

Drama club to perform 'School for Nerds'



L-R: Joe Lindsay (a jock) beats up on nerd Ryan Munkers while Chrissy Schultz tries to help him; and Ryan Pence intimidates nerd Daniel Beck whom Missy Wallace is trying to defend.

The Heppner High School Drama Club will perform "School For Nerds" Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

The play takes place at Brawny Preparatory High School, home of the fighting Hippopotami and national winner of every sport award known to man. The school is about to be closed because it has failed to graduate a single student in its entire history. So who rides to their academic rescue? Nerds, of course. Five very bright, but unwelcome, nerds.

In an attempt to chase them

from the campus, the jocks glue the pages of their books closed, put a frog in their mashed potatoes at lunch time, send the school mascot, Harry the Hippo, after them and hang Wilmer upside-down from the school flagpole. After the Accreditation Committee condemns the school, the jocks and the nerds teach academics to the uninterested jocks, while the frustrated jocks teach athletics to the uncoordinated nerds in a series of hilarious scenes.

The cast includes Laurel Webber-Gray, Missy Wallace,

Jeanine Michael, Aleida Goodyear, Chris Schultz, Ryan Pence, Autumn Naccarato, Shelly Huth, Ryan Munkers, Angie Vickere, Steve Rollis, Joe Lindsay, Dan Beck, T.R. Riehl, Kathy Anderson, Kristi Winters, Jeremy Maddern, Shawn Cutsforth, Sarah Britt, Athea Ruiz, Deanna Peck, Roberta Luciano, Olivia Gavin and Donita Sharp.

Refreshments will be served by the National Honor Society. Tickets for the play are \$2 for adults and \$1 for students and children.

Hardman center plans open house

The annual Hardman Community Center Spring open house will be held Sunday, April 26 from noon to 4 p.m. A potluck dinner is planned at 2 p.m. "This is a great time to get together with family and friends to tour the community center and the cemeteries, to view the improvements made during the last year," said a center spokesperson. Historians will be on hand to give living history lessons and visit with history buffs as well.

This year the open house will kick off the Hardman Community Center's annual membership drive. The Community Center is a nonprofit organization funded solely by membership dues, fund raisers, rental fees and donations. Proceeds are used for restoration, preservation and maintenance of the hall, the two Hardman cemeteries and for charitable contributions back to local communities. Membership dues are \$10 per year per family.

The next workday is Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m. Those attending should bring a sack lunch. The workday will be spring cleaning at the hall.

The next regular meeting is Sunday, May 3 beginning at 10 a.m. The agenda items will include welcoming new members and holding election of officers.

A potluck and workday will follow the meeting. For more information contact Yvonne Lovgren, 989-8431 or Claudia Huston Smythe, 676-9718 evenings.

Local students receive Blazer/AVIA essay 'Write On' awards



Heppner Elementary Principal Bryan Taylor and teacher Lea Calvert, (back row) and Julie Proctor and Amy Burkenbine (front).



L-R: Lynde Minster, Felicity Warren, Elizabeth Allen and Jeremiah McElligott each with their bag.

Blazers/AVIA Scholastic Improvement Concepts (BASIC) program ambassador, Diana Kincaide, awarded Ione students regional first place prizes for their "Write On" essays. This year's topic was "Prejudice".

Local school winning essays were sent in February to the Education Service District of Umatilla/Morrow County where they were judged and the winners sent on to the state competition.

Regional winners, whose essays competed at the state level were: Jeremiah McElligott, third grade; Elizabeth Allen, fourth grade; Felicity Warren, fifth grade; and Lynde Minster, eighth grade. Trailblazer/AVIA duffle

bags were presented at a school assembly.

Julie Proctor, Heppner Elementary fourth grader was also a regional winner in the Trailblazer/AVIA "Write On" essay competition. Julie won an AVIA athletic bag and a certificate signed by Clyde Drexler. Amy Burkenbine, Heppner Middle School student was a district winner and also received a certificate.

Clyde Drexler, player chairman, is committed to this program which is designed to make a positive impact on youth by creating an increased interest in education. There were about 37,000 participants this year.

Soil stewardship week April 27

Featuring the vital role that trees and forests play in conserving soil and water resources, the Morrow SWCD is encouraging local schools, churches, organizations and individuals to join the nationwide observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week, April 26-May 3, 1992.

The local conservation district, which works throughout the year on soil and water conservation measures, is providing literature that describes how people are dependent upon and interact with trees. The local district is one of nearly 3000 conservation districts nationwide that works with the National Association of Conservation Districts to encourage the wise use of natural resources through the annual weeklong

observance.

Joe Rietmann, chairperson of the Morrow SWCD, said he hopes Stewardship Week will encourage individuals to think about their relationship with trees and establish and care for trees in urban and rural areas. "Every citizen has the opportunity to plant a tree, care for a newly planted seedling, look after mature trees or send financial support to someone who will do those tasks," said Rietmann.

Materials designed with the 1992 theme, "Our Treasured Trees," are being distributed by the Morrow SWCD and may be obtained by calling or visiting the district office during business hours at 430 Heppner/Lexington Highway.

Ione Lions plan Bingo

By Anne Morter

The Ione Lion's Club will host another Sunday afternoon session of Bingo this Sunday, April 26 from 4-6 p.m. at the Office Cafe in Ione. Proceeds will go to the Sight and Hearing Foundation

and various community projects, including the Ione Lion's Scholarship Fund, which will be given out for the first time this year.

OWGL spring meeting slated

The Oregon Wheat Growers spring meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Lexington Grange Hall. The 1992 Conservation Farm award will be presented at that time.

Also on the agenda is an

OWGL update by Morrow County President Jerry Rietmann. Speaker will be Scott Hutchinson, OWGL executive vice president. Pie and coffee will be served. For more information contact Rietmann, 422-7181.

Revelations topic at Hope, Valby

Pastor Stan Hoobing will begin a six week sermon on the "bizarre, yet wonderfully rich book of Revelation" to the congregations of Hope and Valby Lutheran churches. This Sunday, April 26 the sermon will be entitled, "Jesus the Christ Is the Center," based on reading of Revelation 1:4-18.

Worship service at Valby will begin at 9 a.m. A coffee hour will follow the service. Valby is located on the Ione-Gooseberry road. Hope Lutheran church

located near the dam, will begin services at 11 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m.

Religious education for the youth of Valby will be held on Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m. The class will learn about the exciting story of The Creation, a video showing God busy creating the world.

Adults will have an opportunity to learn about church and health care issues on Thursday evening April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

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