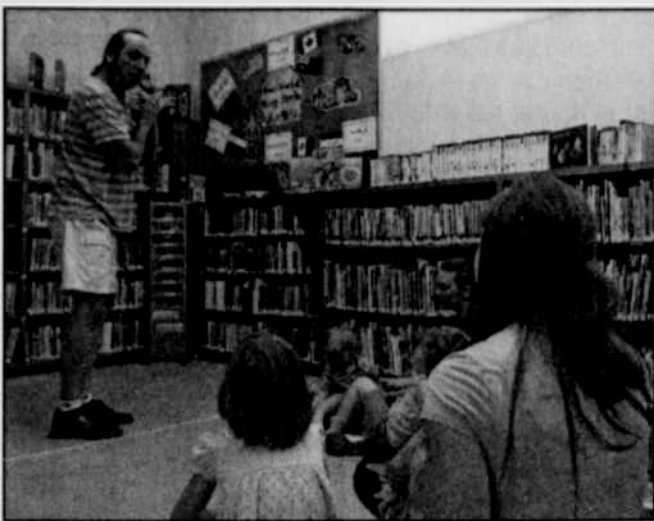


“Chilly Willies” and “A Tell-Tale Heart”



Master storyteller Christopher Leebrick entertains a group at the Heppner Library during the summer reading program. Leebrick promises to entertain with thrills and chills during this encore visit. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

Master storyteller Christopher Leebrick will present a cultural mix of fun and spooky tales from around the world on Thursday, October 6. The fun begins at 4 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School. The stories are recommended for ages six and up only.

Later the same evening, at 7 p.m., Leebrick will present a riveting performance of Edgar Allan Poe's masterpiece “A Tell-Tale Heart.” This performance will also be at the Heppner Elementary School, but is recommended for teens and adults only.

The award-winning theater artist has been spinning tales since he was only 13 years old. Since 1975, he has performed

from coast to coast at festivals, theaters, conference halls, schools libraries and churches. His repertoire includes folk tales from around the world, narrative poetry, original stories and “whoppers.”

All three of Leebrick's CDs—two of which are available for checkout from the Heppner library—have won national Storytelling World awards.

When he isn't on the road, Leebrick enjoys spending time with his wife, son and daughter at the home in West Linn, OR.

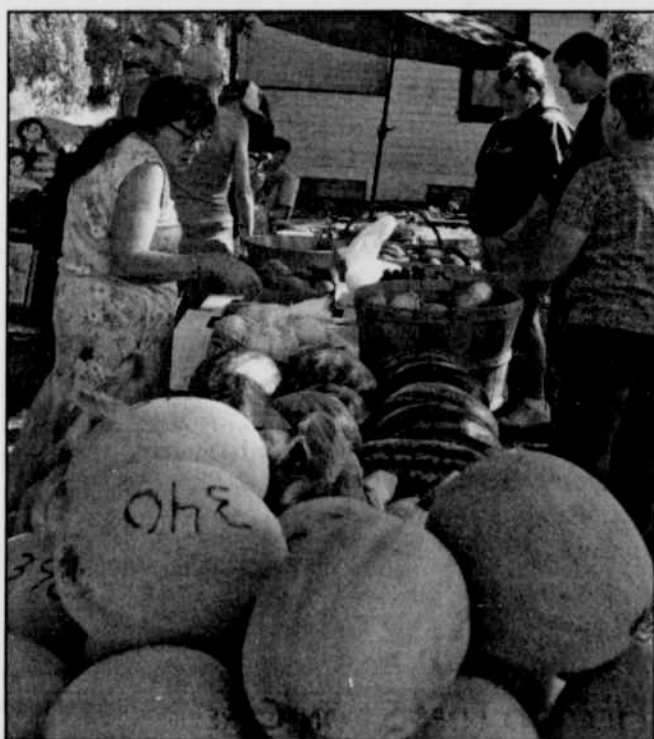
Both programs are free, and are sponsored by the Heppner Friends of the Library and the Oregon Trail Library District.

HHS Homecoming court crowned



The Heppner High School homecoming court was crowned during half-time of the HHS game versus Enterprise September 23. Court members are as follows (L-R): Back row-senior prince Cody Orr, father Kelwayne Haguewood, father John Gould, father Chris Rauch; Middle row-junior princess Tessa Gould, senior princess Carrie Haguewood, senior queen Taylor Gould, senior princess Natalie Rauch, junior princess Emma Osmin, father Jess Osmin; Front row-junior prince Bryce Fowler, pennant bearer Sallie Orem, senior prince Drew Brannon, pennant bearer Eli Petzold, junior prince Camron Day, senior prince Aiden Wright. - Photo by Sandy Matthews

Farmers market wraps up third season



Shoppers browse through produce at the table of Larry and Charlene Day at the Willow Creek farmers market in Heppner. The Days are among more than a dozen vendors who appeared weekly at the market, which experienced its most successful season yet; participants hope to see it better than ever when it reopens next June. The market's last day this year is Friday, October 7. -Photo by David Sykes

Local man wins Tea Party print drawing

Norman Lee (R), Pastor of the Heppner Nazarene Church, was the winner of the recent Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots Liberty Freedom print raffle. Barbara VanArsdale sold tickets and coordinated the drawing as a fundraiser for the group. -Photo by David Sykes



Correction

Several of the FFA captions in last week's paper were incomplete. Following are the corrected captions: FFA Sheep Showmanship results: Reserve Champion Greenhand Showman Shane Miles; Grand Champion Greenhand Sheep Showman Tate Gentry; Advanced FFA Sheep Showman Grand Champion Lilly Sandford; Overall FFA Sheep Showman Reserve Champion Tate Gentry, and Overall FFA Sheep Showman Grand Champion and Grand Champion FFA Breeding Ewe Lilly Sandford.

Khayman Heard, freshman and FFA Greenhand member shows off one of the many baskets at the Murray's Wine and Beer tasting/dinner event held at the Morrow County Fair. Heppner FFA Chapter is going to National FFA Convention in October and members are raising money for their travel expenses. Members who are planning on attending and others who helped out donated their time and auction items for the trip.

Garrett Robinson, Grand Champion Steer Showman, Lilly Sandford, Grand Champion Lamb Showman, and Sean Barron, Grand Champion Swine Showman, competed for FFA Grand Champion Master Showman.

Heppner sees warmest September on record

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures in Heppner averaged much warmer than normal during the month of September.

The average temperature was 66.4 degrees, which was 5.3 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 81.8 degrees, which was 5.9 degrees above normal. The highest was 94 degrees on September 12. Low temperatures averaged 51.1

degrees, which was 4.8 degrees above normal. The lowest was 40 degrees, on the 29th.

On six days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees.

Precipitation totaled 0.05 inches during September, which was 0.64 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01 inch was received on 3 days, with the heaviest, 0.02 inches, reported on September 15.

The outlook for October from NOAA's

Tickets still available for Pendleton basket to benefit Roy Proctor

Tickets for the Pendleton basket to benefit Roy Proctor will be on sale through Saturday, October 8.

Tickets will be available at the Heppner High School football game Friday, October 7; during the Heppner High School Booster Club dinner and auction Saturday, October 8 at the Heppner Elks Club; at Murray's Drug or by contacting Shelli Britt,

Rhonda Winter or Amber Fritz at the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

The winner will be drawn at the Booster Club auction.

Proctor, a Heppner High School alumnus, underwent a bone marrow transplant in his fight against Fanconi's Anemia. He is the son of Kay and Mike Proctor of Heppner.

Ione holds annual Foundation Dinner



Ione Schools music teacher Jordan Bemrose leads the chorale group for entertainment at the recent Ione Education Foundation annual dinner. The dinner featured prime rib, salmon and an auction to raise money for Ione Schools. -Photos by David Sykes

Lions host second annual Irrigon skate tournament

The Irrigon Lions Club is sponsoring the second annual skateboard tournament at the Don Baxter Skate Park in Irrigon on Saturday, October 15. Competition begins at 10 a.m.

The entry fee is \$10 for those who register from now until October 12. Waiver and registration forms, as well as guidelines, are available at Christine's, Inc., 1400 E Hwy 730, Irrigon. All entrants will receive a blue/gold wristband which recognizes them as a participant.

Registration from October 12 until the morning of the tournament are \$15. Registration will be accepted until 9:30 the morning of the 15th.

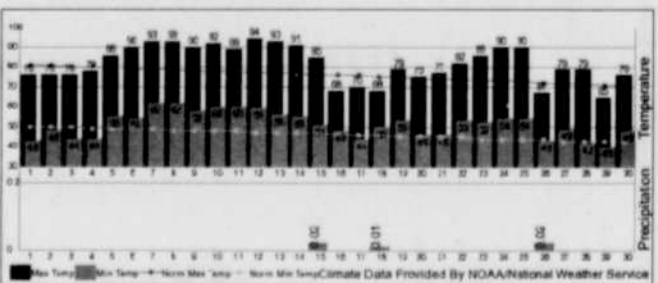
All participants under 16 years of age will be

required to wear helmets. Helmets are advised for all participants, regardless of age.

There are five categories under which entrants may register according to their abilities: Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Girls and Sponsored.

The Friends of Irrigon Library will be operating a concession trailer with a diverse menu. Vendors offering skateboard equipment, accessories, clothing and photography choices are encouraged to set up in the park.

All proceeds from registration fees will go to the Irrigon Lions Club and will be used for local community needs, including sight and hearing assistance.



Climate Prediction Center calls for below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner fall from 68.0 degrees at the start of October to 61.0 degrees at the end of October. Normal

lows fall from 40.6 degrees to 37.2 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 1.12 inches.

This was the warmest September on record. The previous warmest was 66.2 degrees in 1990.

Community Health Services announces \$25,000 challenge

Columbia River Community Health Services announces a grant of \$200,000 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

The local capital campaign, “Investing in Boardman's Healthy Future” received a tremendous boost in fundraising with the recent award from the charitable trust, based in SW Washington.

“This announcement puts us over 90% of our campaign goal and well on our way to opening the clinic, debt free in the spring of 2012,” according to Mindy Binder, Executive Director of the Boardman clinic. “We are so grateful to have this support from the M.J. Murdock Trust at a critical time in our fundraising and completion of our \$4.7 million clinic construction.”

The \$200,000 award from the M.J. Charitable Trust is contingent on a \$25,000 local challenge that must be met by December 31, 2012. The effort to raise those funds includes outreach to Riverside High School through a brick campaign in which the Senior Class joined the philanthropic effort, raising money for the clinic while also creating a fundraising opportunity for the senior class. The clinic is sharing the profit of each brick sale with the Riverside seniors to support their annual fundraising for their senior class project.

Principal Robert Elizondo of Riverside said “This partnership experience of engaging our students to learn about fundraising and support the Columbia River Community Health Services Clinic is a wonderful example of helping our community.”

The Riverside High seniors hope to sell more than a dozen bricks to assist them with their class project.

“I think you will see the Riverside seniors

around the Boardman community making contact while having fun with this exciting concept of grassroots fundraising,” said Elizondo. “I am pleased to help this effort by making the first brick purchase.”

Additional and recent efforts to reach the local \$25,000 goal include a carwash, paper brick sales at various locations, senior citizen outreach and other community outreach. The new clinic will open in the spring of 2012 in a new 15,000 building serving the local area.

Grants such the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, corporate gifts and individual donations are all part of the ongoing effort to complete the local community challenge ahead of schedule and before the ribbon cutting scheduled for spring of 2012.

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust was created by the will of the late Melvin (Jack) Murdock, who was a co-founder of Tektronix, Inc. of Beaverton, OR, and a resident of Vancouver, WA. Since its establishment in 1975, the Trust has focused its grant-making efforts primarily on the Pacific Northwest. Although the primary funding interests are education and scientific research, grants are also given to a wide variety of organizations, including those that serve the arts, public affairs, health and medicine, human services and people with disabilities.

“We encourage the community to call or drop by with their questions or to purchase a brick [to help meet this challenge]. We know that we will reach our goal and look forward to serving the community with our new clinic,” said Binder. “It is a very exciting time for us and we thank the citizens, the business community, our students... everyone for helping us.”