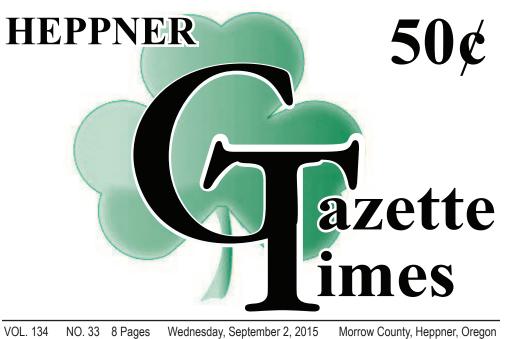
Morrow County Rodeo, OTPR results announced



Suspect sought after recovery of stolen motorcycle

police recovered a stolen County, Washington, one motorcycle in Mor-

row County over the weekend.

An Irrigon resident whose motorcycle had been stolen Aug. 16 contacted the Morrow Chester Brent County Sheriff's Paradiso Office last Satur-

day, saying he had received Morrow County. information regarding the stolen motorcycle and requesting police assistance in locating it.

Oregon State Police and officers from the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team, was able to follow up on the information. As a result of the investigation, law enforcement arrested Chester Brent Paradiso, 44,

for Non Compliance

for Burglary in the 2nd Degree and one for Non Compliance for Stolen Property Trafficking. Bail is set at \$10,000 for each warrant. Paradiso also faces possible charges from

Also contacted as part Office at 541-676-5317. of the investigation was Daniel Roy Walchli, 41, of Irrigon. Walchli was al-MCSO, with the help of legedly trespassing on the property of Greenwood Resources, and was arrested and released at the scene for Criminal Trespass II.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office did recover the stolen 2006 Honda motorcycle, which has been re- available at press time.

Two men were arrested of Irrigon on two felony turned to the owner. MCSO and a third is wanted after warrants out of Benton is also seeking information on a third suspect who was able to flee the scene. Morrow County is asking the public's help with any information on the whereabouts of Wallace Gary Smith, 45, who is wanted for Theft I in connection with this case. Anyone with information regarding Smith is asked to call the Morrow County Sheriff's

> Smith is wanted for the charge of Theft I and other possible charges that are pending. Smith is also wanted by the U.S. Marshal's Service for a federal felony warrant out of Arlington, VA for Probation Violation for Theft of Government Property, no bail.

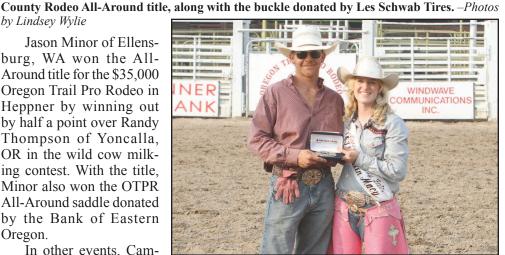
No photo of Smith was

burg, WA won the All-Around title for the \$35,000 Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo in Heppner by winning out by half a point over Randy Thompson of Yoncalla, OR in the wild cow milking contest. With the title, Minor also won the OTPR All-Around saddle donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon. In other events, Cam-

Jason Minor of Ellens-

by Lindsey Wylie

eron Craig won the bareback title with an 83, while Jacob Ramirez won bull riding with a 70, Danny Alires took saddle bronc with an 86 and Justin Quint scored 80 points on ranch bronc. Other champions were: barrel racer Callahan Crossley of Hermiston with 17.22 seconds; tie-down roper Paul Cope with 9.7 seconds; breakaway roper home the All-Around buck-



Kayse Winkle with 2.0 le donated by Les Schwab seconds; steer wrestler Sean Santucci with 3.9 seconds; team ropers Andy Carlson (Hermiston) and Bryan Reay (Adrian) with 4.9 seconds.

Above: Jason Minor (center) of Ellensburg, WA won the All-Around title and the saddle donated by Bank of Eastern Oregon at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo last month. Below: Bo Foster, pictured with Morrow County Fair and OTPR Queen Macy Gibbs, took home the Morrow

> On the home front Sunday, Aug. 23, excitement had a more home-grown feel at the Morrow County Rodeo. Bodeen Foster took

Tires.

Before that, though, the events started with the stick horse races. In the three and under division, Kamryn Dickenson took first, Charlie Mullins second and Maddox McMasters third. For the four- and five-

See more rodeo results and photos at RODEO RESULTS/ PAGE FIVE

Send trophy shots to the G-T

It's that time of year again! Whether you shot it with an arrow or reeled it in with a hook, the Heppner Gazette-Times wants to see pictures of your trophy animals from this hunting season. Getting your photos to the G-T is easy. Stop by to have your picture taken, drop off photos at our office on Willow St. in Heppner, mail them to PO Box 337 in Heppner, email them to editor@rapidserve.net or text cell phone photos to 541-980-6674. Please be sure to include you name and other details--such as your age and where you're from, and even what gear you used--so we can show off your hunting skills in our local paper.

Search continues for new health district CEO

By April Sykes

The Morrow County Health District, at its regular meeting Monday night in Heppner, agreed to au-

the sewer would not work because the sewer system would reprioritize other has a "belly," which is planned capital improvea lower sagging portion ment projects in order to where waste and water ac- help fund the sewer project. thorize an electronic vote cumulate. He said that the She said that the district on a proposed CEO con- "belly" would have to be would let bids as soon as struction has been complettract. The district is seek- replaced before liners could ing a new CEO since the be installed. The district is planning to let bids again on that according to Merritt replacing the sewer system. The district plans to utilize the current system until new lines can be installed and then abandon the old system. Mahoney and Lauritsen say they believe the system could be replaced in the neighborhood of \$75-80 thousand; however, board member Aaron Palmquist, who is also the city manager board that the CEO search Carl Lauritsen told the for the city of Irrigon, said board that a cost-saving he thought it could cost up solution to install liners in to a quarter of a million.

Mahoney said that she

of whom has been invited to interview in person later in September. That candidate is currently working and residing in Alaska.

Mahoney said that coned on the Ione Community Clinic and that staffing is underway. She said that Shelly Rietmann of Ione was hired as a part-time medical assistant for the clinic and that two CNA students, Pam Piper and Ariel Knight, will join the hospital team after they complete their training and certification. An open house for the Ione Clinic is set for opening day on Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. Mahoney also presented the profit and loss

Red Barn 5k planned for Sept. 19

Local walkers and runners, as well as anyone who wants to bring the family out for a fun event on a fall day, are asked to mark their calendars for the Red Barn 5k on Saturday, Sept. 19.

resignation of Dan Grigg in June, and Chief Financial Officer and acting CEO Nicole Mahoney and board member Aaron Palmquist are in the process of refining the contract verbiage. The board hopes to get a new contract approved by Sept. 10.

Concerning Pioneer Memorial Hospital's deteriorating sewer system, Maintenance Supervisor possible.

Mahoney told the board Hawkins, the physician recruitment firm hired by the district, there are no new developments on any of the previous physician candidates, but a female doctor from Florida has recently responded to their ad. Dr. Betsy Anderson left her positon with the district as of the end of August.

Mahoney also told the committee has conducted preliminary interviews with two candidates, one

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The event will include a one-mile, two-mile or five kilometer run/walk.

Registration will be held that morning from 7:45-8:15 a.m. at the Latter-day Saints church in Lexington, on the corner of Hwy. 74 and Tom St.

Cost to participate is \$5, or \$10 for a t-shirt.

Proceeds go to the Morrow County cross country team.

tions had to have been local

organizations, clubs, spe-

cial districts or governmen-

tal entities who reside in

the South Morrow County

Service Area (as defined by

the WCVEDG Service Area

Map). The requestor had to

have at least 50 percent of

funding, which could in-

clude in-kind and cash con-

tributions from local and

regional sources, for the

total project budget com-

mitted before application,

with exceptions granted at

the discretion of the board.

G-T closed for Labor Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 7. The deadline for all news and advertising for the Sept. 9 issue will be Friday, Sept. 4, at 5 p.m.

The G-T wishes everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) has announced the recipients of the Community and Public Enhancement Grants awarded to local groups last month.

In July, WCVEDG announced that it had received funds from the Columbia River Enterprise Zone Board (CREZ) to be used for community and public enhancement for South Morrow County. The group has now announced that

Willow Creek Valley a total of \$34,141.49 in ment of playground equipfunding. Recipients are as ment at Heppner City Park. follows:

WCVEDG announces grant recipients

seum received \$5,000 to an old concrete curb and redigitize county newspapers so they are available online and can be accessed by the public.

-The Town of Lexington received \$5,000 to add ment for the control of a picnic facility at the old fire hall/town hall site, including planting grass and installation of a pergola picnic table.

-City of Heppner reeight local entities received ceived \$5,224 for improve- the high school gym floor

-Morrow SWCD re-

-Morrow County Mu- ceived \$967.50 to remove place it with recycled plastic/rubber parking stops, as well as an additional \$699.99 to purchase a DR TreeChopper ATV attach-Western Juniper in South Morrow County, to be used by landowners.

> -Heppner Jr./Sr. High Booster Club received \$5,000 toward refurbishing

and to install three water bottle fill stations for use by community and students.

-Ione American Legion and Auxiliary received \$2,250 to purchase new chairs and lightweight tables and to purchase a storage container into which to put existing chairs and tables for use by community members.

- Heppner Day Care received \$10,000 for renovation and construction costs for an infant and toddler child care center.



