine Creek and Lookout Mt. Units.

Hunt for bears in high-elevation, open areas with lots of berries.

Northside, Desolation, southeast Heppner and northwest Beulah units offer decent bear and cougar hunting as well.

Hunters are still seeing cougars in the Heppner unit, but it's not the best place to hunt bears.

Bear and cougar are available throughout the Starkey, Catherine Creek, East Mt. Emily, Sled Springs and Wenaha units.

Hunting prospects for both bear and cougar are good in the Wenaha, Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, Snake River and Imnaha units.

**Upland birds:**

Rains improved cover and food resources for upland birds. So even though chick survival may have been lower due to the rains, overall brood sizes are larger and hunting should be improved over last year in most regions.

**Baker County:** Chukar and other bird production looks fair.

**Grant County:** Upland game bird production appears to be either on par or an increase over last year.

Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler counties: Production is up from last year for all species except pheasant but is still below the long-term average.

**Umatilla County:** Hunting should be average, with quail holding their own.

**Union County:** Upland bird hunting will be fair at best.

**Wallowa County:** Chukar and grouse hunting will remain poor.

**Waterfowl:** Baker County: Duck and goose hunting is expected to be similar to past years with a few resident birds early in the season.

**Grant County:** Limited waterfowl hunting, but a few places on private land along the John Day River.

Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler counties: Duck and goose hunting in the Columbia Basin is expected to be good for resident birds early and improve for migrants by the end of November.

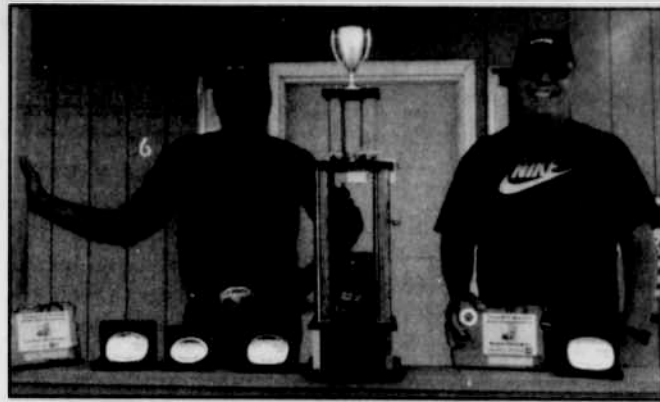
**Umatilla County:** Habitat conditions in the Columbia Basin still support large numbers of wintering Canada geese.

## Papineau, Morris win equipment operator awards

Morrow County Public Works Road Department recognizes two County Road employees, Jay Papineau and Bill Morris, who have just returned from the 18th annual technical training school and equipment operator skills demonstrations held in Redmond.

"Both of these individuals not only came back with new knowledge and skills that they will be passing on to fellow crew members, but they have the honor and privilege to say that they are some of the best equipment operators in the state of Oregon," said a MCPW news release.

Morris placed first with Papineau in a close second in the grader division. Papineau continued to perform on task and placed first in the loader division as well. When all the equipment operator skills and technical training was completed, one individual was announced that they would



Jay Papineau and Bill Morris

have the privilege to bring home the coveted Top Gun Trophy award to display for one year. This trophy is awarded to the individual who had the best overall performance in all areas of equipment operation. This year the overall winner of the equipment operating skills demonstration Top Gun Trophy went to Jay Papineau.

"Morrow County should be honored and proud that we have on our road crew some of the finest equipment operators in the

state of Oregon. Yes, this is their job and they do it daily, but they do this job with pride to ensure the safety of all who travel in or through Morrow County," said the release.

For more information on this event and other information regarding this training and skills demonstration visit <http://www.skillsdemo.org>. This event is held every year and is open to construction operators to show their skills and expertise; as well as learn new skills and safety practices.

## Electric co-op to perform tree trimming operations in area

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op, and their subcontractors, Trees Inc., will be conducting their annual tree trimming operation throughout the service territory during the next few months. Trimming of trees around

power lines is an annual chore and is required by Oregon PUC and RUS to reduce outages and ensure continuity of electrical service. Areas affecting both primary (distribution) and secondary (individual service connections) lines will be cleared.

Any comments, concerns or questions about trees obstructing power lines or the removal of them may be made to Brian Kollman at 541-676-9146, [brian@columbiabasin.cc](mailto:brian@columbiabasin.cc) or Josh Coiner, [joshc@columbiabasin.cc](mailto:joshc@columbiabasin.cc).

## Morrow County Fair Open Class winners announced

Following are the Morrow County Fair Open Class winners:

**Sweepstake winners:** Winners in each department received a gift certificate to use at any Morrow County business. Adults received \$25 and kids \$15. Fruits-Paul Beagle, Vegetables-Paul Beagle, Flowers-Carol Allison, Clothing-Marlene Pointer, Needlework-Jolene Stensland, Quilts-Sandra VanLiew, Canning-Patricia Hughes, Food-Jan Stroeber, Arts-Shannon Harrison, Creative Writing-Babali Peterson, Photography-Marlene Pointer, Crafts-Debra Wryn, Kids 3-6-Shaylyn Deloach, Superkids 7-9-Alexis Cutsforth, Juniors 10-13-Hayden Qualls.

**People's Choice Art:** Virginia Wilkinson.

**Morrow County Creative Arts Award:** Art-Sharon Harrison, Crafts-Linda Voltz.

**Flowers:** Best Horticulture presented by Heppner Garden Club-Terry Tallman; Best Arrangement presented by Heppner Garden Club-Carol Allison, Most Blue Ribbons presented by Heppner Garden Club-Terry Tallman, Jane Rawlins Memorial presented by Morrow County Fair Board-Carol Allison.

**Baking Contest:** "Wheat League Cake" (Sunshine Cake) sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat Growers was won by Jan Stroeber and the "Mike Armato Bread Bak-

ing" contest, sponsored by the Armato family, was also won by Jan Stroeber.

**The Wheat Growers Photo contest** was won by Tina Palmer

**Talent Show:**

Drew Johnson won first place in the Adult division, he received \$75; Drion Donner received \$50 for second and Kristal Temple won \$25 for third place. In the Youth division ((10-17) Madison Combe received \$30 for first place, second place was Patrick Collins, they received \$20 and third place went to Cara Arbogast and Morgan Burch, they received \$5 each.

**Grill Offs:** Painted Hills Natural Beef Backyard Grilling contest was won by Paul Keefer,

second place was Mustang BBQ (Daye & Michelle Stone) and third was Mark & Lisa Pratt; Foster Farms Big Cluck Grill Off was won by the team of Mark & Lisa Pratt, second was Hot Lips (Steve Allen and Robin Bredfield) and third went to Bevington Farms (Ernie Bevington and Shelly Fisher).

**Oregon's Best Contests** a hit at the Morrow County Fair

The Oregon's Best Contests are a tradition at the Morrow County Fair. The contests are intended to inspire creativity using Oregon products. This year, contests included Bob's Best Home-Baked Bread Contest, featuring Bob's Red Mill flours & products; Down Home

Favorites Recipe Contest, sponsored by FLAV-R-PAC and Santiam; Delicious, Nutritious Summer Cheese Recipe Challenge, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon.

Bob's Red Mill sponsored the popular Bob's Best Home-Baked Bread Contest. Contestants baked bread from scratch using Bob's Red Mill products. This year's first place winner was Shelley McCabe. Shelley's Dilly Bread used fresh ingredients and Bob's Red Mill flour. She will receive \$50 and two five pound bags of Bob's Red Mill flour and her recipe will be listed on [oregonfresh.net](http://oregonfresh.net).

The Down Home Favorites-This year's winner was Jan Denlinger with her Corn Clam Chowder. Jan received an eco-friendly bamboo cutting board stamped with the Flav R Pac logo, a free product coupon, and will have her recipe listed on [oregonfresh.net](http://oregonfresh.net).

Oregon produced cheese was highlighted in the Delicious, Nutritious Summer Cheese Recipe Challenge sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon. Contestants use at least one type of Oregon cheese in a snack, salad, main dish, side dish or dessert. The winner would have won a prize and some coupons for Oregon-made dairy products for first place, but there were no entries.

The Oregon's Best Contests are presented by the Agri-Business Council of Oregon (ABC), a non-profit organization that promotes Oregon's agriculture industry. For more information about the Oregon's Best contests and to view the winning recipes, visit the ABC Web site, [www.Oregonfresh.net](http://www.Oregonfresh.net).

"Please remember to check in next year's Premium Book to enter and win prizes in the Oregon Best Contests," said a fair spokesperson.

## GEODC rep to speak at Chamber luncheon

Karen Kendall from Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) will be the speaker for Thursday's Chamber Lunch meeting on September 22, starting at 12 p.m.

She will be reviewing the South Willow Creek Valley combined strategic plan that has been developed with the help of

community and businesses from Heppner, Lexington and Ione.

The lunch meeting will be held at Heppner City Hall and the cost will be \$9. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP.

Murray's will cater the lunch and will serve lasagna, garlic bread, salad and dessert.

## Day care to sell Krispy Kreme doughnuts

The Heppner Day Care is selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts as a fund raiser for \$9 a box.

Anyone interested may contact Heppner Day Care at 541-676-5429 or talk with a board member.

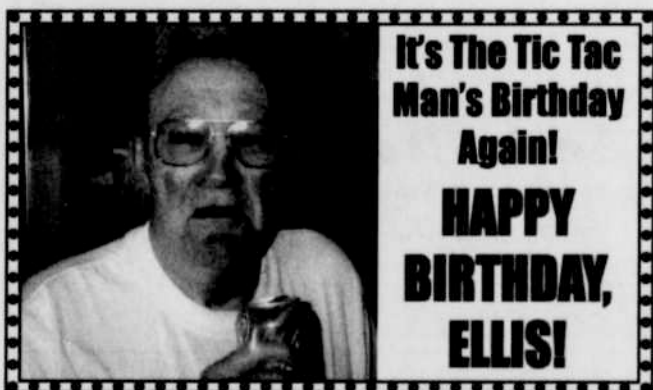
All orders must be into the day care center no later than Thursday, September 29.

They will also have extra donuts on hand to deliver on Friday at the Heppner football game as well.

## Senior Mealsite Menu

Menu for the Heppner Senior Center mealsite for September 28 is as follows: pork chops, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, applesauce, hot rolls and lemon bars.

Assisting will be Hope Lutheran, Valby Lutheran and All Saints' Episcopal churches.



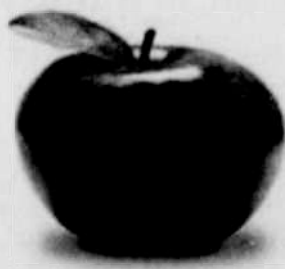
## Ione Education Foundation Fundraising Dinner & Auction

Saturday, September 24, 2011  
Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Ione American Legion Hall  
Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$25.00

Children 7-12: \$10.00

Children 6 and under: Free



**Dinner Menu:** Prime Rib, Salmon, Salad, Baked Potato, Bread, Dessert. Two drinks included with meal (beer, wine, soft drinks). Tickets available at Bank of Eastern Oregon or Reserved by calling 541-422-7435. Live Auction and Raffle Items. Musical performances by Ione Community School Music Department.

**Special Youth Hunt**

**YOUTH SPIKE ELK ONLY**

Nov. 5 - Nov. 13, 2011


General 2nd Elk Season Tag Required

**Morrow County Public Works**

365 W. HWY 74, P.O. Box 428  
Lexington, Oregon 97839  
Phone: (541) 989-9500  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:00am to 5:00pm

**Morrow/Grant County OHV Park Youth Spike Elk Hunt**

Morrow or Grant County youth that have their hunters education or are participating in the ODFW Mentored Youth Hunter Program.



Application **MUST BE RETURNED** to the Morrow County Public Works office by **Wednesday, October 12, 2011 4:00pm**