

### Chemistry classes offered for kids

The winter session of "Hands on Science" is scheduled to begin Jan. 15 at the Heppner Elementary School cafeteria on non-school Fridays. The Hands on Science program (HOS) is a recreational science program open to children in grades K-6. This winter session will feature classes in chemistry.

"Chemistry Detectives" (K-1) will have the students experimenting with mixtures, solutions, acids and bases. The students will make glue from milk, concoct scented soap balls, bath salts and ink. The children will become science sleuths to help solve the "Gold Paper Caper." This class will be held from 11 a.m.-12 noon.

"Chemistry Creations" (2-3) will present classes where the students will learn how to safely mix and measure to enjoy the magic of changing colors, liberating gases and analyzing various acids. The students will use chemicals and equipment similar to what is found in a kitchen to answer such questions as, "How can you use chemical reactions to identify unknowns?" This class will be held from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

"Your Own Mini-Lab" (4-6) will have the students setting up a mini-lab by making their own test tube rack as basic equipment. The students will make cheese, glue, play putty and more. They will test for viscosity, solubility and acid/base reactions with safe stuff only. This class will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

HOS coordinator/teacher, Sarah Carlson, has been involved

with the HOS program since 1989, and taught junior high science in Heppner for 12 years. "The HOS program is one of the best recreational/educational programs available in the United States. I have been involved with the program for all of these years because I am continually impressed by the quality of the lessons, materials and educational experience that the students receive," said Carlson.

The HOS curriculum is on a three-year rotation cycle which means that the opportunity to participate in HOS chemistry classes only comes around once every three years, she said. Carlson taught "Chemistry Creations" to a group of 2-3 graders three years ago. "Those students, now 4-6 graders, could register for "Your Own Mini-Lab" and experience all new and different chemistry lessons and lots of fun," she adds.

The program is being made available through the Umatilla-Morrow EDS. There is a \$45 registration fee. "This fee enables the students to come to class with nothing and leave with lots of stuff so they can repeat the experiments at home," says Carlson. There are eight classes in the session which will end on March 13. Registration forms will be sent home from school with your child or forms will be available at the public libraries and post offices in Heppner and Ione. Carlson advised that students register early because classes are limited to 10 participants. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Carlson, 422-7245.

### Ione site council meets

The Ione Site Council (ISC) met Wednesday, Nov. 12, in room one of the high school. Principal Dick Allen gave a report on the new parent volunteer group he and Anne Morter are organizing. They met and formulated a plan for training and set guidelines. Allen will enclose the information in a newsletter and Morter plans to publicize the effort by putting up posters.

There are now two separate positive action committees for the high school and middle school. Advisors for the middle school are Steve Schaber and Shelly Key. Schaber reported the committee voted to allow "A" and "B" honor roll students to walk to the store during the noon hour all week. They are planning a barbecue at the semester for A and B honor roll students; they are also organizing a dance. They also voted to have a student of the month based on at least a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) and no Fs, leadership qualities and good school attendance.

The high school positive action committee advisors are Robin Graff and Charity McElligott. Projects they are considering include an outside patio lounge, rewards for A and B honor roll students, a contest for an emblem on the center of the gym floor, Cardinal or Ione mats or tiles in the entryway and a Sadie Hawkins or snowball dance. For student of the month, they voted to have all the high school teachers nominate students with supporting reasons. Then the student body votes on the students they want. After discussion, it was agreed to elect middle school students of the month using the same procedure.

The school improvement goal of improving test environments was discussed. Winter tests will fall some time between Jan. 20-Feb. 13. Students will again be tested between Feb. 23-March 6. The spring tests will be between March 30-April 17. The council agreed that letters notifying parents would be sent home and healthy snacks would be provided for students those days. Allen will have a list of exact testing dates at the next meeting.

Allen reported 47 percent of Ione High School students were on the A honor roll, with a 3.5 GPA or better; 31 percent received a 3.-3.49; and 16 percent received a 2.-2.99. At the middle school level, 37 percent of the students received a 3.5 or better; 22 percent received a 3.-3.49; and 33 percent got a 2.0-2.99.

The recent vandalism to the locker room by visiting athletes was discussed. Allen reported the

schools are considering some noncompetitive activities for the students to participate in.

In other business, Arlynda Gates reported on the 24 hour relay fund raiser for drug and alcohol programs. Charissa Gates and Terri Bennetto are participating in the organization of the relay. Counselor Barb Peterson attended a national OSSOM conference in Washington D.C. Students in grades K-4 went on a city fire dept. field trip, with volunteers Astrid Bruno and John Collin.

Charity McElligott reported the high school volleyball team helped with the refereeing, clocks and scorekeeping at the middle school games. The football team helped with the chains and announcing for the middle school home football games.

Lela Gribskov attended an early childhood conference in California with Michelle Raible. Shelby Krebs and Kara Miller attended a Drug and Alcohol conference in Bend recently, with Barb Peterson.

The Ione school's homecoming and Halloween activities were well organized and attended.

The next ISC meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 10.

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### Pomona Grange meeting held

By Delpha Jones

Bob Hammack of Spray presided at the last Pomona Grange meeting. Bobbi Jo Matlock presented an award from the Oregon State Grange for the "pull tab" project. Reports were heard from the subordinate Granges. The memorial of the year was a candlelight ceremony under the direction of the Pomona chaplain, Eulenna Vaughn of Boardman.

Larry Lindsay, 30 year member of the Port of Morrow, spoke on the imput the port has on Morrow County. He spoke to the group about those who helped develop the port and the businesses that have developed in the past years. Some new businesses include the B and G distillery, the largest in the world, and an ethanol plant, valued at 40 million. These would join the other business at the port.

Election of the officers was held following the reports and lecturer. Officers are as follows:

master, Bob Hammack; overseer, Aloha Matlock; lecturer, Jeab Bekson; steward, Clarence Buchanan; assistant steward, Eldon Gilbert; LAS, Barbara Gilbert; chaplain, Eulenna Vaughn; treasurer, Cecil Jones; secretary, Delpha Jones; gatekeeper, Willard French; Ceres, Margaret Stangel; Pomona, Nyn Knighten; Flora, Bobbi Jo Matlock; and executive members, Kenneth Smouse, Wilma Martin, and Dot Halvorsen.

Dates for 1998 meetings are January-Willows Grange, April-Spray, July-Greenfield; October-Lexington.

It is hoped to have installation of the subordinate and Pomona Grange at the January meeting in Ione. Standing committees appointed are as follows: agriculture, Wilma Martin; legislative, Ned Clark; GWA, Bobbi Jo Matlock; and membership, Kathleen Clark.



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