

Ione middle school presents awards

The Ione Middle School presented academic awards at a ceremony held June 3.

Students receiving awards are as follows:

Language Arts award: Adam McCabe.

Social Studies award: Colin McElligott.

Science awards: Aaron Tworek, Tracy Griffith, Natalie McElligott, Billy Gates, Amellia Peck, Adam Neiffer.

Math awards: Megan E. McCabe, Amellia Peck, Cameron Krebs, Karl Morgan.

Academic Excellence award: Rhonda Wilhelm.

Music awards: Meghan M. McCabe, Cyd Tullis, Johnny Collin, Billy Gates.

Citizenship awards: Amellia Peck, Adam McCabe.

Great AUK awards for fall: Billy Gates, Meghan M. McCabe, Paul Neiffer, Diana McElligott, Adam McCabe, Adam Neiffer, Jeff Hunt, Natalie McElligott, Tracy Griffith, Caitlin Orem, Salli McElligott, Kristina Powell.

Great AUK awards for spring: Natalie McElligott, Emily Key, Paul Neiffer, Caitlin Orem, Tracy Griffith, Jaysi Bennetto, Colin McElligott, Adam McCabe, Rhonda Wilhelm, Meghan M.

McCabe, Billy Gates, Jeff Hunt, Diana McElligott, Mike Radie, Adam Neiffer, Kristina Powell, Salli McElligott.

Attendance awards: Johnny Collin, Paul Neiffer, Cody Grubaugh, Caitlin Orem, Amellia Peck, Billy Gates, Jason Zinter, Karl Morgan, Adam Neiffer.

Perfect Attendance award: Aaron Tworek.

"A" honor roll awards: Billy Gates, Emily Key, Natalie McElligott, Tracy Griffith, Adam McCabe, Colin McElligott, Kristina Powell, Jeff Hunt, Meghan McCabe, Paul Neiffer, Caitlin Orem, Adam Neiffer, Salli McElligott.

"B" honor roll awards: Johnny Collin, Cameron Krebs, Diana McElligott, Til Tullis, Amellia Peck, Jaysi Bennetto, Cayle Krebs, Mike Radie, Rhonda Wilhelm.

Elementary awards earned, but not presented at the awards ceremony:

Attendance awards: Stephanie Archer, Brianna Peterson, Clay Morter, Justin Archer, Shayne Key, Michael Wellman, William Grubaugh, Taylor McElligott, Kayleen Vosberg, Kyanne Hickey, Aidan Burt, Dalton Wellman, Kip Krebs, Brent Parks, Ashly Grams, Arthur Ekstrom, Tyler Raible.

Elementary awards earned, but not presented at the awards ceremony:

Ione Site Council holds meeting

Ione Site Council met Wednesday, May 13, at Ione High School. Principal Dick Allen handed out the final draft school PSAG, is planning a barbecued hamburger feed for grades six-12 to honor the seniors on their last day of school. Students of the month of April were Molly Barrow and Joey Powell. Students of the month for the middle school were Cayle Krebs and Rhonda Wilhelm.

Betty Rietmann reported she is very pleased with the volunteers working in grades K-5 this year. Allen will be looking at recruiting more volunteers to help at the 6-12 level next year.

The new district drug and alcohol policy proposal was reviewed by Allen. The council agreed by consensus to write a letter to the board stating concerns about the addition: "If a second or subsequent offense is within three calendar years of a first offense the student will be subject to immediate and full suspension from all activity programs for one calendar year." The council will recommend the subsequent offense must occur within two years of the first offense.

Allen reported Superintendent Chuck Starr complimented the Ione Site Council on the good job they were doing. Jeremiah McElligott was recognized for helping with the junior high tract program. The Ione girls' tennis team was awarded the Oregon Dairy Farmer's Academic Award for having the highest GPA in their division. It was noted their GPA, a 3.77, was also higher than any other division. Several IHS alumni were recognized for college achievements. Luke Swanson received the most improved player award for basketball at Eastern Oregon University. Susie Heideman has been very successful in her participation on the Mt. Hood Community College track team. of the Ione School Profile. It was agreed the council wait until next fall to evaluate school improvement goals. All test scores from the 1997-98 school year are needed to measure

student growth. School board representative John Rietmann suggested evaluating and improving the school TAG program as a future school improvement goal. He also brought up the possibility of offering students academic letters for maintaining high GPAs. The council agreed this would be a good reward for students and Allen suggested forwarding the information to the National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society voted to raise the qualifying GPA for admission from a 3.25 to a 3.4. Students meeting the GPA requirement must now apply to be a member by stating their qualifications in leadership, scholarship, character and service. Applicants are then voted on by the faculty. The installation of new members has been changed to an evening program preceding the spring awards program.

Three parents have expressed interest in filling the two parent openings on the council. The election will take place at the Cardinal Club potluck/teacher reception September 2. It was noted one parent could serve on the council as a community representative.

Allen informed the council the school board has voted to include reimbursement to classified employees serving on site councils.

Charity McElligott, Positive School Action Committee advisor, reported the high school members made \$175 by providing 450 cookies for the bike racers who came through Ione, Heppner and Fossil May 1-3. The committee, in conjunction with the middle Melissa McElligott received an Academic All Star award at a recent sports banquet at the University of Nevada, Reno. It was based on having a high GPA and participation in a varsity sport. She also recently received a \$1,100 academic scholarship from the university.

The next meeting of the Ione Site Council will be Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

Pioneer Memorial a life saver

To the Editor:
Concerning Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner:

I am not one to get involved in affairs. But, seven years ago I was fortunate enough to have the facility to get to quickly.

Dr. Ed., Sheridan and staff, with their knowledge, brought me around, stabilized me and airlifted me to Bend where I had bypasses

that saved my life. So for seven years, I have been able to go on with my job and the long hours it involves.

If it had not been for them I would not had a second chance. I believe there are many others in this area that could say the same.

(s) Sam Scott Heppner

Daycare, preschool provide quality care

To The Editor:
We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the board of directors, Mary Brannon and Sue Norton, and the staff and volunteers of Heppner Daycare and Preschool.

When we first moved back to Heppner the daycare and preschool did not have the best reputation. We have watched this facility struggle to keep open, and over the past year some major changes have occurred, improving the physical condition, the inside environment, the preschool curriculum, and especially the

quality of interaction and care of children.

Although we have not used the child care services, we can express our satisfaction with the preschool. Conner is always excited to talk about what he does there, to share his art work and the songs and stories he has learned; he has also made great friends with many of the other children. There have been times though when Conner has come home tearful, just because he did not want to leave.

Good job guys...keep it up.
(s) James & Patti (Lott) Pappas Heppner

Conservation Farm honored Friday

JDR Farms of Ione have been selected as Morrow County Conservation Farm of the Year for 1998. The farm is a partnership consisting of Joe and Donna Rietmann. The Rietmanns will be honored on Friday, June 19, with a farm tour and potluck dinner.

The farm tour will begin at 4 p.m. on the Doherty Farm, east of Sandhollow on Highway 207. Tour participants will view fall seeded Stephens wheat, summer fallow, Rod wheat, and minimum till double fallow.

The day concludes with a potluck barbecue at JDR Farms shop on David Rietmann Road. Participants with last names beginning with A-L are asked to bring salads and M-Z, desserts. All other food will be provided.

The farm operation consists of approximately 11,500 acres of

dry cropland, with 50% seeded to wheat each year and 500 acres of grassland. The farm stretches across the center of Morrow County into eastern Gilliam County.

The award was made jointly by the Morrow County Wheat Growers and the Morrow County Soil and Water Conservation District, at the spring meeting held on June 3.

Munkers earns 4. gpa at U of I

Dean Munkers has received a 4. grade point average for this semester at the University of Idaho. Munkers is in a master's program to become an athletic trainer.

He is the son of Martha and Gary Munkers of Lexington.

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BMW motorcyclists to hold Heppner rally this weekend

The BMWs are coming... the BMWs are coming... It's that time of year again when the BMW Riders of Oregon will host their annual motorcycle rally at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. From Thursday, June 18 through Sunday, June 21, Heppner will have over 400 motorcyclists in their midst. The riders will come from all across the United States

and a number of foreign countries.

In order to allow everyone to get a good look at these "legendary motorcycles of Germany," the club will hold its bike judging in the Elks' parking lot behind Bucknum's Tavern between 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 20. Bucknum's will also have a beer garden during those hours.

There will be all types of "Beemers" as each of the riders competes in various classes. Everyone is encouraged to come out and vote for their favorite; there will be an award for the most popular bike. Riders will also be available to answer any questions.

Relay planned to help fight cancer

A 24-hour relay, "Relay for Life" has been planned to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society July 19-20 at Sandstone Middle School in Hermiston.

Everyone is invited to join a team from south Morrow County to participate in the relay and raise money to help fight cancer.

Cyclotown of Hermiston has donated a tent and food and entertainment will be provided for those participating in the relay.

Those who are not able to participate in the relay may also contribute by making a donation to the American Cancer Society or help raise money for the relay. A \$5 donation will buy a candle dedicated in memory of someone who has lost, or won, the fight against cancer.

Call Patty McNary, 422-7343, for more information, to join the relay or help raise money.

All survivors of cancer will be honored, so anyone wishing to add a person's name may also do so by calling McNary.

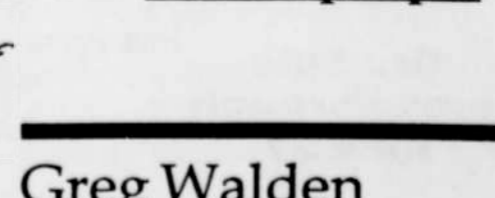
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