

## Artist in residence visits Ione Elementary school



Ellie Belew and Ione Elementary School second grade students with work samples



(L-R) Scott Sullivan, Corey Morgan, Dalton Wellman and Clay Morter (first grade) with the writing portfolios created with Ellie Belew

**By Nova Rietmann**  
From February 2 until February 12, Ione Elementary and Middle School were graced with the presence of Ellie Belew, an artist-in-residence whose niche is in creative writing.

K-6 grades at Ione did writing activities and exercises with Belew; the students even ended up with a portfolio after their two weeks with Belew were over. At the end of the two weeks, the students invited parents and community to an assembly and open house to share their work.

Students' writing activities included describing people they admire, describing objects or fantasy "beings" and doing exercises to help them come up with ideas. "I encourage the kids to keep writing," says Belew. "I hope that what they have gained from me being here is the ability to take what they know and continue to write."

"I hope that the students will be

able to move on from what they've done in the past couple of weeks," she says. "I love the creative energy that I get from the kids, and I like to see what they are interested in."

Belew does about three residences a year at rural schools and says she finds that helping children write helps her with her own writing. Belew is a freelance journalist who resides in Roslyn, WA, but she also publishes stories and has a novel being marketed in New York.

The Artist in Education program has been a part of Ione Elementary School curriculum for about 10 years. It is funded by the Oregon Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts and administered by the Eastern Oregon University.

Betty Rietmann, an elementary school teacher at Ione, coordinates the program each year and Dot Halvorsen has provided a home for the artists during their residency.

## St. Patrick's Parish holds Faith Fair

The children of St. Patrick's Parish recently presented their annual Faith Fair. The fair was introduced by Mike Armato, then children and their teachers gave a description of what they had been studying in their religion classes.

Kindergarten and first grade children made mobiles in the shape of doves and flames to illustrate the grace of the sacraments.

Second grade students prepared a prayer for reconciliation which demonstrated their understanding of the sacrament of rec-

conciliation. Grades three-four made a cardboard model of the parish church, including illustrations of the Stations of the Cross and the Seven Sacraments.

Grades five-six made bag puppets of the saint of their choice, pasted pictures of the saints on the covers of their workbooks and also made mobiles illustrating the sacraments of initiation.

Students in grades seven-eight illustrated the Rosary, told the history of the Rosary and explained the origin of the prayers of the Rosary.

## Tour planned to Canada, Seattle

Planning for a trip to Seattle and British Columbia May 1-3 is well underway.

The group will leave Heppner on May 1 at 6 a.m. and will catch a ferry at 12:30 p.m. in Seattle.

## Correction

**By Merlyn Robinson**

Ground preparation is underway for the erection of a multipurpose building at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Intermountain Steel Buildings, Inc. of Idaho Falls, Idaho, will provide the concrete work for the foundations and bleacher seating.

Northwest Metal Fabricators of Hermiston is donating the use of their equipment and employees are donating their time to put up the framework.

In addition to brand boards and donor recognition to be displayed inside this building, large 8' x 12' nylon banners will be hung in recognition of individual contribution of \$2,500 or more. To date these donors include the Morrow County Livestock Growers, the Morrow County Grain Growers, Northwest Metal Fabricators and the Morrow County 4-H Council. Donations are still being sought to cover expenses

## Spray Rodeo seeks queen applicants

Tryouts for the 1998 Spray Rodeo queen will be Saturday, March 28 at 4 p.m. at the Spray Rodeo grounds. Contestants do not have to be local or Wheeler County residents only.

The queen will be announced that evening at the rodeo kick-off dance and crowned by 1997 queen Julia Lester from The Dalles. The dance will be held at the Spray School gym beginning at 9 p.m. Music will be provided by "Cross Country".

The Spray Rodeo will be held May 23-24.

For more information and applications, call (541) 468-2442.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Oregon Trail Library District, Morrow County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999, will be held at Heppner Library, 444 North Main Street in Heppner. The meeting will take place on the 18th day of March, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose is to receive the budget message and document of the district. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

Gilbert T. Chavez,  
Budget Officer  
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## MC representatives speak to state officials about youth camp

Heppner city manager Gary Marks, Mayor Bob Jepsen, Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson, Commissioner Ray French, Greg Smith, representing the Port of Morrow and Rick Minster, Morrow County economic development coordinator spoke to state officials Feb. 17 in Prineville concerning the possible siting of a "youth accountability camp" near Heppner.

According to Marks, the siting committee is to have a list of three or fewer sites narrowed down by March 8.

After selecting the "short list" of sites, Marks says that the siting committee will publish the list of site or sites and then visit each location and hold a hearing within a 30-day period.

After those procedures, the

siting committee must recommend one site to Rick Hill, director of the Oregon Youth Authority. Hill then has 30 days to accept or reject the chosen site. Marks said that a decision is expected to be made by mid-April. If Hill rejects the site chosen by the siting committee, however, the whole process will begin again, according to Marks.

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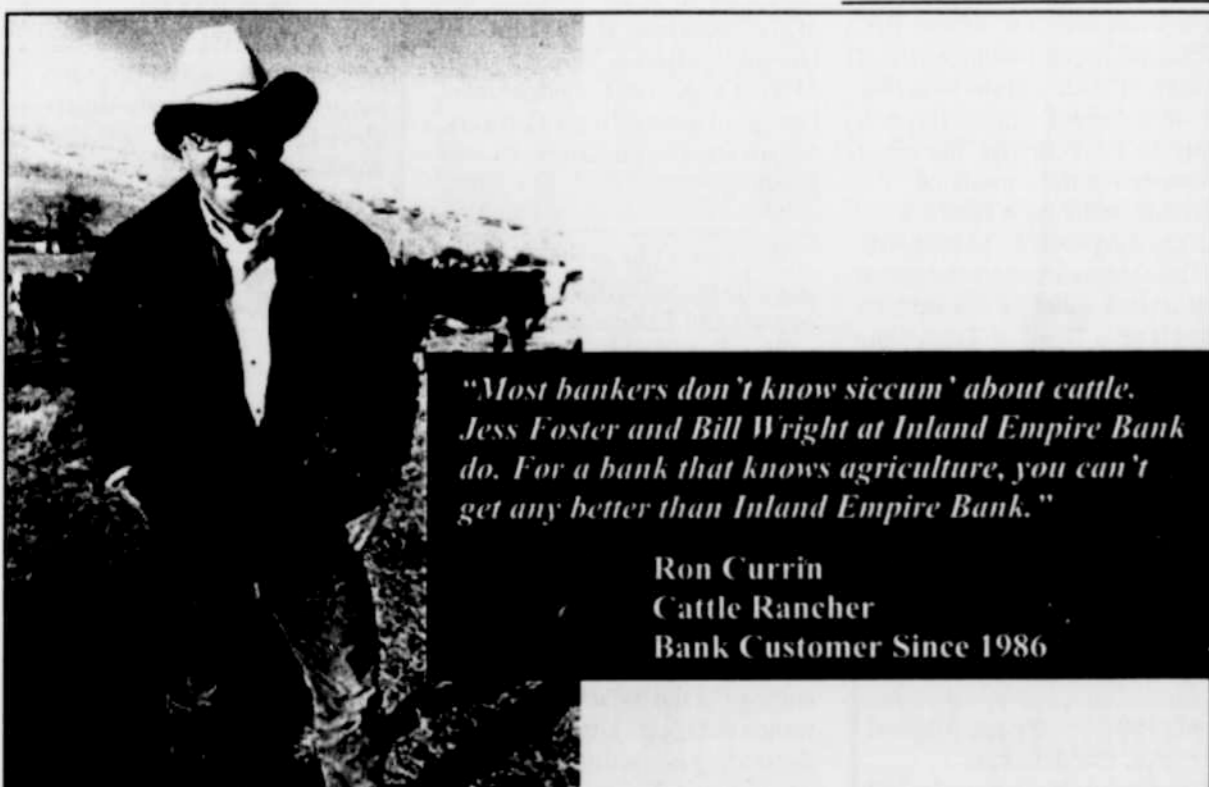
### Thursday, March 5th Baker City High School

### Ione vs. Jordan Valley at 1:30 p.m.

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