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Hager Park basketball court dedicated to Ellis McRoberts



Bob Kilkenny (left), who funded the basketball court's construction, shakes hands with long-time friend Ellis McRoberts, to whom he dedicated the court. -Contributed photo

Long-time Heppner resident and Heppner High Mustang fan Ellis McRoberts was surprised last Sunday when the new basketball court at Hager Park was named after him.

The court is intended to be used by young kids in Heppner, and should bring many hours of enjoyment to the youth in the area. It sits next to the Little League field and the new soccer

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Forecast calls for continued warmth, low moisture

The trend of high temperatures and low precipitation looks to continue into the month of October, according to the National Weather Service in Pendleton.

Temperatures in Heppner averaged warmer than normal during the month

of September, with an average temperature of 63.5 degrees, two degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 77.6 degrees, which was one degree above normal. The highest was 88 degrees on the 22nd. Low temperatures averaged 49.5 degrees, which was 2.9

degrees above normal. The lowest was 35 degrees on the 11th.

Precipitation totaled 0.13 inches during September, which was 0.43 inches below normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01

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G-T Trophy Corner



Shayna Osmin, 14 (top), and her brother Kael Osmin, 12 (bottom), killed their first bucks on the Osmin family farm outside of Heppner. They are the children of Jess and Staci Osmin. -Contributed photo

It's 50 years of happy homecomings for Heppner



A star-studded Homecoming court represented Heppner High School at last Friday's game in Heppner. Front row (kneeling L-R): Junior Prince CJ Kindle, first-grade pennant bearer Caleb George (standing), Senior Prince Jesse Corbin, King Cade Arbogast, first-grade pennant bearer Mariah Combe (standing), Senior Prince Ross Cutsforth and Junior Prince Weston Putman. Back row (L-R): Jeff Bailey with daughter, Junior Princess Caitlyn Bailey; Ken Grieb with daughter, Senior Princess Paige Grieb; Todd Lindsay with daughter, Queen Maddie Lindsay; Senior Princess Kelly Wilson with father, Steve Wilson, Donna Sherman with daughter, Junior Princess Jessica Kempken. -Photo by Sandra Putman

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Mayor, councilor positions up for grabs

Heppner residents will see several names in the running for Heppner City Council and Heppner City Mayor during this hotly-

contested election.

The Gazette-Times did a little digging about the candidates, and also offered

them the chance to tell our readers a little more about themselves.

Here's what they said.

Cody High Candidate for Heppner Mayor

Age: 29

High moved from Klamath Falls to Heppner in 2003 when his father transferred to the Heppner Ranger District. He holds a high school diploma and has served two years on the Heppner City Council. He is married with a seven-year-old daughter and another child on the way.

Why are you running for mayor? "I am running for mayor because I want to make a positive differ-



Cody High

Skip Matthews Candidate for Heppner Mayor

Age: 58

Matthews was raised in Newberg, just south of Portland. He came to the "other" side of the State in 1979 but didn't move to Heppner until 1986, when he came to work for the Morrow County Ag office. He says he "married into the area" in 1987 when he married local girl Sandy Bennett. Their daughter Whitney lives in Boise with her new husband Tony, and son Donald is finishing up



Skip Matthews

Joe Perry Candidate for Heppner Mayor (Incumbent)

Age: 63

Perry was born in Portland and moved to Washington when he was one month old. He was raised in Pasco, WA. His wife passed away seven years ago, and his four children and 18 grandchildren live in Washington, New York, Arkansas and Utah. He moved to Heppner in July 2010 to work for the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Perry holds a bachelor's degree in economics and a Master of Arts



Joe Perry

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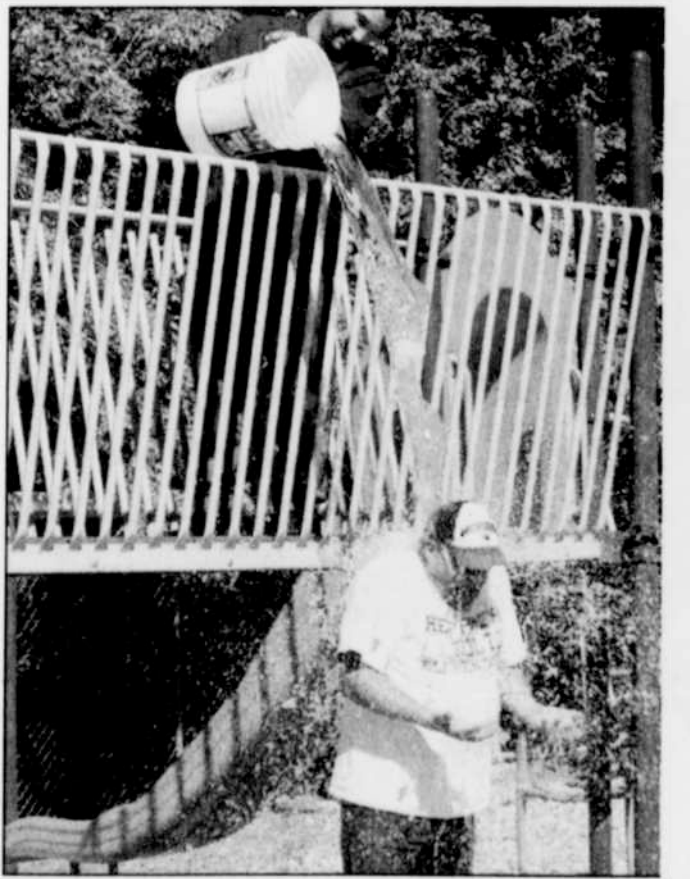
Heppner principal steps up to ice bucket challenge

Those who know him say Heppner elementary and high school principal Matt Combe is not one to shy away from a challenge, and the ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) Ice Bucket Challenge was no exception.

In September, Combe invited the Heppner Elementary staff and students to watch as Jeremy Rosenbalm dumped five gallons of ice and water onto his head. Boos were given when Combe jokingly brought out his umbrella, but cheers rang out when the umbrella was tossed aside and the water drenched him.

Combe said he was glad to accept this challenge because it hits close to home for one member of the Heppner Elementary staff, Sherry Matteson. Two of her long-time friends from Redmond are diagnosed with ALS, and she says it makes her proud to see the students and staff helping out.

Combe and Matteson took the ice for everyone and asked that \$1 be do-



Jeremy Rosenbalm drenches Heppner principal Matt Combe for the ALS ice bucket challenge. -Contributed photo

nated to the cause. HES was able to raise \$132 for the ALS Association, which works to provide hope and enhance quality of life for those suffering from ALS while searching for new

treatments and a cure.

Combe then passed the challenge onto Dieter Waite, Heppner High science teacher and coach, and Tina Joyce, Irrigon High vice principal.

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