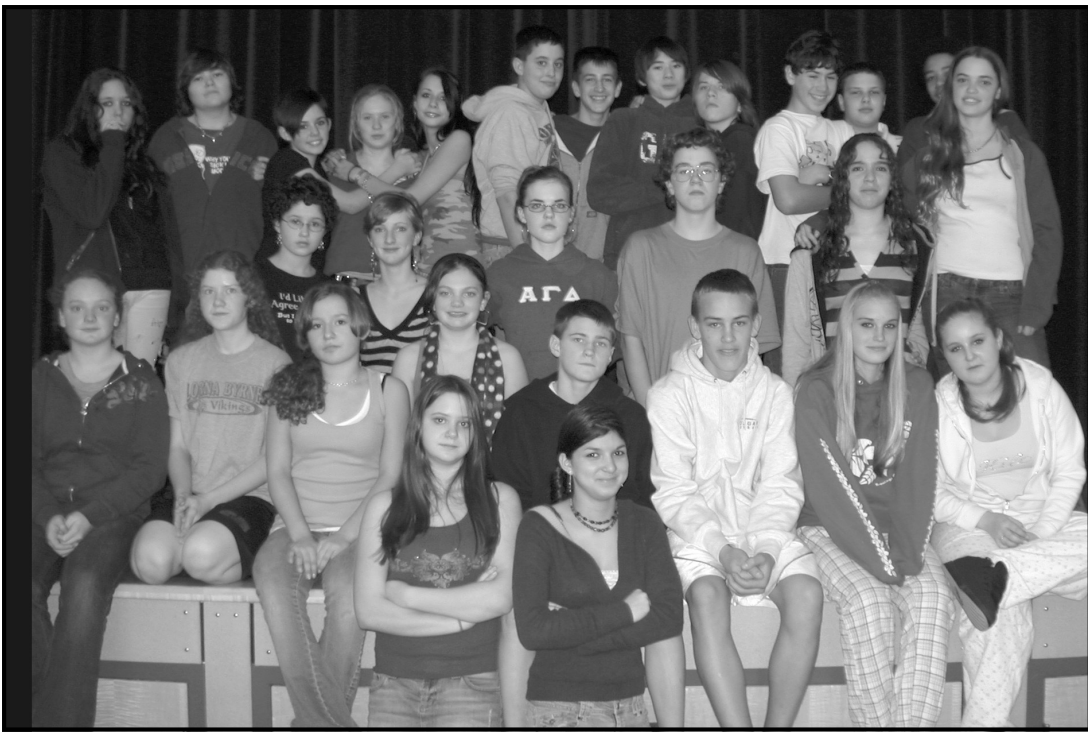
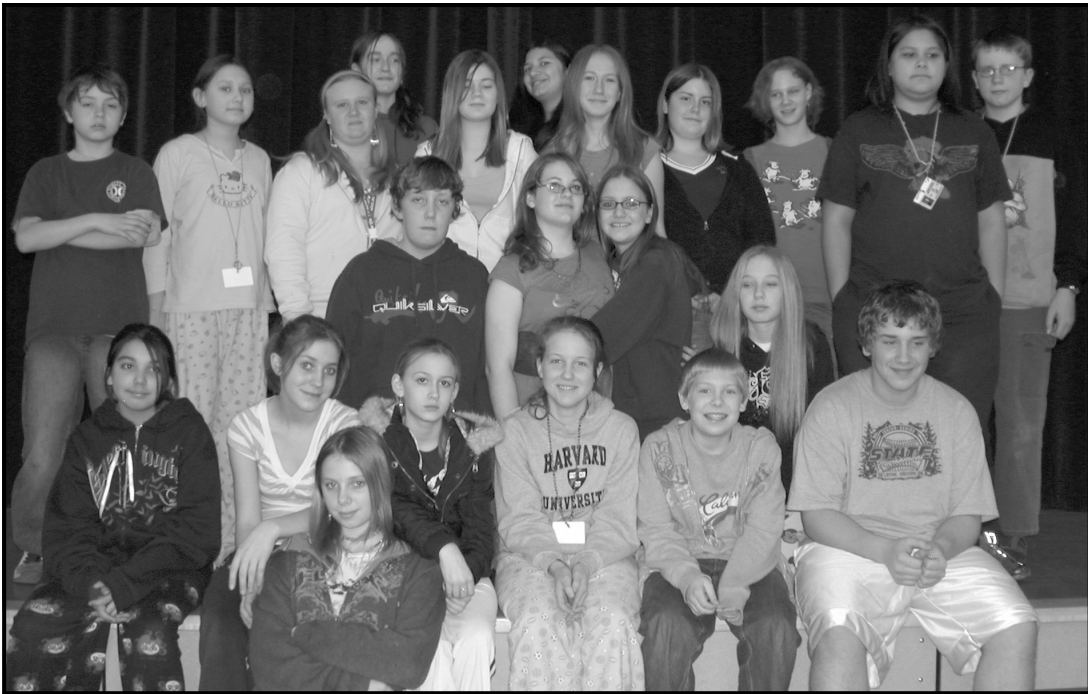


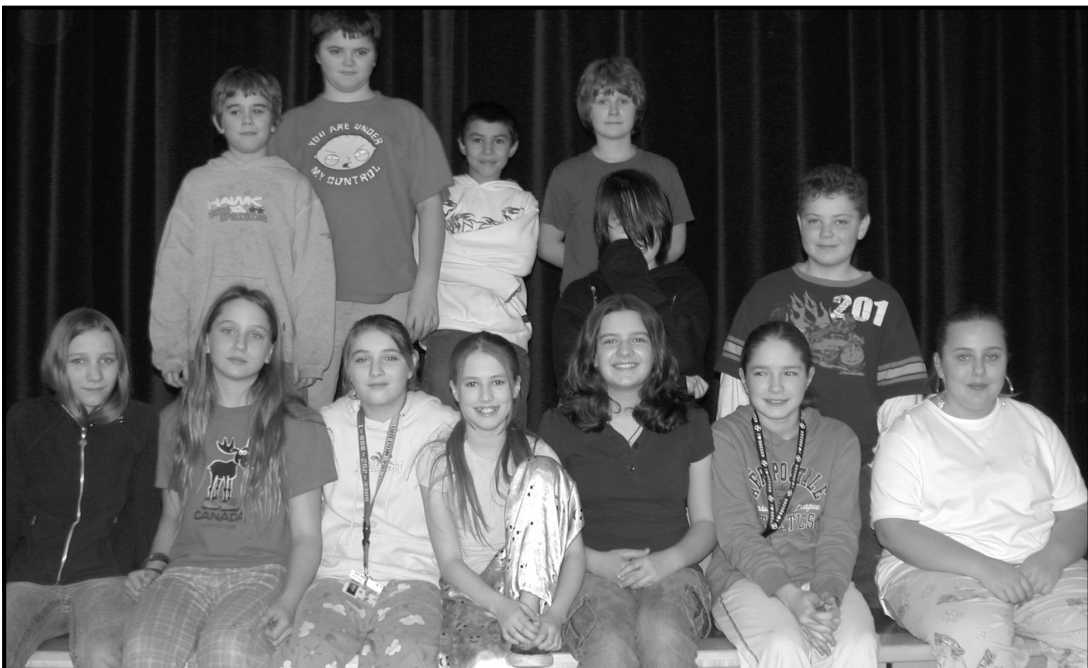
Toxic mess from meth sites addressed



Eighth-grade three-year Honor Society members



Seventh-grade Honor Society members



Sixth-grade Honor Society members (Photos by Scott Jorgensen)

LBMS lists Honor Society membership

Honor Society members at Lorna Byrne Middle School were announced. Among honorees were:

Eighth Grade: Ryan Andrews, Burt Barker, Jesse Bethke, James Buck, Chelsea Bullock, Cody Chiverton, Matthew Coultas, Greg Crombie-Fujita, Nicholas Dowd, Winona Gallegos, Taylor Harris, Aleesia Hennings, Alexander Hess, Roger Hults, Kayla Johnson, Marissa Litak, Audrey Mechling, Cynthia Moore, Celilo Nordal, Hailee Parker, Rhiannon Quall, Mason Roberts, Casey Robertson, Kieran Rose, Margaret Ruiz, Cassandra

Thurman, Kara Tyler, Sabrina VanTassel, Geneva Vasquez, and Ashley Webb;

Seventh Grade: Stephanie Agee, Thea Barker-Cortrecht, Tyler Bryant, Jazmyn Danko, myana Dhenin, Daniel Gomez, Briana Grabarz, Anastasia Greenberg, Makayla Gunn, Jillian Hanson, Angelina Heath, Sierra Heikka, Christopher Heise, Meghan householder, Frederick Hults, Cece Imerti, Carly Jensen, Cheyenne Johnson, Zachary Kay, Danielle Lavassaur, Andrew McLaughlin, Rachel Miller, Benjamin Milner, Jonathan

Nichols, Felisha Ripley, Travis Robbins, Rebekah Sawall, Kaitlyn Skiles, Jamie Sowell, Rose Summers, Levi Vasquez, Xenia Velasco, Kristen Vidales, ChaseWeir, and Brandi Wollerton;

Sixth Grade: Bruce Atnett, Tracy Arnold, Morgan Barnes, Clarabelle Compton, Trey Dilley, Taylor Guion, Artesia Hubbard, Ellie Jantz, Hannah Kanig, Andrew Keith, Alexander Manninen, Kia Parrish-Haim, Jovany Sanchez, Krysten Siver, Miranda Stiles, Catherine Vawter, and Kayla Young.

Communities across Oregon are being helped to clean up methamphetamine labs and the toxic mess they leave behind by U.S. Congressmen Greg Walden (R-Hood River), Peter DeFazio (D-Springfield) and Earl Blumenauer (D-Portland).

They are members of the Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine, who co-sponsored H.R. 365, a bill that charges the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with development of health-based guidelines to assist state and local authorities in cleaning up former meth lab sites.

The bill passed 426-2. "As I learned during seven town halls I held on methamphetamine throughout Southern, Eastern and Central Oregon, from Pendleton to Paisley, families and communities are being torn apart by this epidemic," Walden said.

"Children and their families are subjected to toxic fumes left over from meth labs, and it's essential that we determine when it is safe to occupy the spaces where this poison has been produced," he said.

"The least we can do at the federal level," said Walden, "is help arm those engaged in this battle on the front lines with the tools and research critical to the safe and effective remediation of facilities and lands contaminated by use and production of this devastating substance."

Said DeFazio, "Methamphetamines have devastated the lives of too many Oregonians and their

families.

"Communities throughout Oregon and the United States will face untold costs in responding to the human, environmental and health consequences of this scourge for years to come.

"The country needs a better strategy and adequate resources to fight this growing epidemic, and this bill takes an important step toward that goal."

Noted Blumenauer, "Oregon has made impressive strides to prevent the abuse of methamphetamines by requiring prescriptions for pseudoephedrine and advancing the Stomp Out Meth Project, an Oregon solution for methamphetamine addiction.

"The federal government needs to partner with local communities to address this epidemic. One way we can help is by having the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) create guidelines and work with local authorities to clean up

old meth labs."

Besides establishing clean-up guidelines, the bill also would:

*Direct the National Institute of Standards and Technology to consult with EPA in developing technologies to detect meth labs, emphasizing in field test kits for law enforcement.


*Require the National Academy of Sciences to study the long-term effects of meth exposure on first-responders and on children taken from meth lab sites.

Meth abuse is a widespread problem in Oregon. It treats more people for meth addiction per capita than any other state in the country and is consistently ranked in the top 10 states nationally for meth lab seizures. The Drug Enforcement Agency reported that nearly 200 meth labs were seized in Oregon during 2005.

Oregon Reps. David Wu (D-Portland) and Darlene Hooley (D-West Linn) also co-sponsored the bill.

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The Three Rivers School District Board of Education invites all interested patrons to apply for a vacant Zone 1 position on the Board of Education. The Board will appoint the new member to fill an unexpired position with a term to run from March, 2007 to June 30, 2009. The new board member will be selected from the list of those who applied.

To be eligible for appointment the candidate must:

- 1) Live in one of the following precincts: Bridgeview, Cave Junction, Illinois, Selma, or Waldo;
- 2) Lived in the district at least one-year immediately preceding the election;
- 3) Not an officer or employee of the School District; and
- 4) Be a qualified voter of the School District.

Applications are available at the District Office and must be received no later than Friday, March 2, 2007 by 4:00 p.m. Please phone 862-3111 Ext. 5217 if you need more information.

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DHS expands sealant efforts to combat youth cavities

Efforts to protect Oregon children from getting cavities are getting a boost this month as the state expands its capacity to deliver preventive sealants.

The help comes in the form of two portable dental sealant units that will supplement the school-based sealant program administered by the Oregon Dept. of Human Services (DHS)

Public Health Division.

Dental sealants are thin plastic coatings applied to children's molar teeth when they first appear as a protection against cavities. Nearly all tooth decay can be prevented when sealants are combined with fluoridation and other fluoride products such as toothpaste, according to Gordon Empey, state dental director in DHS.

"Sealants are an investment in a child's health," said Empey. "They protect against first cavities and against fillings, crowns, root canals and extractions that can occur later in life."

The sealant units will be used throughout the state, and dentists and dental hygienists around Oregon al-

ready have volunteered to help.

Under a limited access permit, hygienists can apply sealants at specific locations such as public and non-profit community health clinics, schools and day cares where there is limited access to preventive dental services.

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