

## Ione youth group serves the poor

By Jeri McElligott

Thirty-two Ione High School Youth Group members and five adult leaders traveled to the Burnside area of Portland to serve the poor. The youth took advantage of the Nov. 12 holiday to make the trip. Due to the large number of participants, youth group leader Jeri McElligott divided the youth into three groups, each helping at a different meal site in the area.

A group helped serve lunch to senior citizens at Loaves and Fishes, located above the Downtown Chapel on Burnside. The meals at Loaves and Fishes supply one-third to one-half of an older adult's nutritional requirements. Meals are prepared at a central kitchen and transported to centers for on-site dining and Meals-on-Wheels delivery. The group served barbecue chicken on a bun, chicken and rice, peas and onions, rolls, green Jell-o, pound cake and milk.

Adult leaders Cathy Halvorsen and Dale Holland took a group of youth to Blanchet House soup kitchen where approximately 150-300 lunches are served daily to the poor of the area. The meal served at Blanchet House was chili, scalloped potatoes, macaroni salad, bread, saltine crackers, coffee, hot chocolate and punch. Youth group members helped in the kitchen, served the food and bussed tables.

The third group walked to Salvation Army Harbor Light. Some of the youth washed walls while others helped clean the refrigerator and prepare the lunch. The group served a lunch of chili, waffles and french fries. A salad bar was also available.

Salvation Army has nine facilities in Portland and has been providing services in the city for over 100 years. Besides serving four meals a day at Harbor Light, they have a public school, a TB clinic open three days a week, a clothing room, 10-minute church services daily, and three services on Sundays. They never buy food, but depend completely on donations or get their food from the Oregon Food Bank. They house up to 60 women every night, house homeless families, and house working men who don't have a place to stay for \$8 per night.

Fran Owens, chaplain, gave the Ione group a tour of the sleeping area for homeless women. They may enter the shelter at 7:30 p.m., shower and get new clothes. There are 30 bunks available and 15 mats for others to sleep on the floor. They must leave the shelter by 7 a.m.

The shelter also allows 100 homeless men to sleep on mats on the floor in another area, although they don't have shower facilities.

The entire group met for lunch, then walked to the Macdonald Center where Jerome Webber talked about their services and answered questions about the poor living in the Burnside area. The Macdonald Center is an assisted living facility that has 55 units and has been open for two years. It is the first assisted living facility in the United States built specifically for the poor.

The goal of the Macdonald Center outreach program is to seek folks who are lonely and isolated and build relationships. They foster the sacredness and dignity of all individuals by visiting socially isolated individuals who live in single room occupancy hotels. Lives are honored through hotel birthday parties and memorial services. Visits also take place in hospitals, jails, and on the streets. They help individuals suffering from chronic mental illness, physical illness and those with substance abuse problems. The Downtown Chapel has a hospitality room in the basement where individuals can come in to chat and have coffee. Clothing and hygiene items as well as bus tickets are available there.

Ione youth traveling to Portland were Adam Neiffer, Salli McElligott, Caitlin Orem, Natalie McElligott, Emily Key, Meghan McCabe, Eva Chitty, Megan McCabe, Tim Doherty, Kristina Powell, Cyndi Heagy, Tracy Griffith, Jeff Hunt, Paul Neiffer, Johnny Collin, Aaron Tworek, Jaysi Benetto, Macarena Esposito, Diana McElligott, Ashley Roberts, Cayle Krebs, Amellia Peck, Andrew Rietmann, Jamie Vandenbrink, Mike Radie, Adam McCabe, Derek Campbell, Barbara Holland, Alyssa Rietmann, Katie Hams, Missy Baker and Karl Morgan. Adults making the trip were Frank Halvorsen, Debbie Morgan, Cathy Halvorsen, Dale Holland and Jeri McElligott.



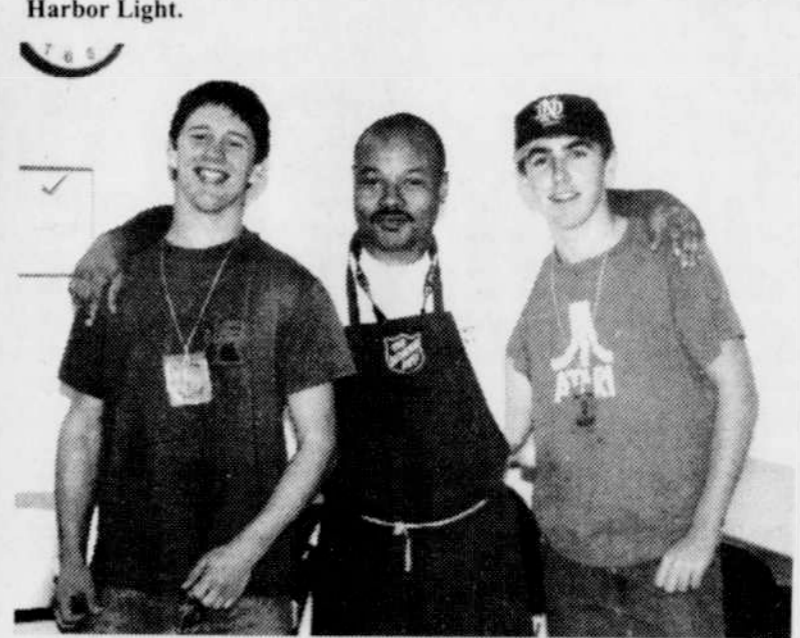
Left to right: Ione Youth Group members Caitlin Orem, Salli McElligott and Natalie McElligott help in the kitchen at the Salvation Army Harbor Light in Portland.



Left to right: Ione Youth Group members, Eva Chitty, Meghan McCabe and Megan McCabe, serve lunch at the Salvation Army Harbor Light.



Ione Youth Group members and chaperons help the homeless during a trip to Portland.



Ione Youth Group members Adam Neiffer (left) and Tim Doherty (right) with Jason who works for Salvation Army.

## Students offered opportunity to study abroad

"Qualified high school students are offered a unique opportunity to spend an academic year, three-month program or summer holiday in Europe, Asia, North and South America, New Zealand, Australia or South Africa, as part of the ASSE International Student Exchange Program," announced Christie Holland, Western regional director of ASSE.

"Until a few years ago, only a fortunate few could afford to spend a school year or summer abroad. Now, ASSE has changed all that," continued Holland.

Students, 15-18 years old, qualify on the basis of academic performance, character references and a genuine desire to experience life abroad with a volunteer host family in one of the many ASSE host countries.

"ASSE families abroad are carefully screened to provide a caring environment in which students can learn the language and culture of their host country," explained Holland.

Summer exchange students live with a family abroad who might speak some English. Year and shorter-term three-month program students need not have learned a foreign language as they receive language and cultural instruction as part of the ASSE program. ASSE students attend regular high school classes along with their new teenage friends. "ASSE exchange students learn by living the language and culture of their new host country," added Holland.

The ASSE International Student Exchange Programs was founded by the Swedish National Department of Education, cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and the New Zealand Ministry of Education.

ASSE also provides international opportunities for families to host students from Europe, the Republics of the former Soviet Union, South America, Asia, Canada, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. These select students are 15-18 years old and will attend the local school for a semester or an academic year.

Students or families interested in more information about the ASSE programs, or to set up an interview should call toll-free 1-800-733-2773.

## Ione football team earns academic award

By Jeri McElligott

Ione High School held its fall sports dessert Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the high school cafeteria. The evening began with the football team receiving the Oregon Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic Award for having the highest GPA of all football teams in the state.

Dairy Farmers representative Sheldon Pratt awarded the boys pins and "Got Milk?" sweatshirts for their efforts.

Players receiving awards for their combined 3.53 GPA were Brad Burright, Adam Neiffer, Adam McCabe, Derek Campbell, Colin McElligott, Ashley Roberts, Mike Radie, Koby Rea, Andrew Rietmann, Cayle Krebs, Cameron Krebs, Brian Gutierrez, Til Tullis, Karl Morgan, Tim Doherty, Paul Neiffer, Billy Gates, Johnny Collin, Billy Ross, Nick Christman, Tyler Raible, Arthur Ekstrom and Austin Arballo.

Volleyball coach Charity McElligott introduced junior varsity and varsity players. Sara Peck won most valuable player honors for the JV team. Jamie Vandenbrink was named most inspirational player and Barbara Holland, most improved. For varsity, Amellia Peck was voted most valuable player by her teammates. Diana McElligott was most inspirational and Caitlin Orem, most improved. Coach McElligott thanked Cathy McCabe for her help and support as junior varsity coach. She also thanked Rhonda Powell and Lori McCabe for doing lines during the varsity games.

Football coach Dale Holland introduced the football team. The



Ione High School football players receive the OSAA/Dairy Farmers first place academic award.

most improved player for the season was Tyler Raible. Most inspirational honors went to Johnny Collin. Cameron Krebs received the award for making the hardest hit in a game. Brad Burright was named most valuable player for the year. Holland noted Adam McCabe, Adam Neiffer and Brad Burright have been selected to play in the eight-man all star game at Linfield College on June 22. Neiffer received honorable mention All-State and Burright second team All-State honors.

## Cattlemen's Assoc honors Greg Smith

The Oregon Cattlemen's Association has awarded Oregon State Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) their highest legislative award at their annual winter conference held recently.

Smith was given the Lariat Laureate Award, which is awarded to only one state representative and one state senator after each legislative session.

"I am proud to receive this honor from the Oregon Cattlemen's Association," Smith said. "They represent the hard work and dedication of Oregon's agriculture community and an honor like this from them means a lot to me."

The Oregon Cattlemen's

Association advances the economic, political and social interests of the Oregon cattle industry. The association represents over 2,300 cattle ranchers throughout the state of Oregon.

"Much like Representative Greg Smith, there isn't much a lariat can't do," said Oregon Cattlemen's Association outgoing President John Hays in presenting the award to Smith. "We'd be honored to once again partner with him for the 2003 legislative session."

Sharon Beck, Cove, OCA past-president agreed, "There wasn't a single time we couldn't depend upon Greg to get the job done."

## Ripple elected to council board

John Ripple, Morrow County Grain Growers manager, was elected to the board of the Agricultural Cooperative Council of Oregon at the group's recent annual meeting in Newport.

Len Spesert, president and CEO of the Hazelnut Growers of Oregon, was elected president of the council. He succeeds Pat McAlister, general manager of Hood River Supply Cooperative, who continues on the board of directors. Elected to serve as vice-president was Manuel Silveira of Norpac Foods.

Other board members elected at the 80th annual meeting of the council were: Kristy Searles, Farm Credit Services, Salem; Herb Dom, Tillamook County Creamery Association, Tillamook; Al Gosiak, Pendleton Grain Growers, Pendleton; Steve Burnet, CHS Cooperatives, Moro; Barry Robino, Grange

Cooperative Supply, Central Point; Marlin Rasmussen, Land O' Lakes, St. Paul; Larry Andrews, Douglas County Farmers Cooperative, Roseburg; Doug Hoffman, Wilco Farmers, Mt. Angel; Joyce Dickerson, Marsh Advantage America, Portland; Andy Anderson, Oregon Farm Bureau, Salem; John Knox, Oregon State Grange, Forest Grove.

During the annual meeting, Fred Harris of Grandview, Washington, and former board member of CHS Cooperatives, was inducted into the Oregon Agricultural Cooperative Hall of Fame. Harris is the first non-Oregon resident to receive the honor which is based on significant contributions to Oregon cooperatives.

The Agricultural Cooperative Council of Oregon provides education and advocacy services for farmer-owned cooperatives.

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