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Grand Marshal



2012 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Grand Marshal Richard Kinzer (R) and wife Klara led the way during the 2012 Fair and Rodeo Parade. -Photo by April Sykes

First day of school Monday

It's time to go back to school. Heppner Elementary School, Heppner High School and Ione Community School will all begin classes next Monday, Aug. 27. The first Mustang football game will be Friday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. in Waitsburg, WA. The first home game will be Fri., Sept. 14, against Willamina. Heppner junior high football begins with the Irrigon Jamboree on Sat., Sept. 8, at 11 a.m. The first Mustang volleyball game will be Friday, Aug. 31, at the Umatilla Jamboree in Umatilla. The first home game will be held Sat., Sept. 8, in the Heppner Tourney. Junior high volleyball kicks off at the jamboree in Stanfield at 8 a.m. on Sat., Sept. 8. Cardinal football starts with a home game against Liberty Christian Friday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. Cardinal volleyball has its first game Sat., Sept. 1, time TBD, at the Hermiston Labor Day Tournament in Hermiston. The team will then play against Heppner in an Ione home game on Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. Cardinal middle school volleyball and football begin with home games against Condon on Sept 21 beginning at 2 p.m.

G-T Trophy Corner



Zavier Glover, 11, of Heppner caught this 15" cut-throat trout at the convergence of Hinton and Willow creeks. Zavier is the son of Jesse and Tonya Fisher. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

The Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your trophy animals from this fishing/hunting season. Stop by to have your picture taken, drop off photos, or email them to editor@rapidservice.net.

Ribbon cutting held for new picnic shelter



The Morrow County Ford Leadership Team held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Aug. 17, to celebrate the completion of their project, a covered picnic shelter at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The team says the project couldn't have happened without the donors who contributed, the businesses who were involved and also contributed "in kind," and the volunteers who worked countless hours to complete the project. The team raised about \$23,000 for this project and had money left over, so they say they will be buying new chairs to be used in the dance hall during special events, and possibly some tables for under the shelter. "We appreciated the opportunity to be involved in a project that benefits the whole county," says a team representative. Pictured are Ford Leadership Team members (L-R) Hannah Lovgren, Mayra Collin, Kate Close, Rhonda Hamby, Zech Hintz, Bryce Fowler, Taylor Gould, Karen Pettigrew, Les Paustian, Carla McLane, Diane Wolfe, Alvin Liu and Sheryll Bates. -Photo by David Sykes

West Nile virus confirmed in county

West Nile virus, a mild flu-like disease spread by mosquitoes, has been reported to have been found in two testing sites in Morrow County, according to Oregon Public Health officials. The two sites were found near the cities of Boardman and Irrigon. Health officials are advising people in Morrow County to take precautions against mosquitoes in order to avoid the risk of infection. People in that area are encouraged to be especially careful to avoid getting mosquito bites. "The risk of contracting West Nile virus may be low, but we do encourage people to take appropriate precautions to protect themselves against mosquito bites," said Greg Barron, Manager of North Morrow Vector Control District. "We will continue to increase our mosquito control operations utilizing our Ultra Low Volume (ULV) truck-mounted sprayers to reduce adult mosquito populations." Dr. Emilio DeBess, public health veterinarian, says simple precautions can prevent the spread of West Nile virus: -Eliminate sources of standing water that are a breeding ground for mosquitoes, including watering troughs, bird baths, clogged gutters and old tires. -When engaged in outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, when mosquitoes are most active, protect yourself by using mosquito repellents containing DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus or Picardin, and follow the directions on the container. -Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants in mosquito-infested areas. -Make sure screen doors and windows are in good repair and fit tightly. -Because the number of mosquito pools testing positive in any area could lead to infection, Shelley Wight, Morrow County Health Department Health Educator/Communicable Disease Coordinator, recommends people and animals be protected against mosquito bites. Eighty percent of people infected with West Nile virus exhibit no symptoms. Of the remaining 20 percent, most have mild symptoms like fever, headaches and nausea lasting from three to six days. In a few cases, more severe symptoms occur, including convulsions or disorientation. The central nervous system also may be affected, resulting in a headache associated with fever, aseptic meningitis or encephalitis. Consult your health care provider if you have these symptoms. Health care providers may contact the Morrow County Health Department for information on West Nile virus testing services offered by the Oregon Public Health Lab. Additional information about West Nile virus is available at the Oregon Health Authority website, <http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/DiseasesAZ/WestNileVirus/Pages/survey.aspx>, or the MCHD, http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/lhd/county_directories/Morrow.pdf.

Lexington celebrates new fire hall



The town of Lexington celebrated the opening of its new fire hall with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate the fire hall and town hall complex last Monday night. A project four years in the making, residents celebrated its completion with sandwiches, drinks, watermelon and cookies. Representing the city in the ribbon cutting are (L-R) Scott Hollis, Reid Miller, Fire Chief Charlie Sumner, Mayor Jean Brazell and Tim Follett. -Photo by David Sykes

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