

### Ione elementary holds 43rd presidential inauguration

It was truly an elegant affair-the ladies wore gowns of satin and tulle, the gentlemen wore dress suits, the president was sworn in, speeches were made, cameras flashed, people danced and the whole community turned out for the event. After all, it was Inauguration Day for the 43rd President of the United States.

The fact that it was a reenactment of the presidential inauguration at Ione Elementary School made little difference to the delighted crowd, which appeared to consist of the entire town of Ione-and then some.

Ione Elementary School students has held a reenactment of the presidential inauguration for many years. This year's program was dedicated to Diana Kincaid, the IES teacher who initiated the reenactment many years ago and has been instrumental in carrying it forward "to enrich student understanding of how our democracy works." Kincaid, who is battling a serious illness is currently on leave and was unable to watch over her pet project. The proceedings, however, went on admirably.

Alan Rietmann portrayed President George W. Bush and Teonna Vandever portrayed First Lady Laura Bush. Vice President Dick Cheney (Kip Krebs) and Mrs. Lynne Cheney (Kaylee Palamateer) accompanied the first couple. President Bush was sworn in by Chief Justice William Rehnquist

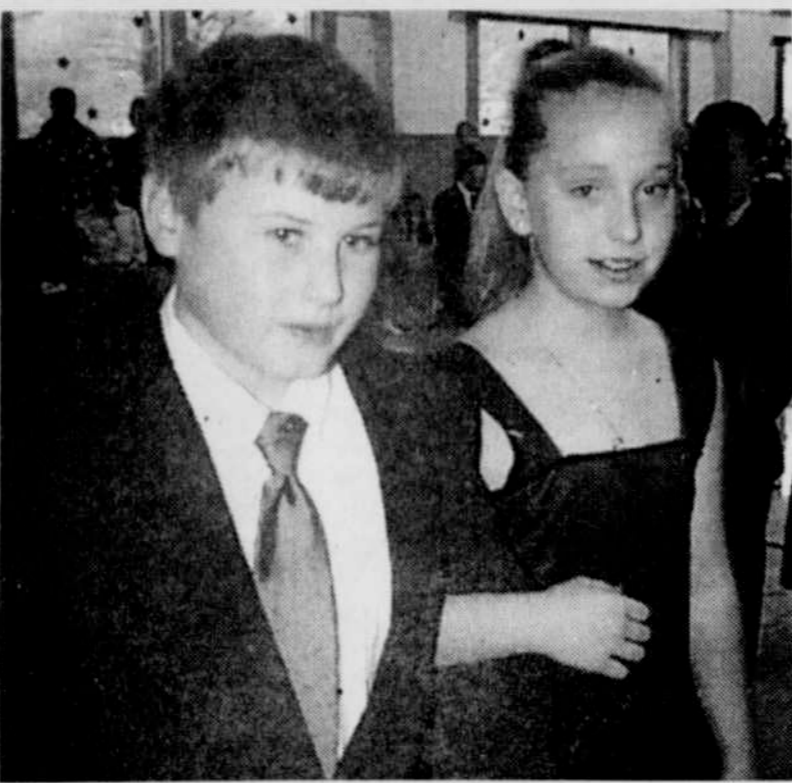
(Cory Peterson).

Other justices present were: Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg-Kara Clay, and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor-Tiana Camarillo. Shannon Clay portrayed Poet Laureate Maya Angelou; Justin Archer-U.S. Senator Gordon Smith; Clay Morter-U.S. Senator Ron Wyden; Michael Wellman-Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber; Paul Hams-Oregon Senator David Nelson; Dalton Campbell-Oregon Representative Greg Smith; Victoria Heagy-Portland City Mayor Vera Katz; Dalton Wellman-Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman; Synzee Sjurset-Ione City Mayor Betty Gray.

The second and third grade classes presented the color guard and the kindergarten and first grade classes the Flag Salute. Special violin music was performed by Kara Clay and Alex Carlson.

The afternoon included presentation of the colors, introduction of dignitaries, the Flag Salute, a special reading, presentation of the oath of office to the Vice President and President, the President's speech, the song, "America", adjournment, the Grand March and the Inaugural Ball.

The Ione Elementary staff was instrumental in the event with Cathy Halvorsen in charge of decorations, Terri Palmateer in charge of refreshments and Terri Clay, Betty Rietmann, Barbara Collin, Marlene Pointer, Debbie Campbell and Vicki Wagenblast coordinating the program.



President and Mrs. George W. Bush (Alan Rietmann and Teonna Vandever) at the Ione Elementary School Inauguration Jan. 22.



Ione Elementary School students perform the Grand March during the IES Inauguration ceremony Monday.

### Junior high students plan job shadow at local businesses



Job shadow coordinator Greg Grant

Heppner Junior High School eighth graders will get a first hand opportunity to find out what it's like working for a living.

Approximately 30 eighth graders will "job shadow" with local businesses on Career Day, Tuesday, February 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The students will spend the morning on the job at various businesses, observing daily routines and activities. The morning will conclude with the Heppner Chamber luncheon meeting at the Elks Club from noon to 1 p.m. The sub-sandwich lunch will be provided by the Heppner Junior/Senior High School cafeteria.

Teacher and project organizer Greg Grant is seeking area businesses to volunteer to take one or more students under their wing for the morning.

"The idea is to show kids what

people do in their jobs," said Grant. "The biggest focus is on workplace expectations, safety, dress and appearance, business ethics and how to work together. These are all basics of any business."

"Each student will experience what it's like to be a doctor, banker, lab technician," continued Grant. "We will conduct interest surveys this next week and attempt to match students' interests. We won't be able to make all matches, but we will attempt to find something in their interest areas."

"It will be a small interruption in the businessperson's day," Grant added, "but it should be something everyone finds worthwhile."

The project, modeled after a similar program in Boardman, is a part of the National School to Work Program.

For more information, call Grant or Claudia Hughes, Chamber executive director.

### Amy Kollman hired at Les Schwab

Amy Kollman is a new employee at Les Schwab in Heppner.

Kollman, who works in sales and administration at the Heppner Les Schwab shop, is a graduate of Heppner High School.

She attended Blue Mountain Community College and OIT before returning to BMCC.

Kollman and her husband, Brian, have a daughter, Rylee, two. The Kollmans reside in Heppner.



Amy Kollman

### Lexington Grange meets

Lexington Grange #726 met on Jan. 15 for a dinner and business meeting.

Lecturer Jean Nelson asked Suzanne Jepsen to present an information and progress report on the Willow Creek Assisted Living complex.

The business meeting followed.

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### Pinewood derby cancelled

The Pinewood Derby planned for this weekend has been cancelled.

The derby will postponed until March or April.

### Heppner varsity girls take easy win over Stanfield

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner varsity girls had the Stanfield Tigers chasing their tails Saturday, January 20, as the Mustangs took an easy, 58-22, win. The Mustangs demonstrated intensity throughout the contest, refusing to play down to their competition.

Although the Heppner squad had some trouble hitting the bucket, the Mustangs out rebounded the Tigers, 47-35, and outscored them by a margin of more than two to one in every period.

Brett Barber hustled her way to 15 points and pilfered four steals. Shelley Rietmann also chipped in 15 points, while Marissa McCabe continues to play tall by scooping 12 boards.

San Juanita Elguezabal, a Mustang that doesn't get a lot of press because her contributions don't generate too many stats, consistently creates turnovers with tough defense and constant hustle. Between her and Barber, the opposition is often frazzled before completing the first eight minutes.

"This was a good weekend for us," commented coach Dana Reid. "Now we need to get ourselves ready for Pilot Rock on Friday."

Heppner is now 5-1 in the Columbia Basin Conference and

10-4 overall, while the Tigers drop to 1-4 in the CBC, and 3-10 for the season.

The Mustangs plan to hand the Pilot Rock Rockets their first CBC loss when the teams match up at The Rock on Friday, January 26.

Stanfield 4 12 4 2 - 22  
Heppner 13 24 18 5 - 58

Stanfield (22) Davis 1 0-2 2, Gibbs 1 0-0 3, Ena 1 2-5 4, Marcum 1 0-2 2, Pomeroy 2 0-0 4, Vermillion 0 1-3 1, Weatherman 2 0-0 4, Mills 1 0-0 2,

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3-point goals - Stanfield 1, (Gibbs), Heppner - 3 (Barber 2, Bailey). Rebounds - Stanfield 35, Heppner 47. Turnovers - Stanfield 28, Heppner 18. Total fouls - Stanfield 20, Heppner 15.

### Just Horsin' Around 4-H Club

By Amy Jepsen, reporter

The Just Horsin' Around 4-H horse club held their second meeting of the club year on Sunday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. Three members were present.

The club elected officers with the following results: Ann Shear, president, Tiffany Matheny, secretary, Sibbea Jones, treasurer, and Amy Jepsen, reporter.

Sibbea Jones brought her horse to the meeting and leader Staci Just talked about safety rules and other horse issues.

The next meeting will be held sometime in February. Anyone interested in having a 4-H horse project should contact Staci Just at 676-5102 or Ruby Shear at 422-7290.

### Puppy Power News

By Whitney Wehrli, reporter

The first meeting was exciting. The club met Monday, Jan. 8, at the Morrow County Annex building. Members nominated officers. William Wehrli was elected president; Whitney Wehrli, reporter.

Members talked about a new name for the club. (The old club name was Dynamic Doggies). Members selected Puppy Power and Super Star Dogs and decided on Puppy Power.

The rest of the club members are waiting to elect the remaining officers in hopes that more people will show up at the next meetings.

Members said the 4-H Motto and the 4-H Pledge. The 4-H pledge is "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world." The 4-H motto is "To make the best better."

For a fund raiser this year, the club is planning to hold a car wash in the summer.

The club will begin meeting every other Monday at the fairgrounds (with their dogs) at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to bring their dogs and join the club.

The club's next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 5.

### Paws and Claws 4-H Club

By William Wehrli, reporter

The 4-H Paws and Claws club members met late last year and elected officers and set goals for the new coming year.

Kim Morris was elected president; Shannon Clay, secretary; Miranda Hunt, vice president; Kara Clay, treasurer;

Amanda Emery, sergeant at arms; Will Wehrli, reporter; and Whitney Wehrli, executive secretary.

Another meeting was held last Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Wehrli-McNary house to discuss fund raising for the club, club T-shirts and community service projects to tackle. The club members voted to sell hot chocolate and coffee at the Ione Easter Egg Hunt to raise money to pay for the T-shirts members want to design.

The next meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 25, at the home of Shannon and Kara Clay. The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. Members will finalize plans for their fund raiser, discuss community service projects and learn about fair projects.

Anyone interested in joining Paws and Claws is welcome to attend this meeting. The group is for members who raise birds, rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs. It is not necessary to actually own one of these animals to join the club.

For more information call club leader Patty McNary for details.

### Benefit dinner auction planned for Kessler

A benefit dinner and auction for well-known Angus breeder Randy Kessler of Milton-Freewater has been set for Sunday, Feb. 4.

The dinner will be held at the Milton-Freewater Junior Showgrounds from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Kessler Catering will provide chili and cornbread for the meal. Salads, desserts and drinks will also be donated. Cost of the meal is \$7 per person.

A benefit auction will also be held during the day. Persons wanting to donate an item to the auction or bid on an item may contact Chris Wallace Burlingame, benefit dinner co-chair, at 938-3379, days.

All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go to the Kessler family for medical and travel expenses being incurred while Randy is undergoing intensive cancer treatment in Seattle.

Donations to Randy Kessler and his family may be made to Kessler Family, c/o Milton-Freewater Jr. Show, P.O. Box 379, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862.

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### Man pleads not guilty in death of flagger

A Umatilla man, charged in connection with the death of a traffic flagger on June 28, 1999, plead not guilty and waived his right to a jury trial on Monday, January 22, at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner.

According to Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen, Julian Lopez, 35, Irrigon, was the driver of the vehicle that struck and killed Debra Ann Cousins, 44, Pendleton, on Highway 730 off Interstate 84 near Irrigon.

Because Lopez waived his right to a jury trial, Judge Ronald Pahl will decide if Lopez is guilty of Manslaughter I, Manslaughter II or Criminally Negligent Homicide. Allen says that Manslaughter I and II are Measure 11 offenses which mandate jail sentences.

Sentencing is scheduled for Thursday, January 25.

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