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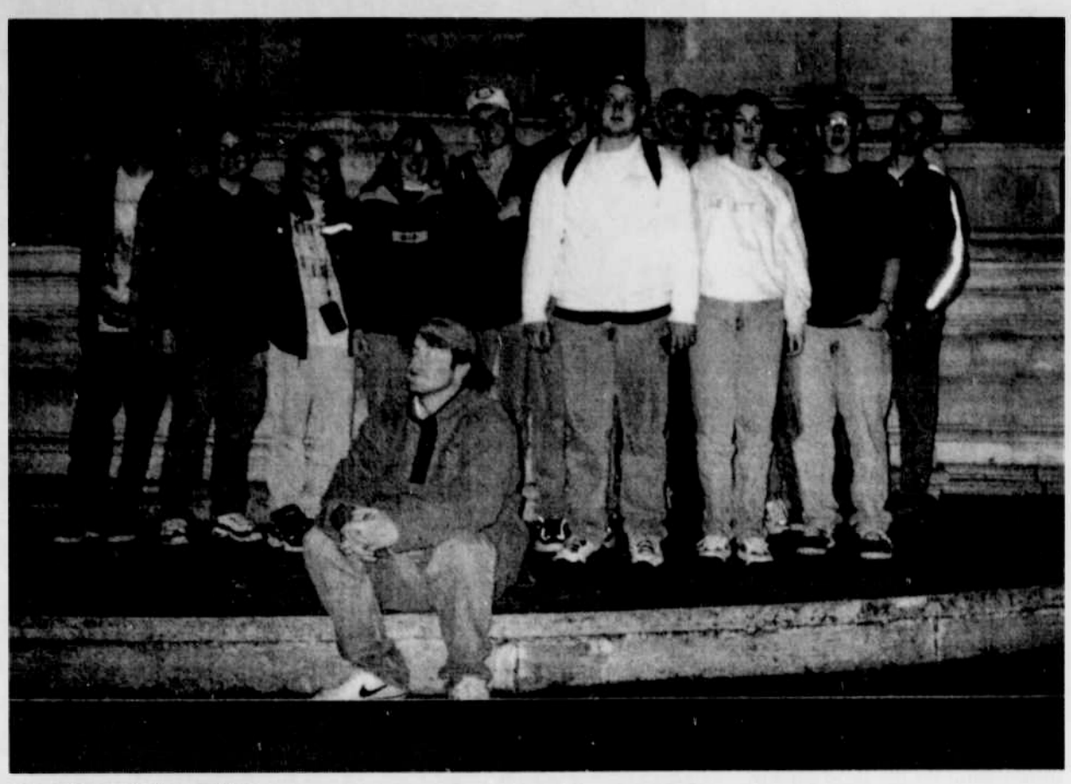

International Club members

By Kara Miller

It's 5 a.m. ,March 21, and the two years of planning and fund raising efforts by several Morrow County teens with Ione High School history and geography teacher, Kelley Swarat, was about to culminate in their goal, a grand tour of Italy.

Accompanied by Swarat's college roommate, Tim Conley, a teacher in the Salem school district, Cathy and Ryan Halvorsen and George and Nancy Miller chaperoned 14 teens including Steve Allen, Jory Crowell, Brenda Holtz, Jake McElligott, Kara Miller, Kelly Morgan, Marc Orem Nathan Rietmann, Jenny Sullivan and Luke Swanson of Ione High School; Toni Kemp, Brian Koffler and Jonas Healy, Heppner High School; Nick Daniels, Riverside High School; and Bill Daniels, Sandy High School.

The group boarded a 767 for the flight to Chicago where they would change planes for the long trip to Malpensa Airport in Milan, Italy. Their itinerary included stops in many towns and cities beginning with Verona to see Romeo and Juliet's balcony, and Venice to ride in the gondolas, visit a glass factory and watch a glass blowing demonstration. While in Venice they also visited a lace school , the Doce Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Then it was on to Bologna for a look at Medieval towers and churches; then over the Apennine Mountains to Florence where they saw the Ponte Vecchio, a beautiful Medieval bridge and the only bridge left standing by the Germans during the War. They visited a gold shop, a leather factory, and many beautiful churches and museums to see famous works by Michelangelo, Bernini, Raphael and many others; and spent a night out at a disco.

The group traveled on to Assisi for an afternoon exploring the tiny hilltop town of ancient narrow streets and the beautiful Basilica of St. Francis. In Pompeii they walked on stone cobbled streets rutted by the iron wheels of Roman chariots, stood in the excavation of the temple of Apollo and Venus, walked through an ancient Roman bath and looked at the casts of victims recovered from the ash of mount Vesuvius. In Sorrento they visited a factory famous for its inlaid wood furniture and decorative pieces and were treated to an all night Easter Parade depicting Christ's Passion. They took a boat ride to Capri and Julius Caesar's Blue Grotto before moving on to Naples and Rome. In Rome they tossed their three coins into the Trevi Fountain and saw many of the places they had read about including the Pantheon, the Coliseum, the "Wedding Cake" Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, City Hall, Circus Maximus, Appian Way, Arch of Constantine, the Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel and the Catacombs of St. Sebastian. Even after a night tour of the monuments and a day of walking and sight seeing, they still couldn't see everything. The nine days had passed much too rapidly and it was time to return to the U. S.

Ione site council meets

L-R Jenny Sullivan, Jake McElligott, LaRee Anderson, Kara Miller and teacher Kelley Swarat speak to Ione Site Council at their April meeting.

The Ione Site Council met Wednesday, April 9, at the Ione high school. Kelly Swarat, International Club advisor, gave a city by city explanation of the club's recent trip to Italy. Students Jenny Sullivan, Jake McElligott, and Kara Miller told about their favorite spots of interest and what they most enjoyed about the trip. Chaperones Cathy Halvorsen and Nancy Miller shared their pictures and answered questions from the council.

LaRee Anderson, Ione High School senior and Honor Society president, told the council how students become members of Honor Society. They are required to have completed the first semester of their sophomore year and must have a 3.25 grade point average. They must also show qualities of leadership, service and character. The current honor society members vote on membership, which then must be approved by staff. Dale Holland, advisor, spoke about the costs of belonging to the national organization and the activities of the group. The council recommended the school find a way to help the group defray expenses.

The council discussed changes the staff made to the School Improvement Plan. The plan will now go to the district administrator for approval.

The bylaws were presented to the council for approval. There was some discussion as to whether a code of conduct should be added to the bylaws. This will be discussed at a later meeting. After some adjustments were made, the bylaws were approved by consensus.

Parent representation on the council was discussed. The council approved extending Maureen Krebs' and Jeri McElligott's terms by one year so all parent terms will not end at the same time. Kelly Griffith's term will end in May. McElligott will draft a letter to parents asking for volunteers to serve on the council. Two parents may be elected to fill the two year terms, which begin in September.

A technology night and kindergarten through fifth grade open house will be held the evening of April 24. Helen Marshall will check on publicity for the technology night.

The council recommended better publicity in announcing the drug and alcohol meetings.

Students of the month for March were Erin Crowell and Nathan Nolan at the high school and Shelby Krebs and Colin McElligott at the Middle School.

Musical slated for May 12

"Mother Goose Madness", a "mixed up musical nursery rhymes production", will be presented by the Morrow County Community Theatre on Monday, May 12, at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Heppner.

The production is a county-wide effort, with musicians singers and stage crew consisting of residents from Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Boardman and Irrigon. Ages of the cast and crew range from five to 70.

Director is Shelly Rietmann. The Morrow County Community Theatre is sponsored by the Morrow county Arts Council and the play production is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Everyone is invited to attend. Admission is free.

Heppner competes in golf meet

HHS Girls Golf
By Lonnie Rill

Heppner competed in a seven-way golf meet that took place in Pendleton, Saturday, April 19. Heppner girls placed fourth in the tournament after La Grande, Hermiston, and Eisenhower High School from Yakima.

Heather Blaylock of La Grande came in first, shooting a 47 on the front nine and a 43 on the back nine holes. Josie Proctor of Heppner came in eighth with a 56 and 53 for 109. Other Heppner scores ar as follows: Toni Kemp, 116; Brandi Marshall, 117; Jill Barber, 121; and Bobbie Rankin, 132.

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St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Ninety-six people were present for the senior dinner April 23. Nine meals were home delivered. Members of the Lutheran Church served.

The menu for Wed. May 7 was not available at press time. Members of the Christian Life Center will serve. Hearing aid assistance will be provided at 10 a.m. and blood pressures taken at 11 a.m.. The Meal Site Committee will meet at 1 p.m.

The appreciation dinner for the church volunteers was well attended. Music was provided by the Ione Junior High girl's choir under the direction of Ron Neighorn and by the Sentimentalists. Corol Mitchell presented plaques of appreciation to Forrie Burkenbine of the Red Apple for the many contributions of foods to the center. Plaques were also presented to Kinzua Resources and Mr. and Mrs Tad Miller for their donations of meat and to Ernie and Mary Jean McCabe for the beautiful decorating they do in the dining room every month. Eva Mabbot expressed her appreciation for all the volunteers who keep the center running.

Ruby Steers assisted Corol in preparing the food. The tables were beautifully decorated by Corol, Eva and senior volunteers, Velma Wight, Doll Campbell, Lynn Bibby, Eleanor Gonty, Daisy Collins and Grace Drake. Other seniors assisting throughout the day and evening were Rose Marie Buschke, and Ralph and Barb Struthers. Ed and Marie Struthers and Josh and Kelsie McKinney helped with serving and clean up. Linda Borwig washed dishes. Irene Anhorn kept the office open . If anyone was left out we apologize.

There was one table of cards Friday. Nine people watched the movie, "Twisters", Sunday evening.

Only four went to Hermiston on the bus Monday, April 24.

Sylvia McDaniel's granddaughter and great-granddaughter visited her from Australia last week.

The seniors extend sympathy to Bernice Nash on the loss of her brother, and Ed Hunt for the loss of his mother.

The bus will go to Spray Thursday, May 8, at 10 a.m. Sign up is at the center office.

May 1st
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May 3rd
Dinner Special: Barbecue ribs and chicken.
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May 8th
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Heppner Elks 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 N. Main

50 participate in Ione's St. Jude annual Bike-a-thon

Bicyclists ride for a worthwhile cause

On Sunday, April 27, 50 participants braved the less than ideal conditions to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN, in the annual Ione St. Jude Bike-a-thon. Although the pledges have not been tallied or turned in yet, organizers have deemed the event a success, both for the amount raised and the level of enthusiasm displayed.

Thirty-one riders attempted the 22 mile ride from Ruggs. "Sheer determination was needed, especially for the last three miles which was straight into the wind," said organizer Anne Morter. The lead rider was Mark Johnson of Heppner, who finished in approximately one hour and 35 minutes. Next in was Scott Tevault of Portland, one hour and 55 minutes, which included time for roadside beautification and recyclable collection. On Tevault's heels was the trio of Miranda McElligott, Colin McElligott and Adam McCabe.

Nineteen riders toured the one mile route within Ione's city limits, including Gene Ball who had tallied 30 laps around the course at last count. Barbara Holland had the second highest total with 14 laps, followed closely by five year old Justin Key, a "determined young man who led his father and mother around the course 13 times. Only this week did Justin graduate out of training wheels to produce this mighty effort," said Morter.

All the riders enjoyed cold drinks, ice cream cones and cookies upon their arrival at the finish line.

The deadline for turning in pledges and donations is Thursday, May 15. Funds should be turned in with pledge sheets in an envelope to the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione, Judy Davis at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, or to Janet Thompson or Morter. Riders should indicate their t-shirt size on their pledge sheet. A list of riders will be posted soon in Ione and Heppner. Participants are urged to turn in money on time so the prizes can be ordered, Morter said. All funds raised during this event go directly to St. Jude Children's Hospital, with all the costs of putting on the local event being donated.

MCAC funding request granted

The Morrow County Arts Council is announces that their funding request, to The Collins Foundation and Morrow County Commission on Children and Families has been granted.

These funds will permit the Idaho Theater for Youth production of "Feather on the Sea" to be performed to all elementary students in Morrow County on Monday, May 5.

The group will perform two shows, one at Heppner Elementary School-Ione Elementary students will be bussed to the play. The second will be at A.C. Houghton Elementary in Irrigon with Sam Boardman students receiving bus transportation to the performance.

Without the financial support of The Collins Foundation and the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families the event would not have been possible, said Joyce Graff of the Morrow County Arts Council.

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