

## Morrow County farm achieves century status

Sievers Farm near Heppner was one of 19 Oregon farms and ranches to be inducted into the Oregon Century Farm and Ranch program this year. The farms were recognized at a ceremony at the Oregon State Fair in Salem last Saturday.

Will and Gertrude Sievers purchased their first tract of land in 1907 and established their Morrow County property as a wheat farm that year. They purchased an additional tract in 1908 and continued to raise wheat until it was converted to grass in the 1980s when the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program came to Heppner.

The farm continues in the CRP program today with granddaughter Diana Arvieux's husband Daniel overseeing its management. The Sievers' granddaughters Diana Arvieux, Rosemary Wood and Trudy Stenger applied for the century farm designation.

A partnership between the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office and Oregon State University, the century farm program was established in 1958 and bestows honorees with signed certificates from the governor and director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture in addition to a road sign with historical information on the farm.

## All Heppner sports teams receive new Nike uniforms



Heppner girls volleyball team sport new uniforms. Back Row: Jenna McCullough, Madison Combe, Shayna Osmín, Jacee Currin, Tresslyn McCurry, Claire Grieb, Nicole Prophet. Front Row: Morgan Correa, Aimee Doherty, Sydney Wilson, Sophie Grant, Reiah Waite -Contributed photo

The Heppner High School Football isn't the only group benefitting from Nike's involvement in honoring the football team, and former booster Bob Kilkenny.

All sports programs, from volleyball to softball and in between, will receive new uniforms and apparel with the new look designed to "respect the past, represent the future." Each team's apparel will feature the same marks as the recently unveiled football uniforms, which received national media attention.

"Our father wasn't just a supporter of football, he loved all the athletes at

Heppner because of what sports teaches our young people," said Kelly Kilkenny Hale. "He was always preaching the basics; finish what you've started, respect your teammates and coaches, give maximum effort. Those things still resonate today with the students at Heppner."

The uniforms for all the sports include coaches' apparel and footwear for the student-athletes and were designed by lead designers at Nike in conjunction with the Kilkenny family, who privately funded the entire Heppner uniform redesign and production.

"To see the excitement

## County rodeo boasts winners



Jett Stewart shows how it's done at the Morrow County Rodeo -Photo by Brett Milligan

Gus King rode away with the coveted Morrow County Amateur Calf Roping saddle from the 2017 Morrow County Rodeo Aug. 20. Taking second in calf roping was Kevin Murray.

MOCO all-around cowboy for 2017 was Emmett Evans.

It was the team of Ron McDowell and Emmett Evans who took first place in team roping. They were followed by Brian Knowles and Emmett Evans. Third place went to Jay Papineau and Jack McGuire.

Ribbon roping team of Gus King and Coy Patterson took first place, Jacee and Kolby Currin took second and Devin and Garrett Robinson came in third.

Devin Robinson, Tony Currin and Emmett Evans placed first, second and third, respectively in open

tie down calf roping.

Breakaway roping went to Shayla Currin. Jett Stewart took second and Blaine Mahoney was third.

It was Lane Bailey who stuck on the cow the longest during cow riding. Steer riding had no qualified riders.

Senior barrel racing had Jessica Lewis tying up first place with Jaiden Mahoney second and Jacee Currin third.

Intermediate barrels was Tripp Stewart in first, Healy Hisler in second and Savanna Greenup in third.

Hallee Hisler came in first in the junior barrel racing event, with Denver Eng in second and Jessica McGuire in third.

Savanna Joy Hall took first place in pee wee barrels.

Coming in first in muton bustin' was Jordan

Fredricks. Second, third and fourth went to Adian Seeweer, Miguel Pena and Adisyn Cooley. Lane Bailey and Wacy Coil took home the winnings in the hide race. Always a favorite at the rodeo are the stick horse races. Taking the first-place trophy for the three-and-under group was Preston Milligan, followed by Eliegene Fennern in second and Kathryn Knowles in third. Kamryn Dickenson was the winner in the four-to-five age group, followed by Bobbie Watkins and Emmitt Mooney. Placing first in the six-and-seven-year-old group was Jayde Escamilla, followed by Peyton Weygant and Catherine Lindsay.

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## New County accounting position not created

Only under consideration

By David Sykes

An article in last week's Heppner Gazette-Times incorrectly stated that the Morrow County Commission had decided to create a new position in the accounting department. This news story was incorrect.

The commission has "pushed it (the decision) back for more study and the needs it creates in detail," Commission Chair Melissa Lindsay told the Gazette. "No decision at all either way has been made at this point."

A review of the unofficial minutes of the meeting shows that outgoing County Administrator Jerry Sorte said additional duties assigned to Finance Director Kate Knop (recent appointment as County Auditor) "warrant an additional staff accountant and modest pay increase for the County Accountant/Finance Director."

After discussion, however, the commissioners had several questions and decided to take additional time for staff to gather responses before taking

## City to hold public hearing on marijuana sales ordinance

Medical, recreational, or none?

By David Sykes

A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11 at City Hall where the council will decide if Heppner places a total ban on both medical and recreational marijuana sales in the city limits. The hearing and subsequent action would repeal conflicting ordinances in Heppner, which currently allow for medical marijuana sales, but ban recreational sales.

On explaining the purpose of the hearing and new ordinance, Heppner Mayor Cody High explained that

when the recreational marijuana law was passed, voters in Heppner voted over 55 percent against the new Oregon law. The over 55 percentage allowed the city to ban the sale within the city limits, which it did. However, this created a conflict High said.

An earlier Oregon law allowing medical marijuana sales in Oregon did not allow cities to opt out of sales, only zone where they could be located. So, Heppner currently has separate ordinances to allow medical, and ban recreational

marijuana.

High said the three questions before the council are: should we have the medical sales option? Should we have the recreational sales option? Should we ban all sales of marijuana in the city? "I encourage anyone who has strong feelings on the issue to attend the hearing and take part in the process," High said.

The hearing will start Monday at 7 p.m. at City Hall prior to the monthly Council meeting.

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### G-T Trophy Corner



Above: Faith Putter of Heppner bagged her first buck Sunday on Buttercreek east of Heppner. Faith took the three-point buck while hunting with her uncle Jim Healy under the mentored youth hunter program. Below: Diana Healy, 16, of Heppner also took her deer on Buttercreek Sunday. This is her fifth consecutive successful hunt and her largest take to date. -Contributed photos

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