

School board hears overview of test results

Morrow County School District Director of Curriculum Mike Wsiaki, at an October 21 school board meeting, presented an overview of the results of the first statewide assessment program of school children conducted last spring.

Wsiaki said that the results may be difficult to interpret and apply, but some elements that many educators believed skewed previous test results have been considered in the new statewide test. Wsiaki said that complaints that children had not been taught the same things did not apply in this test because students were all taught the same curriculum. Socio-economic standings of the schools were also factored in. Each grade in each school has its own socio-economic standing (SES), based on the percentage of free and reduced lunches served, attendance and mobility. In the junior and senior high schools, parents' education was also a factor in the SES.

Wsiaki said that the significance of deviations from the state norms has not been determined. He added, however, that the new test is "very political, very visible and very controversial."

Students were tested in reading, literature, math, listening and study skills in grades three, five, eight and 11. Their test scores were compared with all other students in the state in the same grades on a scale of zero to 300. The results from individual schools were also compared within a comparison group-schools with similar socio-economic levels. Statewide comparisons often differed from group comparisons. For example, a school that was below average in statewide comparisons may have been above average in its comparison group and vice-versa, said Wsiaki.

Heppner and Ione Elementary third graders scored two points over the state average of 201 in reading, while Sam Boardman Elementary was at level and A.C. Houghton Elementary was four points below level. Socio-economic rankings, however, ranged from a low of 83 at SBE, to 189 at ACH, 506 at HES and 562 at IES for third grade classes. State averages for third grade classes were 200 in literature, 197 in math, 200 in listening and 206 in study skills. Proficiency was 190-208 in reading and literature, 191-209 in math, 192-210 in study skills and 189-207 in listening. Basic (partial mastery) was below those figures and advanced (superior achievement) above them.

HES third graders ranked +1 in literature, math, listening and study skills.

Ione third graders were -1 in literature, math and study skills and 0 (at level) in listening.

Sam Boardman third graders ranked +1 in literature, -3 in math, -1 in listening and -3 in study skills.

A.C. Houghton third graders ranked -5 in literature, -4 in math, -2 in listening and -8 in study skills.

Of area schools, including those in Heppner, Ione, Boardman, Hermiton, Pendleton, Umatilla, Echo, Milton-Freewater, Stanfield, Ukiah, Pilot Rock and Helix, Helix third graders scored dramatically higher—with a +13 in reading, +12 in literature and math, +7 in study skills and 0 in listening. Helix has a socio-economic level of 531 at the

third grade level. At the 11th grade level, in Helix (Griswold High) however, the scores had dropped significantly to -1 in reading, -2 in literature, -3 in math, -5 in listening and -6 in study skills. Socio-economic standings for Helix 11th graders had dropped too, to 178.

For area fifth graders, test results were as follows:

Heppner: reading, literature, listening and study skills -1, math -3 (SES 547);

Ione: reading -1, literature +2, math and listening -2, study skills 0 (SES 639);

Sam Boardman: reading and literature -4, math -6, listening -2, and study skills -3 (SES 112);

A.C. Houghton: reading and study skills -6, literature -4, math -8, listening +1 (SES 230).

State averages in fifth graders were 214 in reading and math, 213 in literature, 207 in listening and 210 in study skills. Proficiency was 204-222 in reading and literature, 207-225 in math, 203-221 in study skills and 199-217 in listening.

Eighth graders were:

Ione: reading and listening +4, literature +5, math and study skills

+3, (SES 245);

Heppner Junior High: reading -1, literature, listening and study skills 0, and math +1 (SES 289);

Columbia Jr. High, Irrigon: reading -3, literature and listening -2, math -4, study skills -5 (SES 70).

State averages for eighth graders were 227 in reading and literature, 228 in math, 226 in listening and 221 in study skills. Proficiency was 216-234 in reading literature, 221-239 in math, 213-231 in study skills and 209-227 in listening.

Eleventh graders:

Ione High School: reading +2, literature +1, math +4, listening +3, and study skills +8 (SES 189);

Heppner High School: reading and math -3, literature -2, listening -4 and study skills -8 (SES 173);

Riverside High School, Boardman: reading, literature and math 0, listening -3 and study skills -5 (SES 24).

State averages for 11th graders were 231 in reading, 233 in literature and math and 230 in listening and study skills. Proficiency was 223-241 in reading literature, 229-247 in math, 223-241 in study skills and 225-243 in listening.

Todd Sherer earns degree

Washington State University has announced that Todd Sherer, Ione, has earned a doctor of philosophy degree in pharmacology and toxicology during the 1991 summer session.

He is the son of Dick and Margo Sherer of Ione.

Two new 4-H clubs to form

Boys and girls fourth grade and older, who like the outdoors are invited to participate in a new 4-H outdoor club. Club members will participate in various outdoor activities selected by the members and as well as indoor activities preparing them and will have a chance to work for their hunter's safety and first aid cards.

An organization meeting will be held at Kate's Pizza, Friday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.

Another 4-H club, a crafts group for girls 4th grade and up will have an organizational meeting Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. at Kate's. Those interested are invited to "come with ideas."

For more information on both clubs call Mycal Osmin 676-5582 after 4 p.m.

Holly Rebekah elects officers

By Delpha Jones

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday evening, Oct. 24 for the regular meeting with NG Kathy Tellechea presiding. The main business of the evening was the election of officers with the following elected: NG Kathy Tellechea; VG Leila Palmer; secretary-Delpha Jones; treasurer-Virginia Peck; and three-year trustee-Annetta Padberg. The group has three new members to be initiated at Pauline Lodge in Pendleton Thursday, Nov. 7 where they will be given the degree. This will start with a potluck dinner and

all Rebekahs are invited. The following meeting will be Nov. 21 and will be the Thanksgiving dinner for all Rebekahs, Oddfellows and families.

The Lexington Oddfellows met recently for the purpose of election of officers and to complete the plans for roofing the hall. The election found the following elected to take office: NG Robert Taylor; VG Ed Murty; secretary-Lyle Peck; and treasurer-Cecil Jones. These members meet the same night as the Rebekahs and will join them on Nov. 21 for the annual Thanksgiving dinner and meeting.

Ione thrashes Echo 77-40



Deacon Heideman rushes for some of his 137 yards

By Anne Morter

The Ione Cardinals thrashed the cellar-dwelling Echo Cougars 77-40 in their homecoming game played last Friday night, Oct. 25 in Ione. The Cards jumped out to a 29-0 first quarter lead and never looked back as they coasted to the win.


Ione racked up 506 yards on the ground and 180 yards in the air for a total of 686 yards of total offense. Mac Lovett was the leading rusher with 141 yards followed closely by Deacon Heideman with 137. Quarterback David Wagenblast completed eight passes for 83 yards as well as running for three of the Cards' touchdowns. In this high-scoring contest, both teams scored heavily on the big plays. Ione tallied just seven first downs and Echo eight in the game.

The Cardinals will finish out their season next Friday against undefeated and league leading Sherman County. The game will be played in Moro. Sherman has already locked up the number one play-off spot from the Big Sky Conference. Condon downed Wheeler 50-32 on Fri-

day night to capture the second place slot.

Friends and Relatives
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