

Ione Youth Group helps poor during 'Souper Bowl' Sunday



(left to right): Aaron Tworek, Colin McElligott, Nikki McElligott, Adam McCabe, Miranda McElligott, Mark McElligott, Zac Fabian at St. William's Catholic Church.

The Ione Youth Group collected donations following worship services on Super Bowl Sunday as a part of a national effort to help the poor. The Sunday collection, called the Souper Bowl of Caring, was organized by youth group leader Cathy Halvorsen after she read about it in a local newspaper. The dream of organizers was

to see 20,000 churches nationwide join together to "love thy neighbor" by parishioners each donating \$1 as they left worship services that Sunday.

St. William's Catholic Church and the Ione United Church of Christ participated in collecting nearly \$250, which was sent to Loaves and Fishes on Burnside in Portland.

Loaves and Fishes provides a senior citizen lunch and delivers meals to shut-ins five days a week.

Ione youth collecting donations were Mark McElligott, Nikki McElligott, Miranda McElligott, Allison Halvorsen, Korey Morgan, Zac Fabian, Adam McCabe, Colin McElligott, Aaron Tworek and Karl Morgan.

Heppner players named to CBC all star team

Two Heppner Mustang basketball players, junior Ryan Matteson and senior Casey Ingraham, were named to the Columbia Basin Conference first team at the conclusion of their respective district tournaments on Saturday, February 26.

Seniors Ashley Ropp and Amy Papineau and sophomore Shelley Rietmann were named to the honorable mention girls' team. Junior Blake Knowles and sophomore Michael McCabe were named to the honorable mention boys' team.



Mustang boys named CBC all-stars (left to right): Blake Knowles, Ryan Matteson, Michael McCabe.

Births

Treve Thomson Martin-a son Treve Thomson was born to Sandi and Doug Martin of Rufus on February 10, 2000 at The Dalles Hospital in The Dalles. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz.

His grandparents are Ken and Jean Ann Turner of Heppner, and Tom and Connie Martin of Rufus. Great-grandmothers are Irene Swanson of Heppner and Barb Martin of Portland.

Brianna Araiza-a daughter Brianna was born to Araceli and Francisco Araiza of Boardman on February 16, 2000 at Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Wales Henry Phillip Wenberg-a son Wales Henry Phillip was born to Erik and Cynthia Wenberg of Hermiston on Leap Year Day, February 29, 2000, at Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 5 oz and was 18" long.

He joins a brother, Sebastian Otto Paul, at home. His grandparents are Kenneth and Bonnie Wenberg of Heppner, and Ronald and Aleita Leeseberg of Daggett, MI. Great-grandparents are Kenneth and Freda Wenberg and Lillian Shaddock, all of Heppner, and Pauline Moore of Parkersburg, WV. Local aunts are Heidi and Mindy Wenberg of Heppner, and uncles Nels Wenberg of Heppner and Lars and Peter Wenberg of Arlington, WA.

FFA club participates in activities

By Daniel Jepsen

The Heppner FFA club took a field trip to Hermiston to visit the District FFA Creed Speaking Contest on Jan. 27.

The trip was a learning experience for members. They could see what the event was like and how to do well in it in following years.

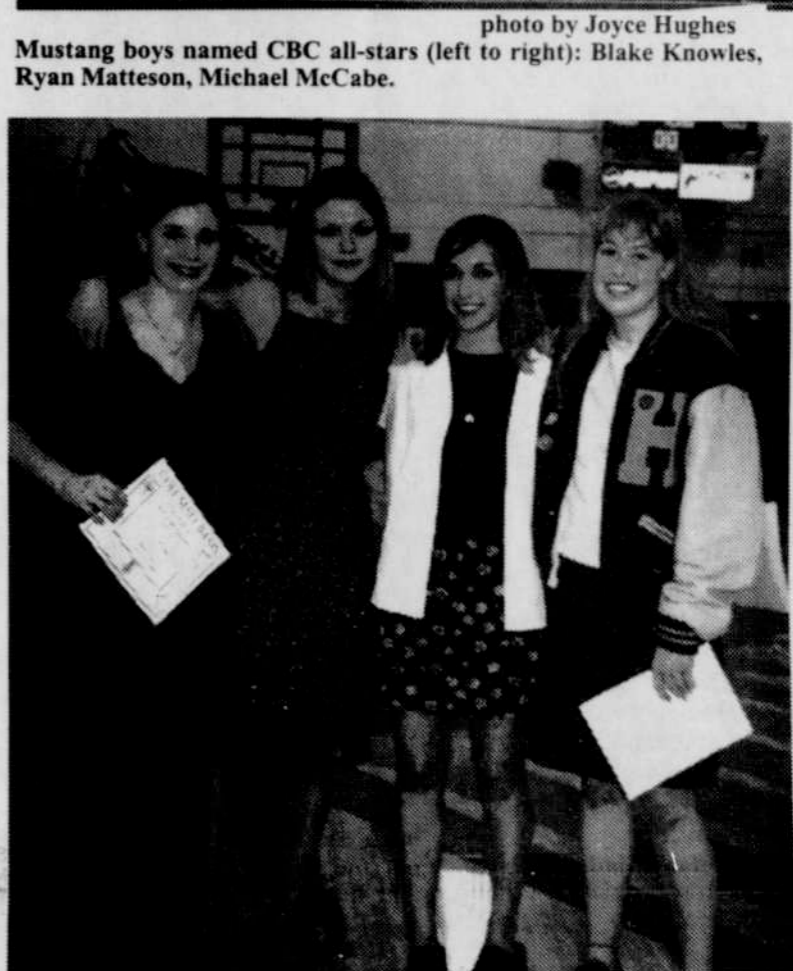
The contest consisted of two parts, the speaking of the FFA Creed and then individual presentations on an agricultural issue.

Thirteen people gave the creed and five gave presentations at the competition this year.

The Heppner FFA also made an appearance at the MCGG Appreciation Day Breakfast. Members Josh Hill, Tracy Baker, Cory Miller and Dan Jepsen showed up to help run the kids' tricycle course. A couple members even tried out the course themselves, though they didn't receive a free ice cream cone certificate like everyone else.

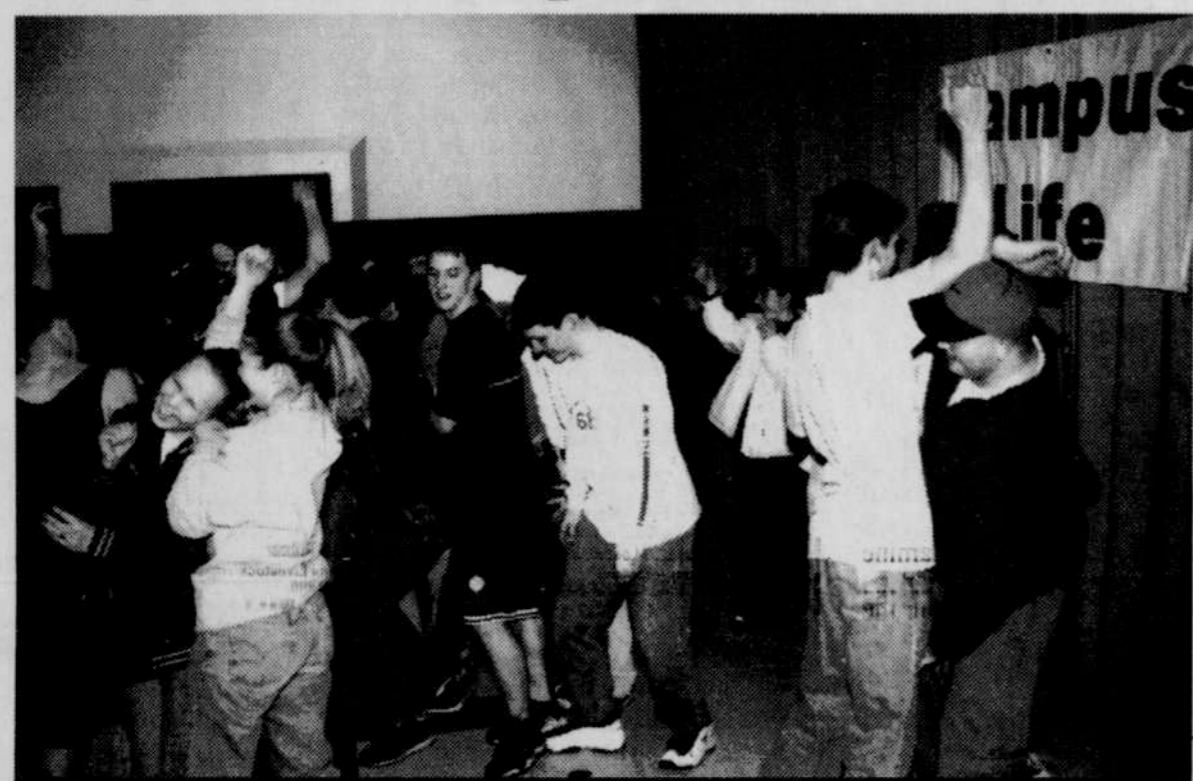
This past Wednesday the FFA had its second bowling and pizza party. Members had a good time, even if none of their scores exceeded 120.

The next event coming up is the State FFA Convention in Ontario to be held this spring. Members must pass qualifications to attend.



Heppner High Mustang girls named to CBC all-star team (left to right): Amy Papineau, Casey Ingraham, Ashley Ropp and Shelley Rietmann.

Campus Life Pizza Pig Out draws crowd



Heppner Campus Life's Third Annual Pizza Pig Out, held February 7, drew 45 high school

students.

The students enjoyed "wild games," information about

Campus Life and "all the pizza they could eat."

HES site council discusses school report cards

Heppner Elementary School Principal, Phyllis Danielson, at the Site Council meeting February 8, reported on the school report card.

Heppner Elementary received a "Satisfactory" rating. Copies of the district and school report cards have been sent home to each parent. Ethnicity and school participation areas were clarified and a paper was distributed that discussed "frequently asked questions" about the school report cards. A discussion followed on the different ratings for each of the schools.

Guest Speaker, Tania Wildbill, special projects coordinator res. development/marketing specialist from the Umatilla-Morrow ESD, discussed "grant writing" with members of the council.

Wildbill explained the need to have a concrete idea and then build the grant around that idea. She stated that a thorough budget and accounting for every dollar are vital. Major support for the

project is also necessary.

It was discussed that HES might be interested in improving the school report card rating. Visiting schools that received an "Exceptional Rating" and seeing what worked for those schools would be important, the council determined.

Wildbill said she will read the grant and help write it once a specific idea and funding source have been identified. The council showed "a lot of enthusiasm" for visiting "Exceptional" schools.

Bomb threat reported at depot

Raytheon Demilitarization Company search teams found no explosive devices at the Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility construction site after a bomb threat was received around 2:30 p.m. on February 28.

The teams completed their search about 4:10 p.m.

A Raytheon Demilitarization Company employee at the Umatilla Chemical Agent

Danielson said she will attempt arrangement of visitations.

Wildbill also shared information on the Oregon Reading Summit, March 10-11, regarding reading programs put on by the Oregon Department of Education. This is a free workshop.

The next meeting of the Heppner Elementary Site Council will be March 6, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the HES Library. The public is invited to attend.

Disposal Facility construction site received a telephone bomb threat. About 1,000 employees from the construction site were released from work shortly after 3 p.m. as a safety precaution. Depot employees remained on the job.

The depot's operations center was immediately activated after depot officials received information about the threat. Raytheon second-shift operations will take place as scheduled.

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