

## Heppner tracksters qualify for state Home school students hold awards night



HHS boys' state qualifiers: back L-R - Ryan Matteson, Craig Scott, Levi Geer; front-Jared Eckman, Casey Evans, Michael Schonbachler.



HHS girls' state qualifiers: back L-R - Abby Kahl, Amber Peck; from - Trisha Adams, Casey Ingraham, Brooke Boyer. Not pictured is alternate Allison Sykes.

Six boys and five girls have qualified for the state track meet to be held this Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, at Moamouth.

Boys qualifying include: Jared Eckman, who took first in the high jump at districts last weekend at The Dalles; Casey Evans, second in high jump;

Ryan Matteson, Michael Schonbachler, Levi Geer and Evans, first in 1600 meter relay; and Craig Scott, Eckman, Schonbachler and Geer, second in 400 relay.

Matteson suffered a broken collar bone in steer wrestling over the weekend and may or may not compete in the state

meet. Scott will also go as an alternate in the 1600 meter relay.

Girls qualifying for state are: Amber Peck, first in 300 meter hurdles; Abby Kahl, first in 800 meter run; Casey Ingraham, second, triple jump; and Trisha Adams, Brooke Boyer, Kahl and Peck, second, 1600 meter relay. Allison Sykes will also attend the state meet as an alternate.

The EXCEL home school group held its seventh annual awards night on May 14 at Christian Life Center in Heppner. Twelve families from Heppner, Lexington, Ione and Condon participated.

The program began with a performance of two pieces by the Willow Creek Symphony under

the direction of Ron Neighorn. The symphony began in 1996 as a home school music class taught by Sharla Erich. It then expanded to include any interested youth and adults from South Morrow County. Thirteen members of the symphony are from home school families.

Following the symphony, the students took turns performing

for the audience. Their performances included singing, piano solos, reciting poetry and Scripture and singing and reciting Scripture in Spanish. After the students' performances, their parents presented them with awards. Certificates were given for character qualities, completion of grade levels and outstanding achievements. Refreshments were served after the program, and samples of students' work were displayed.

Participating families included Mike and Nancy McGuire, Dick and Karen Temple, Jordan and Mary K. Maley, Tim and Myrna Van Cleave, Kelly Christman, Jeff and Nancy Klein, Sid and Barb Zinter, Les and Kim Thompson, Tom and Kelly Fritz, Richard and Sheila McDaniel, Andrew and CJ Johnson and Bill and Nancy Jepsen.

EXCEL (Excellent Christian Education League) is a "group of local families which exists for the purpose of providing support and encouragement to one another". EXCEL activities during the 1997-98 school year included mothers' teas, Christmas caroling at the nursing home, kindergarten craft classes, swimming, bowling and several field trips.

### Ione Booster Club holds meeting

The Ione Booster Club met Thursday, May 14, at Beecher's Cafe. Club members decided to sell beverages at the Fourth of July celebration. Laurel Cannon will head up the committee. Monica Swanson will look into the possibility of selling t-shirts with an Ione July 4th logo.

Summer league girls' basketball coach Stacie Miller reported that Dana Heideman is working on a schedule for the girls. They will not be able to attend a tournament in Yakima, but still plan

to have a car wash Saturday, June 6, from 1-4 p.m.

Members voted to donate \$25 each to Marc Orem and Jake McElligott for all-star ads. They also voted to buy balloons for the track team members who go to state.

It was announced that the tennis team, through coach Cathy McCabe, have Cardinal watches for sale for \$30 each.

The next meeting of the Ione Booster Club will be Thursday, June 11 at 8 p.m.

### School district holds spelling contest

The 1998 Morrow County School District spelling contest was held May 14 at Heppner High School, with many county participants.

Division I winner was Emily Bauska from Sam Boardman Elementary School (SBE), Boardman. Division II winner was Elliott Bratton, Columbia Middle School (CMS), Irrigon. Division III winner was Joey Bourrie, Heppner High School (HHS).

Complete winners are as follows:

Division I winners-first, Emily Bauska, SBE; second a tie between Taylor McElligott, Ione Elementary School (IES), and Amy Jepsen, Heppner Elementary School (HES); third a tie between Kim Morris, IES, and Sonny Phipps, A.C. Houghton Elementary School (ACH); fourth a tie between Jasmine Hankins, SBE, and Carly Costello, SBE; fifth, Anita Garcilazo, ACH; sixth, Samantha Burkenbine, HES; seventh, Jessica Burns, ACH; eighth, Stephanie Burkenbine, HES; ninth, Kasie Peterson, IES.

Division II winners-first, Elliott Bratton, CMS; second, Jesse Gutierrez, Heppner Junior High School (HJHS); third, Billy Gates, Ione Junior High School (IJHS); fourth a tie between Brian Rust, HJHS, and Adam Neiffer, IJHS; fifth a tie between Jami Moore, CMS, and Dan Jepsen, HJHS; sixth a tie between David Harris, CMS, and Tracy Griffith, IJHS.

Division III winners-first, Joey Bourrie, HHS; second, Lara Fritz, Riverside High School (RHS); third, Randi McElligott, Ione High School (IHS); fourth, Bret Files, RHS; fifth, Patrick Kenney, RHS; sixth, Kara Miller (IHS);

seventh, Jonas Healy, HHS; eighth, Erin Crowell, IHS; ninth, Leah Denton, HHS.

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### Justice Court Report

Richard G. Lautzen Heiser, Jr., 33, Dundee, truck speeding, 75/55, \$72.

Michael Scott Greer, 19, Boardman, violation of the basic rule, 87/55, \$262.

Dorine Marie Stephens, 41, Ione, failure to use safety belt, \$54.

Eugene Robert Harris, 29, Heppner, unlawful use of metal objects on tires - studs, \$72.

Sandra Noel Putman, 30, Lexington, violation of the basic rule, 90/55, \$237.

Vicki L. McDaniel, 31, Heppner, careless driving, \$142.

Shawn E. Cowett, 33, Spokane, violation of the basic rule, 73/55, \$72.

Beryl Stillman, 43, Lexington, maintaining dog as a nuisance, \$43.

Michael T. Alldritt, 20, Lexington, driving while under the influence of intoxicates, \$1,286.

### Births

**Emily Joy Pappas**-a daughter Emily Joy was born to James and Patti Pappas of Heppner on April 22, 1998 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. The baby weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz. and was 21" long.

Grandparents are Randolph and Bernice Lott of Heppner.

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