

Ione Elementary holds geography bee



Left to right: front row-Shannon Clay, Alex Carlson, Kayla LaRue, Aimee Emery, Justin Archer, Miranda Hunt; back row-Tyler Brown Kelly Thompson, Jennifer Griffith, Kara Clay.

The Ione Elementary School Geography Bee was held on Jan. 9. The bee, sponsored by the National Geographic Society, is held each year to encourage interest among youth in geography and people of the world.

The competition began with 30 participants. After the preliminary round the following 10 participants remained: Shannon Clay, Kara Clay, Tyler Brown, Kelly Thompson, Justin Archer, Aimee Emery, Kayla LaRue, Jenny Griffith, Miranda Hunt and Alex Carlson. In the championship round, Shannon Clay and her sister Kara battled it out. Shannon was announced the winner when she answered the following question correctly, "Macao, formerly an overseas territory of Portugal, was returned to which country in 1999?" (China).

District high school bowling championships set in Heppner

The Oregon High School Bowling Championships for District 7 will be held in Heppner this year at the Shamrock Lanes. The District 7 championships, for ninth through 12th grade bowlers, cover most of eastern Oregon and will include teams from Hermiston, Umatilla, Baker City, LaGrande, John Day, The Dalles and Heppner. The competition will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 16-17, with the girls' games on Saturday and the boys' games on Sunday. Check-in time is 8:30 a.m. with bowling beginning at 8:45 a.m. and concluding around 3 p.m. The public is invited to the bowling alley to watch the games.

Terry Lupinacci, owner of the Shamrock Lanes in Heppner, says that Kelly Paullus of Heppner is returning to bowl in the championships again this year. Last year was the first time that Heppner has had a team, he says. Last year's district championships were held in Hermiston.

Lupinacci says that the Baker format will be used, with each bowler on the five-person teams bowling two frames in each game. After eight games, the field is cut to five teams. Those five teams bowl eight more games and then the field is cut to three. Then the number-three team bowls against the number-two team for second place. The top two teams will go to the state tourney which will be held in Medford at the Lava Lanes March 9-10. Lupinacci said that the Oregon State Open for the Professional Bowling Association was held at the Lava Lanes.

According to Lupinacci, around 130 teams in districts around the state participated in the championships last year and more are expected to participate this year. The young bowlers compete for college scholarships, he said.

Lupinacci said that he plans to work toward establishing a local high school bowling program in Heppner this fall.

Shannon will receive a medal from the National Geographic Society. She also took a written test, which will determine if she moves on to the state-level competition.

Bees will be held in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and participating U.S. territories on Friday, April 15. At the state competition, cash awards and prizes will go to the top three winners. All students participating in the state-level competition will receive T-shirts and certificates. The first-place winner from each state-level competition will advance to the national level of the National Geographic Bee, scheduled for May 21 and 22 at the National Geographic Society's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

BMCC honor roll

Blue Mountain Community College has announced its 2001 fall term honor roll, dean's list and president's list. Following are local students who qualified:

Honor roll (3.-3.5 GPA)-Jerid Ployhar and David Bates, Heppner; Erin Crowell, Pendleton; Megan Andreason, Shantel Evans, Kara Sandlin, Sonny Town, Charles Van Gorder, all Boardman; Christena Butler, Linda Calvert, Christopher Hughes, Dusty Johnson, Katherine Medlock, Sarah Newport, Rebecca Sandlin, Kelly Sullivan, all Irrigon;

Dean's list (3.5-3.85 GPA)-Sarah Britt, Heppner; Cory Bennetto, Pendleton; Camie Burright and Jennifer Thompson, Ione; Adam Rogelstad, Boardman; Cody Gordanier, Sara Hurd, Joshua Reeve, all of Irrigon;

President's list (3.85-4. GPA)-Tracy Rankin, 4., Heppner; Vanessa Eldridge, Jessica Moore, 4., both Boardman.



Shannon Clay is winner

Creative Care Preschool to make Valentine's deliveries

Creative Care Preschool of Ione is again making Valentine's Day deliveries to help support their program for three- and four-year old scholars. For \$10, they will deliver a 5.1-ounce box of Belgian chocolate and large Mylar balloon to any home, school or business in South Morrow County on Thursday, February 14.

Quantities are limited this year, so orders must be placed soon, said Lea Mathieu of Creative Care Preschool. Forms are available at the post office and bank in Ione. Orders may also be placed by calling Mathieu at 422-7215 during evenings. All orders must be paid prior to delivery.

CCP currently has 11 students in their part-time program, which emphasizes social skills, reading readiness, creativity and beginning math skills. "Fund raisers enable the school to continue offering an affordable quality program in a small community," said Mathieu.

Umatilla historical society to host regional contest

For the third year the Umatilla County Historical Society will host a regional contest for the National History Day contest. Schools in Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Grant counties have been invited to participate.

Competition will be held at the Historical Society's Museum in Pendleton on Monday, Feb. 18. Entry deadline is Monday, Feb. 4.

"Revolution, Reaction, Reform in History" is the theme for the 2001-02 contest. Students are encouraged to follow any special interest they may have while exploring the past.

To participate, students prepare individual or group projects to compete in the Junior (grades 6-8) or Senior (grades 9-12) divisions. Projects may be presented as an individual research paper, an individual or group exhibit (similar to a museum exhibit), an individual or group performance (a dramatic portrayal of the topic) or an individual or group media project (using slides, video, or non-interactive computer program).

The top two finishers in each category in each district will advance to the State History Day competition in April. State winners are eligible for the National His-

tory Day contest to be held in June at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Students from Helix High School have advanced to the national competition in each of the last two contest years.

National History Day is the nation's leading educational program for history education in the schools. The program annually draws more than half a million participants from 48 states and the District of Columbia. In preparing their entries, students learn about historical issues, ideas, people and events. They acquire useful historical knowledge, think critically, and learn to present what they know, according to a press release from the Umatilla County Historical Society. National History Day can also be used for work toward content standards and Certificates of Initial Mastery or Advanced Mastery, said the release.

For more information, contact Julie Reese at the Umatilla County Historical Society, 276-0012, by fax at 276-7989, or by e-mail at uchs@oregontrail.net. Interested persons may also visit the National History Day website at www.thehistorynet.COM/NationalHistoryDay.

Willow Service Club plans meeting

Floral arrangements, disaster relief and business will highlight the Willow Valley Service Club's meetings in February.

On Thursday, Feb. 7, business will be conducted by the club at-large.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, Chuck Bailey, president of Heppner Garden Club, will demonstrate "High/Low Floral Table Arrangements". He has resided in Heppner since 1941. He joined the Heppner Garden Club four years ago and is serving his second year as its president.

On Thursday, Feb. 21, Meredith Walters, volunteer for the American Red Cross, Ore-

gon Trail Chapter, Heppner, will inform WVSC on disaster relief. She has been a volunteer of ARC since her arrival in Heppner in January 1999.

As a service, WVSC helped to serve and clean-up at the Heppner Chamber's Town and Country Days Luncheon held at the Episcopal Church and catered by Puddin' on the Ritz.

Those interested in joining WVSC may attend any no-host luncheon at noon at John's Other Place in Heppner, or contact Carolyn Willey or any club member.

BENT makes drug arrests

The Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team arrested four Hermiston area individuals on drug charges following a drug investigation and execution of a search warrant near the Umatilla Army Depot on Jan. 23.

"During the investigation, an active and fully operational anhydrous ammonia methamphetamine drug lab and a substantial quantity of methamphetamine was seized along with evidence of drug sales and numerous firearms," according to a BENT news release.

Arrested and charged were: Nolan Brice Brook, 42, 75694 Gun Club Road, Hermiston, on two counts of manufacturing a controlled substance-methamphetamine, two counts of possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine, maintaining a place where drugs are used/sold, 11 counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and three counts of theft by receiving;

-Debra Jean Portillo, 41, 75694 Gun Club Road, Hermiston, on two counts of manufacturing a controlled substance-methamphetamine, two counts of possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine and maintaining a place where drugs are used/sold;

-Esequel Martinet, 30, 455 W. Wood, Stanfield, on two counts of manufacturing a controlled substance-methamphetamine, two counts of possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine, and frequenting a place where drugs are used/sold;

-Toni Jean Cribbs, 20, 725 W. Ridgeway Ave., Hermiston, on two counts of manufacturing a controlled substance-methamphetamine, two counts of possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine and frequenting a place where drugs are used/sold.

BENT consists of narcotic detectives from area law enforcement agencies, including the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

Morrow County Grain Growers CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY



and
Free Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, February 9th
from 8 a.m.-noon

Factory Representatives from these companies will be present:

- Northwest Concaves • Cummins Northwest
- Helena (Chemicals) • Agrilience (Agronomy)
- Rankin Equipment (Outback Guiding Systems)
- Western Outdoor Wholesale (Propane Equipment)
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- Summers MFG (Sprayers) • Jensen Distribution (Hardware)
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- * Free Coffee & Cookies
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