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D & L owner to retire after 30 years

By Andrea Di Salvo

When it comes to Heppner institutions, D&L Auto Parts and Repair on May Street fits the bill. That may not be the case much longer, though; Dale Adlard, owner of D&L, says he will retire around the first of the year.

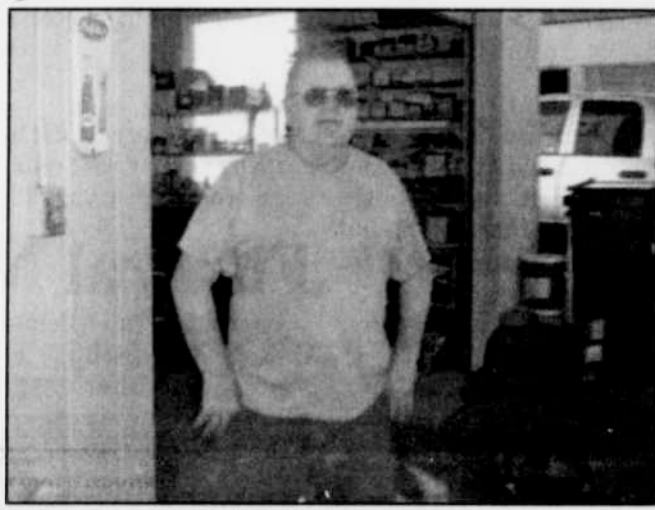
"I'm ready," says the 67-year-old. "My body says I'm ready."

This would have been Adlard's 30th year as owner of the local auto parts store.

"I opened it, walked through the front door for the first time, Jan. 2 of 1984."

Adlard was born in The Dalles, OR but was raised and attended school in Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School in 1965. After graduation, he says he was drafted for Vietnam.

"The government sent



Dale Adlard, owner of D & L Auto Parts and Repair in Heppner, stands in front of his shop on May Street. Adlard says he plans to retire around the first of the year. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

me a nice letter on my 19th birthday," he remembers.

Adlard was in Vietnam from 1966-1967, serving in a headquarters company, working with transportation and supplies.

"If the man thought they needed it, we got it to

them," says Adlard.

After returning stateside and getting settled in, Adlard took a job with McCormack Construction Company in Pendleton, OR. He says they were at

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Man sentenced for vehicle, motorcycle accident in Irrigon

Last Thursday Judge Daniel Hill sentenced Gary Lynn Ball in connection with a June 20, 2011 car versus motorcycle accident on Highway 730 in Irrigon.

Ball was convicted of Attempt to Commit a Class B Felony-Criminal Negligent Homicide, charges of which stemmed from a fatal motor vehicle accident that occurred in 2011 near the intersection of Highway 730 and

Division St. in Irrigon. Donald Garrett Dyer, 63, was pronounced deceased at the scene by paramedics.

Prior to judgment, Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson read statements from Dyer's wife, Carmen Lee Phillips-Dyer; his daughter, Angela Dyer; and his teenage son, Branson Dyer.

"I have no dad to teach me things or do things with me in the future," Branson

Dyer, who was 11 when his father was killed, said in an emotional statement to the court. "He was my support in my sports and in school; he was my role model. I often rode on the back of my dad's bike with him and now I will never be able to have that bond with him again."

Ball was found guilty -See MAN SENTENCED FOR ACCIDENT/OWNER SEVEN

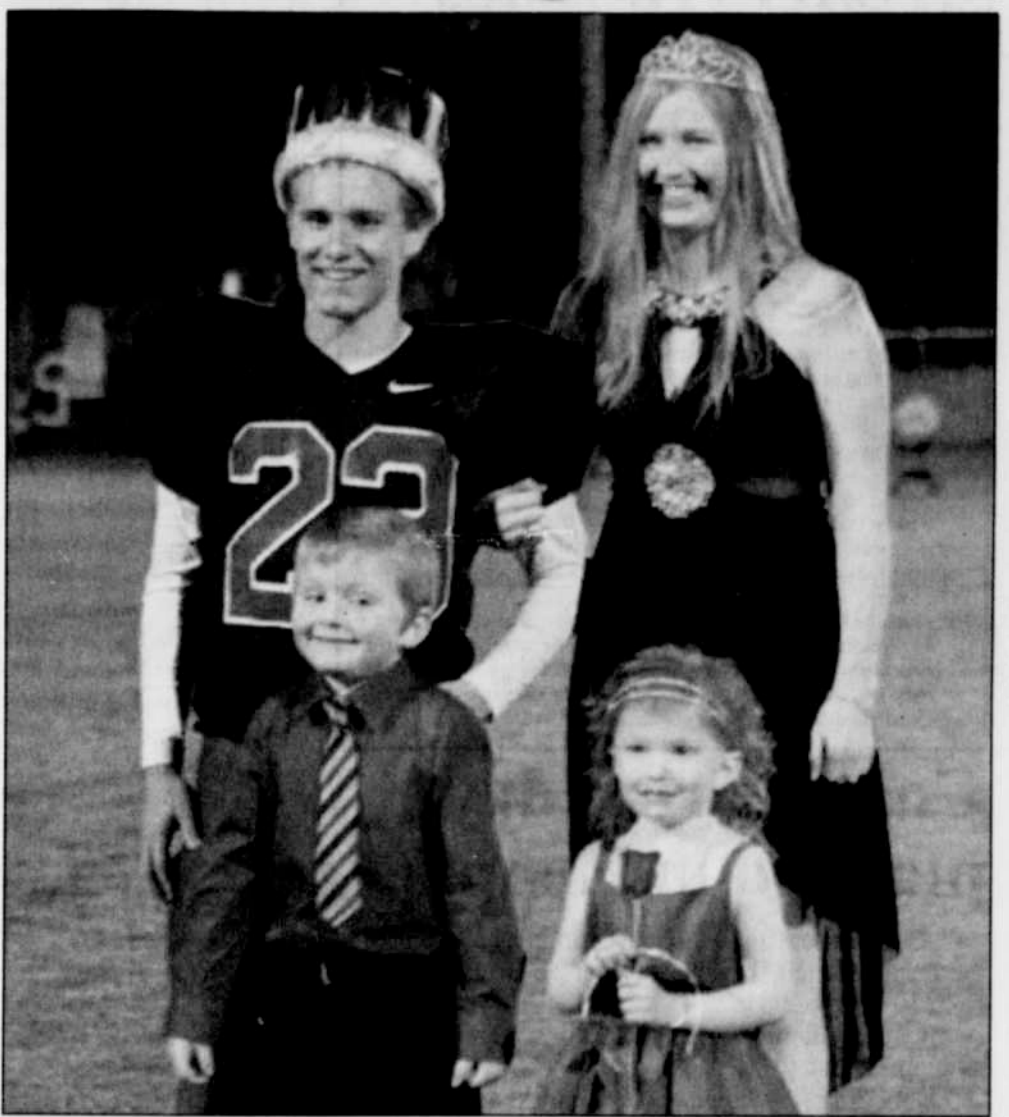
No 'masking' the fun this Halloween...



Scarecrows of all shapes and sizes, like these on Water Street, are cropping up to join in the fun as Heppner gets ready for Halloween. -Photo by Megan Futter



Ione celebrates Homecoming



Ione High School celebrated Homecoming last week with a variety of festivities ranging from theme days to a Powder Puff football game and Macho Man volleyball. The week ended on a high note with Ione's football game versus Arlington and the Homecoming dance. Pictured are the Ione Homecoming King Luke Jobes (senior) and Queen Vicky Gluder (exchange student from Germany) with crown bearers Carter Eynetich and Elizabeth Doherty. -Photo by Paula Emmel

CREZ board begins dispersing money

\$150,000 to education, \$150,000 to housing

By David Sykes

The Columbia River Enterprise Zone has begun dispersing funds it has collected from new businesses locating at the Port of Morrow and, after a lengthy discussion Monday, the board agreed to send \$150,000 to Morrow County Schools and another \$150,000 to a housing plan to entice new workers to live in Morrow County.

The board will receive its first big payment of \$300,000 from a new data farm currently being constructed by VA Data at the Port. The farm will

be used by Amazon.com and is a large building full of computers running the company's websites. VA Data gets a property tax break for locating in the enterprise zone, but pays fees to the CREZ instead of taxes.

Over the past several months board members had been discussing how to spend the money, and had first considered giving the entire \$300,000 to the newly formed Morrow County Education Foundation, which in turn would disperse the funds to schools located within the

county. The board had also considered earmarking the money to purchase a Kindle Fire for every student in the Morrow County School District. A Kindle Fire is a seven-inch tablet computer made by Amazon. Ione schools have issued each one of their students an Apple iPad. Ione has its own school district and also has a separate education foundation to disperse donated money.

At its meeting Monday, however, the CREZ voted to give just the \$150,000 -See CREZ DISPENSES MONEY/PAGE FIVE

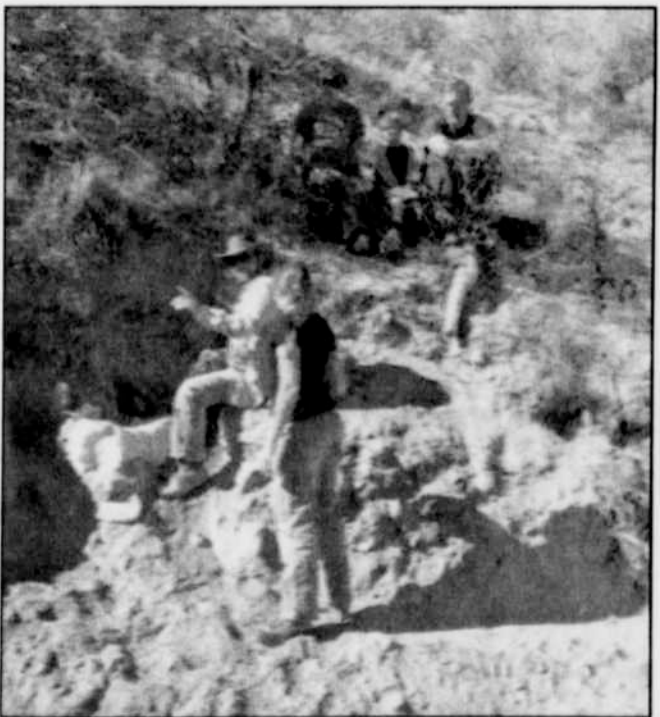
Mammoth tusk excavated near Ione High School

By Lauren Garrett

Last spring, while moving cattle for Joe McElligott, Sergio Rodriguez discovered a mammoth tusk protruding from a cut bank.

Dale Holland's science class was contacted to explore and possibly excavate the tusk. They realized that this find would best be done by a professional. Holland then contacted former student Beth Morter, geology major at University of Oregon, who relayed the message to the paleontology department.

Saturday, Oct. 5, graduate students Amy Nelson, Nick Famoso, John Jacisin III, their professor Edward Davis, and his four-year-old son Graham Davis arrived in Ione, having come all the way from Eugene. Their task was to excavate the mammoth tusk found near the school. They



(Top L-R) Ione student Lauren Garrett, Graham Davis and Professor Edward Davis take a break in some meager shade while (front L-R) Nick Famoso and Amy Nelson discuss the ongoing dig; the mammoth tusk is covered in plaster. -Contributed photo

started the dig at 1:30 p.m. that day and ended near 6 p.m. with a plaster cast on the end of the tusk. -See MAMMOTH TUSK IN IONE/PAGE FOUR

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