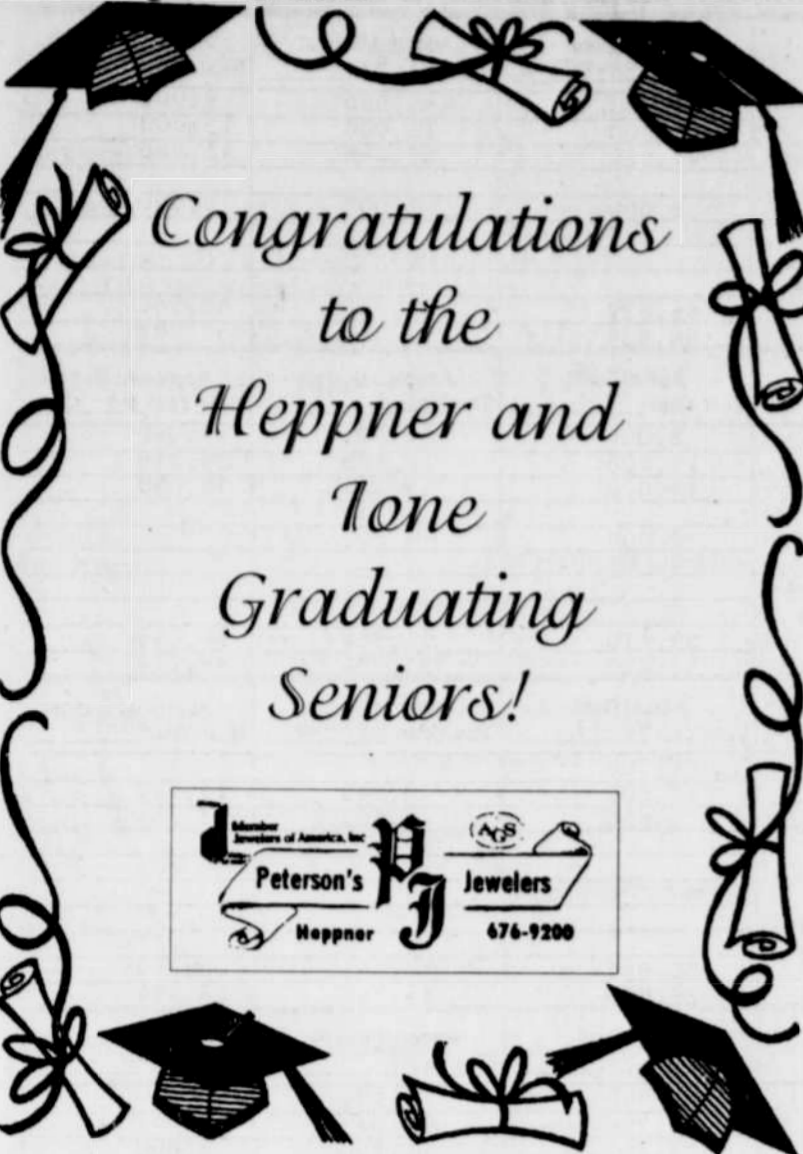


Ione High Schools holds academic awards assembly

Ione High School held its academic awards ceremony on May 20. Following are the awards recipients:



Congratulations to the Heppner and Ione Graduating Seniors!



Big Sky academic awards-students who have at least a 3.5 grade point average (GPA) and have lettered in at least one varsity sport: Charissa Gates, Allison Halvorsen, Shelby Krebs, Jeremiah McElligott, Jeremy Rietmann, Camie Burright, Erin Crowell, Jacob Neiffer, Jessica Krebs, Katie Tworek, Kate Garrett, Jake McElligott, Kara Miller, Marc Orem, Nathan Rietmann, Jenny Sullivan, Brenda Burright, Niki Sullivan.

Geography award: Shelby Krebs.
U.S. History award: Jacob Neiffer.

Yearbook award: Kara Miller.
Math award: Katie Tworek.
Science award: Jake McElligott.

Language Arts award: Miranda McElligott.

Drama award: Kara Miller.
Spanish award: Erin Crowell.
Oregon Scholar Award (straight 4.0 GPA): Jenny Sullivan.

Citizenship award: Jake McElligott and Kate Garrett.

Attendance awards (three days of absence or less): perfect attendance-Jacob Neiffer, Jessica Krebs, Shelby Krebs, Jeannette Brantley, Mark McElligott, Nikki McElligott, Clayton Grubaugh, Len Rietmann.

Grant Rigby Award (honors staff or faculty member for their dedication to education): Betty Rietmann.

Honor roll awards: "A" honor roll-Brenda Burright, Charissa Gates, Shelby Krebs, Jeremiah McElligott, Jeremy Rietmann, Jennifer Thompson, Camie Burright, Erin Crowell, Mark McElligott, Miranda McElligott, Nathan Rietmann, Jacob Neiffer, Andy Vosberg, Jessica Krebs, Niki Sullivan, Katie Tworek, Kate Garrett, Tiffani Jones, Jake McElligott, Kara Miller, Marc Orem, Jenny Sullivan; "B" honor roll-Katie Bacon, Molly Barrow, Cory Bennetto, Adrienne Swanson, Elizabeth Allen, Brandi Brantley, Sybil Krebs, Nikki McElligott, Joey Powell, Dan Scott, Rose Baker, Ryan Bennetto, Tori Odinet, Nova Rietmann, Mary Weaver, Len Rietmann.

Health District board to hold meeting

A meeting of the Morrow County Health District Board will be held Monday, June 1 at the Pioneer Memorial Home Health Office at 7 p.m.

Les Schwab wins first in display contest



The local Les Schwab Tire Store has won first place for its display in the "Gold Rush Day's" promotion currently going on throughout the Les Schwab chain.

Pictured above (left to right) are store manager Randy Anderson, Asst. Manager Jeff Shank, Brian Price, and Russell Brannon with the winning display.

The display features an old time mining shack complete with waterfall, and it can be viewed at the store through the end of the month.

Obituaries

Huston and Marie Lesley

Graveside services for Huston and Marie Lesley will be held on Tuesday, June 9, at 1 p.m. at the Monument cemetery.

Huston and Marie were cremated and their urns were placed together in a vault at the cemetery.

Huston Clinton Lesley, 101, resident of John Day passed away at the Blue Mountain Hospital at John Day on January 30, 1998. He became ill several days earlier at the home of his daughter, Genevieve Wooley who lives at John Day. He passed away on Friday evening, two days before his 102nd birthday. He was born to Newton and Anna Jackson Lesley on February 1, 1896, at Nehalem, Oregon. When he was six years old the family went up the Columbia River to The Dalles and then by wagon train to Monument, where he was raised.

When he was 16 years old he was the head powder man and in charge of other workers on the road work at the Picture Gorge Road seven miles West of Dayville. He also ran the stage line from 1926 to 1930 from Canyon City to Long Creek. Huston ran a service station at Mt. Vernon from 1931 to 1936. Mr. Lesley was a self employed auto mechanic. He later came to Portland where he worked in the shipyards. He also had lived at Hardman for 46 years which is 20 miles South of Heppner.

Huston was a 70-year member of the American Legion at Monument. He was married to Marie Anna Lesley at John Day on September 1, 1919. She preceded him in death on October 24, 1996.

Marie Anna Lesley was born August 31, 1901, at Hamilton, Oregon, the daughter of Henry and Anna Legler and was raised at Hamilton. Marie and Huston both worked in the shipyards in Portland during World War II and then they moved to Hardman for 46 years. Marie became postmistress at Hardman and together they ran a general store there. Both Huston and Marie will be fondly remembered for their many contributions of time

and dedication to the Hardman Community Center. Her marriage to Huston Lesley lasted for 77 years until her death in 1996 at Anaconda, Montana.

Survivors include daughters Genevieve Wooley of John Day, Nellie Hopson of Anaconda, Montana, Fern Yeakel of Seattle; Huston's sisters, Elvera Walker of Medford, Sarah Smith of Milwaukie and Lela Sloan of John Day. Huston's brothers, Rudell Lesley of Monument, Donald Lesley of San Jose, California and Robert Lesley of John Day; Marie's brother Joseph Legler of John Day; and two nieces, Darlene Lemons of John Day and Theda Kerns of Coos Bay; eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and six great, great-grandchildren.

Lyle Kincaid

Lyle Kincaid, 59, formerly of Heppner and Ione, died in Phoenix, AZ, on May 22, 1998. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Mr. Kincaid was born to Harold and Ruby (Padberg) Kincaid, in Heppner on Feb. 17, 1939. He attended schools in Ione, Ordinance and the School for the Blind in Salem. He trained to become a masseur and moved to Phoenix. Because of health problems he gave up his profession and went to work for the Industries for the Blind in Phoenix. He took an early retirement because of poor health. He had been a resident of Phoenix since 1965.

Mr. Kincaid was a member of BPOE #358 Heppner and an elder of the Church of Latter-day Saints in Phoenix.

Survivors include his mother, Ruby Miller, The Dalles; brothers, Ralph, Silverton, and Lindsay; Ione; numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Harold, brother Roger, step-father George Miller and step-brother Paul Miller.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Casey Eye Institute in care of the Heppner BPOE #358, Heppner, Ore 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of local arrangements.

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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

If the sun doesn't come out tomorrow, you may see me hitchhiking south. Heppner needs a big dose of sunshine and humor...some warm fuzzies. It's time to let go of cold pricklies. Some good comes from all things: we now understand our neighbors better; we learned our weaknesses and are discovering how strong our ability is to forgive and forget; we learned that some of the best intentions can be squelched; we learned that ownership of projects is important as well as the need for complete honesty in presenting the facts; we learned that citizens do not necessarily feel responsibility for rehabilitating or housing those who commit crimes; we discovered that those who often need to be heard, aren't for various reasons; we learned about strength in numbers; we learned about all sorts of personalities; and we got a strong reminder that commerce is an often misunderstood word.

Webster defines commerce as trade, business, commercial pursuits, industrial activity. Chamber of Commerce then means a group of people brought together to promote the business of the community; to assist in creating an environment where business, community, and people thrive.

If you are in the farming or ranching business, then you know the selling of your product is crucial to the cash flow. When there is an overabundance of wheat or cattle, the market goes down.

By the same token, Heppner's local businesses rely on selling their merchandise to stay in business. When the big chain stores are running competition with local businesses, business drops. To support retail, there has to be people. To supply people, there has to be commerce and industry, so that enough local people are working, shopping, and investing in their community right in their home town. Increased jobs mean more business, more stores, more support for local projects. It is said that a dollar spent at home turns over seven times before it

leaves. While we are most fortunate to have a quality of life brought on by many volunteers working on community development projects, that very quality can be lost without commerce. It takes financial security to fund pools, arenas, events, museums, schools. It takes small businesses succeeding and turning the dollar over at home.

In the very near future, a study will be done to identify sites and business potential for the Willow Creek Valley, no easy task. It's time for brainstorming. It's time to assist the Willow Creek Valley (Chamber, Heppner Coordinating Council, Heppner Economic Development Corporation, ICABO and the communities) in job and additional housing creation. We have the energy to find a solution together. Warm fuzzies beat cold pricklies any time...and some sunshine would help too.

Thought for the week: "We can only move forward if we look together in the same direction."

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- Anita Orem, Ione Branch

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