

Ione students have stamp cancellation



Ione mayor Betty Gray (l), postmaster Nancy McKay (r), teacher Diana Kincaid (back) with Ione fourth grade class.

The Ione School Station was open for business at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, following opening ceremonies for the special cancellation of the new cartoon stamps.

Ione mayor Betty Gray read a proclamation designating October as stamp collecting month in Ione and postmaster Nancy McKay unveiled the stamp and cancellation.

Diana Kincaid's fourth grade class sponsored the special cancellation as a kickoff for the year-long study of stamps. Fourth grade students welcomed visitors to the school and took them on tours of the various displays.

Those who were unable to attend and still want the collectible cancellation may submit a mail order request by affixing

stamps to any envelope or postcard, address it to yourself or others, insert a card for sturdiness and tuck in the flap, place the envelope or postcard into a larger envelope and address it to: Toon Into Stamps, Ione Elementary School Station, P.O. Box 167, Ione, OR 97843-0167.

Mail order requests must be received before Nov. 26.

Methodist women plan sale, luncheon

The United Methodist Church Women will hold a craft sale and luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the church in Heppner.

The sale, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will feature crafts, handmade items and foods. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Torres to attend youth congress

Alejandra Torres of Boardman will be among more than 850 youth gathering in Memphis Nov. 24-28 for Youth Issues '95: A 4-H Congress.

Delegates from more than 35 states and Puerto Rico will attend with state advisors, 4-H staff members, trustees, donors and volunteers. This year's Congress will be an issues-based educational experience that develops leadership skills while recognizing contributions and accomplishments of the 4-H youth involved.

IES celebrates Red Ribbon Week



Ione Elementary fourth graders Emily Key and Johnny Collin celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

Ione Elementary School celebrated Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-26, as part of an ongoing drug education program. The students held a special assembly on Wednesday, Oct. 25, where they played cooperative games, sang an original song by teacher Diana Kincaid, entitled "My Choice-Drug Free", and all signed the "Just Say No" pledge.

Students and school personnel all wore red ribbons during the week to signify their choice to be drug free. Other activities included special videos, tying

red ribbons around town and decorating Ione Market grocery sacks with anti-drug slogans.

Morrow County Schools implemented new drug education materials this year entitled "Here's Looking At You 2000". The overriding purpose of this curriculum is to reduce the risk of children getting into trouble with drugs by giving them specific information about drugs, teaching them social skills to help them be polite and assertive, use self-control and make good decisions, said Ione teacher Betty Rietmann.

BMCC lists snow closure policy

Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) reminds all college students to listen to their local radio stations for information on class closures due to inclement weather.

BMCC makes decisions on class schedules by 6 a.m. and calls the following radio stations: KOHU/KQFM in Hermiston; KUMA, KTIX/KWHT

in Pendleton; KUJ in Walla Walla; KLBM in La Grande; and KIOK in the Tri-Cities.

Decisions on evening class closures in Morrow County, Pendleton, Hermiston and Milton-Freewater are made by the local coordinator. The coordinators try to contact local radio stations by 3 p.m. with these announcements.

MSWCD to meet

The monthly board meeting of the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will be held at Irrigon City Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 1-3 p.m.

Agenda items to be discussed are: Morrow County watershed priorities; review of NRCS Basin Team FY 96 priorities; education partnership proposal; OANRCD convention news review; Irrigon Park bank erosion tour; and other business.

SWCD board meetings are open to the public. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Construction begins on Hwy

The structure over Hinton Creek on highway 74, east of Heppner, will be rebuilt and approximately one half mile of roadway realigned. When construction begins, the public can expect minor traffic delays controlled by flaggers, said an Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) news release.

ODOT awarded the construction contract to JAL Construction Inc. of Bend. The contract completion date for this project is Oct. 31, 1996.

JAL was the successful bidder for the project with a total bid of \$469,979.50.

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Is the Morrow County School Board Meeting Its Responsibility To You & Your Children?

The Morrow County School Board is taking a horrendous risk if it goes ahead with its announced plans to contract out the school bus service.

It's taking a risk with our tax money and with the safety of our children.

Here's what is at stake with this expensive and dangerous decision the Morrow County School Board is considering making:

OUR TAX MONEY

If the School Board contracts out the school bus service to an outsider, it will violate the bus drivers' contract and expose the Morrow County School District to a potentially huge financial obligation which will need to be paid with our tax money! That's as foolish as it is unfair.

And, if selling the school buses and contracting out the school bus system is found to be illegal or too expensive, the District will be compelled to undergo the costly business of starting the bus system all over again.

OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY

The Morrow County School Board is considering turning our school bus service over to an outside contractor, to strangers, to a business which doesn't have the roots in our region that the bus drivers have.

Because of the professionalism of the present bus drivers, the safety and comfort of our children is their Number 1 concern.

Now we can go directly to the Superintendent or the School Board with any concern about safety or the time or location our children are picked up for school or returned home. A contractor adds a dangerous web of red tape between parents and the safety of our children.

KEEP THE SCHOOL BUSES IN THE PUBLIC'S HANDS

The School Board should keep control of the school bus service and vote NOT to contract it out. It would waste our tax money, and our children's safety is far too important to turn over to strangers.

If you agree our children's safety is too important to turn over to strangers, please phone the School Board and District Superintendent and . . .

Scott Bauska 481-7047	Scott Johnson 922-5131	Dwayne Carroll 567-5767	John Reitman 422-7123
Bill Doherty 989-8113	Russ Morgan 676-5882	Gary Frederickson 481-6225	Superintendent Chuck Starr 989-8202

**Attend the Morrow County School Board meeting
 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 13, at the District Office in Lexington**

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