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Two more enter Heppner council race

As of the filing deadline High and Ronald "Skip" Matthews to vie for that position. Irrigon and Boardman also have multiple candidates for their city council positions; all candidates in Ione and Lexington are running unopposed. Don Russell will also run unopposed for the County Commissioner 2 spot, having won both the Republican and Democratic nominations in the primary this spring.



Kathy Marick



Diann Nagel

Aside from the hotly-contested Heppner races, South Morrow voters will also have several measures from the state and county level to ponder when ballots go out next month, most notably measure 25-69, which seeks to change the selection of Morrow County commissioners from partisan (i.e., Democrat or Republican) to nonpartisan. More information on the election and the candidates will be published in the Gazette closer to the election date.

Pheasant brood house: A local man's dream come true



Attending the groundbreaking last Tuesday for the new pheasant brooding house were: Travis Schultz of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife (behind) with (L-R) FFA students Tim Gould, Erica Nelson, Becca Waddell and Beau Walters, brooding house project originator Sam Hornbeck, FFA instructor Beth Dickenson, students Jerimiah Petzoldt and Makenzie Hughes, Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group Director Sheryll Bates, Morrow County Commissioner Leann Rea, and School Principal Matt Combe. Not pictured are Dave Fowler and Tim Adams. -Photo by David Sykes

In 2010, Heppner man Sam Hornbeck had a dream of the possibility of increasing pheasant and game bird hunting opportunities in South Morrow County by utilizing the Dept. of Agriculture's CRP crop lands to increase the population of pheasants. Hornbeck started putting together agencies, businesses and individuals who had the same vision and would commit to work with him on this project. Through the assistance of the local Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) office and Rolling Hills Hunting Preserve, a plan was developed and the pilot project began.

In 2013, after much success with the project and wanting to find a group who would take on the responsibility, Sam spoke with Heppner Ag Science/FFA Advisor Beth Dickenson about the opportunity for local FFA students to take over the project. This would give the students the opportunity to help build and maintain a 32' x 32' brood house and pens at Heppner High School, and take the lead by involving any other students who would be interested. In addition, the students would learn to manage the rearing of pheasant chicks to six weeks of age and get them ready for release. The planned brooding house would help to

"raise and release" pheasant chicks under a new, proven process that gives chicks a healthy and protected start. Students also would work with ODFW to monitor the birds and their progress. Several local businesses and agencies also are committed to help make this happen and support it in the future. Allstott Construction has agreed to help the students build the brooding house; ODFW has agreed to provide equipment and supplies; Morrow County Grain Growers has offered to fund the purchase of chicks, as well as feed and propane on a yearly basis; and Heppner High -See BROOD HOUSE/PAGE THREE

It's your turn... Readers invited to weigh in on G-T candidates' forum

The Heppner Gazette-Times will publish a candidates' forum for Heppner City Council and Heppner Mayor in an upcoming issue before the November general election. As part of this process, we're inviting our readers

to weigh in with questions they would like to see answered by the candidates. Simply fill out the form below and submit it in person or by mail or fax, or email your question to editor@rapidsolve.net by Friday, Sept. 26.

Your candidate question:

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Questions will be selected and may be edited at the editor's discretion

Ione's new coffee shop offers fresh fare with a lighthearted atmosphere

Ione residents now have a new place to gather for coffee and conversation, the Turquoise Yeti coffee shop.

Owned and operated by Nathan and Keri Heideman of Ione, the Turquoise Yeti began operations two weeks ago. The coffee shop at 425 W. Main in Ione is open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will also be open late whenever Ione has a home game, Keri Heideman said.

The lineup offered at the shop includes not only coffee from Oregon company Rogue Roasters, but also a variety of loose-leaf tea, ice cream and milkshakes, baked goods, and breakfast sandwiches.

"We wanted everything as fresh as possible," said Keri Heideman.

Keri said the idea for the coffee shop came about because she was looking for something to do close to home. When she and Nathan heard the equipment from Ione's previous coffee shop was for sale, they decided to buy it and see if

they could find a location. They did, and the Turquoise Yeti was born.

The whimsical name on the shop is something of a standing family joke, Keri said. She said she and her family noticed business names—especially "artsy" names—often consisted of a color and an object. As she and Nathan sat talking with their children one day, long before they had considered opening the shop, they pondered what they might name their own business—the funnier, the better. The Turquoise Yeti was the result of that conversation and, when they started the coffee shop, it seemed the perfect name for their new venture. Nathan's mother, Tonya Heideman, even painted a picture of a yeti holding a coffee cup to add to the shop's eclectic



Keri Heideman stands by a painting of a yeti, created by Nathan's mother Tonya Heideman for the coffee shop. Nathan, who also works the family farm, was unavailable for the photo. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

décor. Keri. "We take our coffee seriously; that's about it." "We don't take ourselves too seriously," said

County invites local communities to rededication, groundbreaking

Morrow County invites local communities to attend the Morrow County Courthouse clock tower rededication, tower clock and bell installation, and new administration building groundbreaking.

The festivities will take place next Monday, Sept. 29, at the Morrow County Courthouse, 100 S. Court St., in Heppner.

First up will be the courthouse rededication at 11 a.m., followed by a lunch

of hamburgers and hot-dogs, hosted by the Morrow County Commissioners, on the courthouse lawn. The groundbreaking for the new administration building will follow lunch at 1 p.m.

It's time for trophies

Did you bring down a bull elk? Bag a buck? Stop a gator in its tracks or wrestle in a marlin? The Gazette-Times wants to know about it.

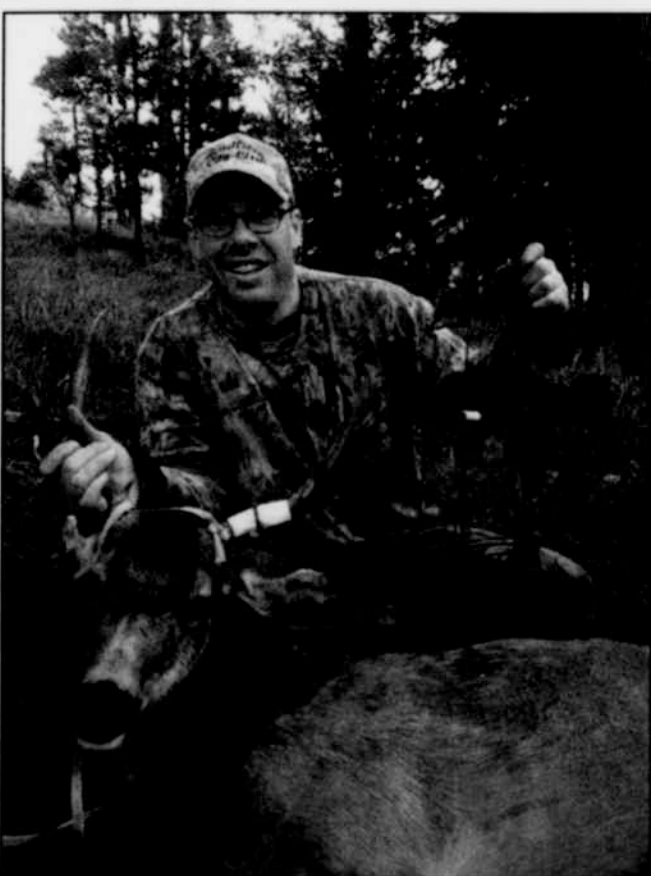
Send in or drop by a picture of yourself and your

prize along with your name, age, size of the animal, date of capture, where you brought it down and any other information you think we should know. If we're impressed, you'll see it

right here on the front page of the Gazette.

Contact us by email at editor@rapidsolve.net or mail submissions to Heppner Gazette-Times, PO Box 337, Heppner.

Trophy Corner



Left: Chris Sykes, 36, of Pendleton, used a bow to bring down this three-point buck near Pilot Rock, OR over Labor Day weekend. Sykes is the son of David and April Sykes of Heppner. -Contributed photo

The Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season.

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