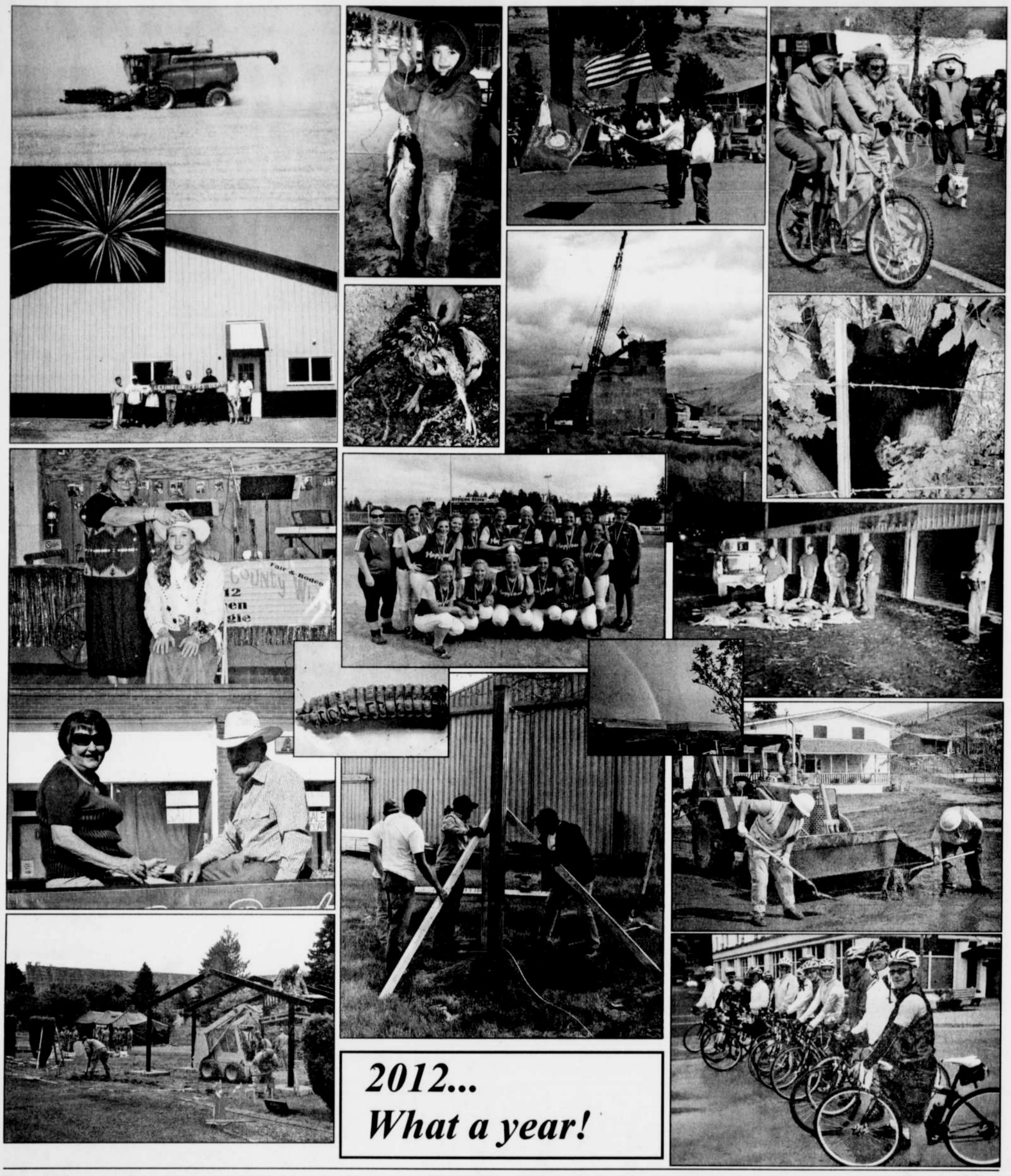
2012: The year in pictures



2012...
What a year!

Tax Aide program seeks volunteers

Heppner, OR—The Tax Aide Program, sponsored by AARP in conjunction with CAPECO, is seeking volunteers for its Morrow County program.

Historically, volunteer tax preparation has been done in both Heppner and Boardman on a weekly basis beginning in February and running through April 15. This year, however, there could possibly be no tax program due to a lack of volunteers.

"I can't do it alone folks." says Leann Rea, a tax aide volunteer for the past 20 years.

"This is a much-needed service for our community, and I would hate to see us not be able to open the Heppner or Boardman sites."

Volunteers are needed to perform general clerical duties, prepare taxes using computer software and welcome clients. Training is provided through the IRS and volunteers are well versed on preparation.

"We don't just turn you loose and expect you to prepare someone's return without training and guidance," states Scot Jacobson, CAPECO's volunteer manager, and district coordinator for the tax program.

"Taxes aren't as scary to prepare as people think. We provide the training you will need and there are a lot of taxes we can't prepare because they are just too complex."

The AARP tax program is designed to prepare basic returns that are not complicated. It is designed primarily to serve those age 60 and older, although anyone may seek their assistance. There is no charge by the Tax Aide Program to have your taxes done.

Currently the volunteer program is seeking a minimum of three individuals in order to be able to offer this service in Heppner and Boardman: one volunteer to act as a greeter to the program; one volunteer to prepare taxes; and one volunteer who would be willing to do both. More volunteers would be a welcome addition to the program.

For more information, contact Leann Rea at 541-676-5289 or Scot Jacobson at 1-800-7521139.

So. Morrow scholarship trust to meet

The South Morrow County Scholarship and Trust will hold its annual meeting and election of officers in the Heppner High School library at 6 p.m. on Jan. 28, 2013.

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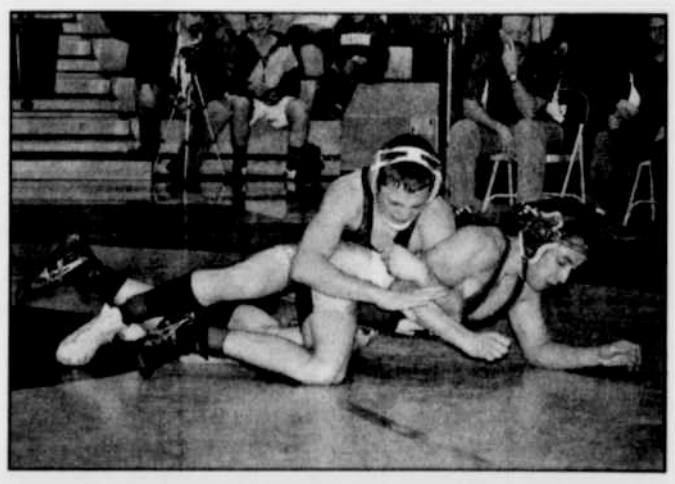
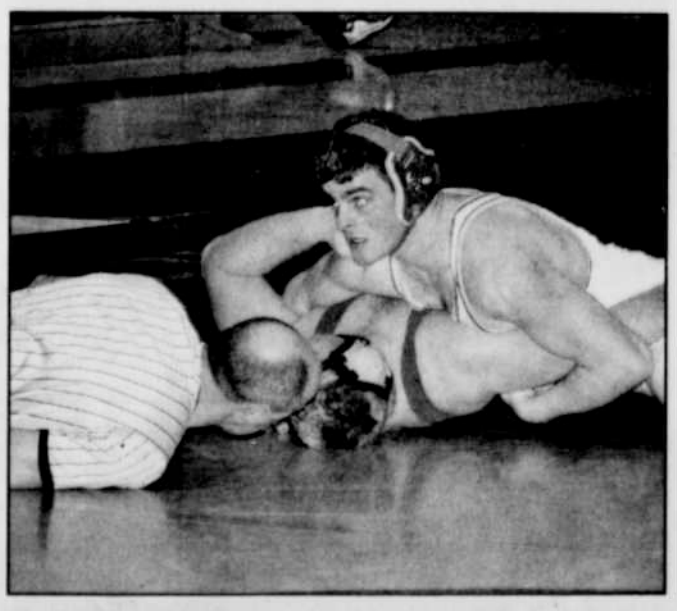
Mustangs attend Riverside Rumble





The Heppner/Ione Mustang wrestling team attended the Riverside Rumble in Boardman on Dec. 22. Top: Treston Maben struggles for the pin at Riverside. Bottom: Tim Nelson waits for the call against his opponent, a Washington state wrestler who outweighed him by 60 pounds and ranked second in Washington last season. *–Photos by Alita Nelson*