

Ione Elementary celebrates Chinese New Year



Ione Elementary first/second grade class celebrates Chinese New Year with dragon masks and lanterns.

Ione Elementary students in Betty Rietmann's first/second grade room celebrated Chinese New Year this past week. This is the "year of the horse", according to the 12-year lunar calendar used in China. Students enjoyed studying Chinese culture and learning of the ways they celebrate the new year.

Students studied the phases of the moon in connection with the lunar calendar. They learned how to write Chinese characters and did math problems using Chinese numerals. Students had fun eating noodles with chopsticks and reading their fortunes in fortune cookies. They made dragon masks and paraded through the school wishing everyone "Gung Hay Fat Choy" (Happy New Year) and giving others pennies wrapped in red paper for good luck.

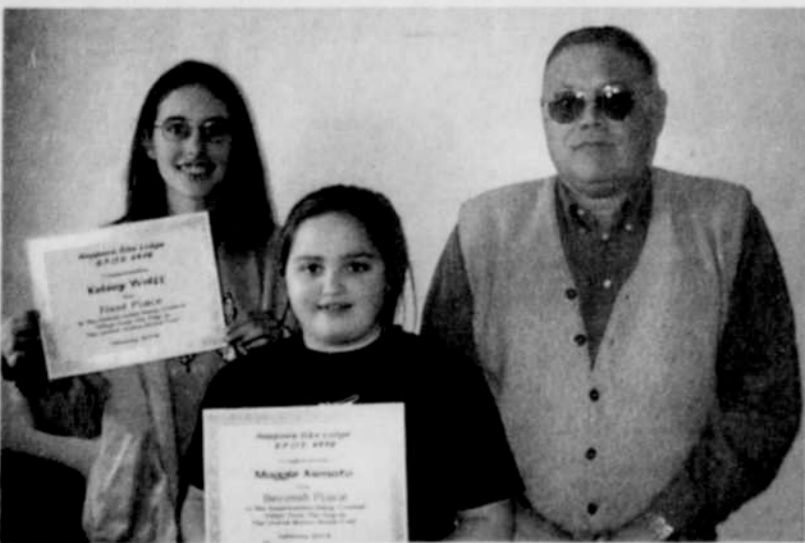
The class enjoyed many stories about China, including the story of Marco Polo and his trip from Venice to China and his interest in the fact that the Chinese had fireworks, burned coal, made cloth from silk worm fibers and flew beautifully decorated kites. To complete their study, students tried their hand at kite flying which they all agreed was a fun way to study Chinese culture.

DA's Report

-Joshua Thomas Moore plead guilty to two counts of Burglary 2, a Class C felony, and two counts of Criminal Mischief 2, a Class C misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days in the Morrow County Jail, suspended, 18 months probation, 80 hours community service. He was also ordered to participate in a substance abuse evaluation and follow the recommendations of the evaluator and pay \$474 in fines, fees and assessments. Moore also plead guilty to additional charges of Burglary 2 and Theft 1 and was sentenced to 18 months probation and 80 hours of community service. He was also ordered to pay \$474 in fines, fees and assessments.

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Heppner Elementary students winners in essay contest



Left to right: Kelsey Wolff, Maggie Armato, Burke O'Brien
Kelsey Wolff's essay was selected as the first-place winner in the local Elks Club contest "What the Flag Means to Me." Kelsey was presented a certificate and a \$100 savings bond. Maggie Armato received second place and a \$75 savings bond.
Burke O'Brien, representing the Elks Club, made the presentation at an assembly at Heppner Elementary School Tuesday.
O'Brien said the girls will go on to the state competition.



Left to right: Melanie Eldridge, JoAnn Patton, Jessica Working and Jordan Peterson try their hand at using chopsticks.

Pelican finds its perch at Klamath First Federal



Florene Robinson with Klamath First Federal (left) and Inez Miller with her pelican

A pelican has found its perch at Klamath First Federal in Heppner and its owner has found her home again in Heppner.

Inez (Meador) Miller, who previously lived in Heppner for 32 years and taught at Heppner schools for 22 years, returned to the area about a year ago. Mrs. Miller taught the first kindergarten class Heppner ever had and also taught fourth grade, sixth grade and junior high.

Prior to her return to Heppner, she lived in Brookings-on-Pelican Drive, of course-and had a collection of pelicans. This fellow, pictured above, is just too big for her now and Mrs. Miller thought it might fit better at the bank. "Their logo has always been the pelican," she said.

The handsome bird has a chain around his neck inscribed in the memory of her late husband, "Robert Amos Miller 1923-1999."

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage license(s):

Feb. 1-Daniel Deray Conner, 22, Boardman; and Angela Renee Jager, 22, Boardman.

Feb. 11-Russell Keith Gautier, 36, Hermiston; and Melody Jo Drushella, 37, Hermiston.

Feb. 12-William Clyde Brasel, 31, Hermiston; and Shannon Elaine Hascall, 28, Hermiston.

Feb. 15-Andrew Wesley Hermanns, 26, Irrigon; and Ann Marie Cornwell, 22, Irrigon.

Feb. 15-Dale Wayne Ball, Jr., 31, Irrigon; and Virginia Cecil Moore, 32, Irrigon.

School board plans special session

The Morrow County School District Board of Directors will hold a special work session on "boardsmanship" on Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Columbia Middle School library in Irrigon.

MCGC News

By Sandi Day

The Morrow County Gun Club held their first night shoot on a beautiful, warm Friday evening.

At the 16-yard line, Jim Powney and Lowell Turner shot a near perfect 24 of 25 to split first place. Harvey Childers and Mike Bennett were a close second with 23 each. There was a three-way tie for third between Curt Day, Jeff Cutsforth and Bill Schlichting, each with 22.

The ladies were hot at the 16-yard line, with Sandi Day breaking 21 and Misty Bennett shooting 15. The junior class of shooters is making everyone sit up and take notice this season. Chance Day took first place with 19, Zane Ford shot 13 and Cody Ford broke 10 birds.

Curt Day led the way at the 20-yard handicap line, shooting 24 of 25, followed by Harvey Childers with 23 and Jeff Cutsforth, third with 22. Misty Bennett was first in the ladies' event with 19, while Sandi Day took second with 15. Zane Ford took first at the 20-yard line with 14, followed by Chance Day with 13 and Cody Ford breaking nine.

There were two Annie Oakley shoots, with Harvey Childers winning both. Curt Day was the last man standing in the Bushwhacker event.

The club met again to shoot on Sunday, Feb. 24. The warm weather of Friday had turned to windy and cold, which played havoc with the shooters.

Jimmy Walton and Mike Bennett shared first place honors at the 16-yard line, shooting 23 each. Second place had a four-way tie between Harvey Childers, Jeff Cutsforth, Bill Schlichting and Curt Day, all with 22. Third place was split between Mark Schlichting and Rob Ashbeck, each with 20.

Jeff Cutsforth battled the cold wind to take first in the handicap event, breaking 21 of 25. Bill Schlichting, Rob Ashbeck, Jimmy Walton, Mike Bennett and Misty Bennett all split second place, shooting 19. Harvey Childers and Curt Day shared third with 18 each.

Harvey Childers and Kelwayne Hagewood each won an Annie Oakley event to end the day.

MCGC will hold another night shoot on Friday, March 1, beginning at 6 p.m., and will also shoot on Sunday afternoon.

Dog obedience class scheduled

Have a dog that doesn't know how to behave? Let the Power Puppies 4-H club hold a workshop guaranteed to work your dog into shape. Dog obedience training class will be held March 9-10 at the Heppner Fairgrounds. Participants will work on: come, stay, sit, heel and a higher level of training available if your dog qualifies. We will also be offering help to owners who want to learn how to manage their dogs.

Most dogs will be accepted for the workshop, but Power Puppies asks that if your dog is aggressive or has serious behavioral problems you make arrangements for a private session with one of the club's more advanced trainers. For more information call club leader Patty McNary at 422-7343. The club also asks that all dogs be up to date on their worming vaccinations. Rabies, kennel cough, distemper and parvo are mandatory, and if your dog has been exposed to deer, the club recommends a Lyme Disease vaccination. Please bring a certificate of proof of worming and vaccination with your dog.

Cost for the workshop is \$25 a day or \$40 for both days. Those attending should bring a crate for your dog if he's spending the night, a six-foot leash and a training collar (choke chain). A few spares will be available, so if you do not have these items call to see if some are available. For more information call Patty McNary, 422-7393, or e-mail her at: pattymcn@centurytel.net.

Obituary

Elsie Helen Huston

Elsie Helen Huston, 91, died February 21, 2002, in Portland.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2002, at the Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel, 520 West Powell Blvd. in Gresham.

Elsie Huston was born December 28, 1910, in Timber Valley, Washington, to Fred and Minnie (Faulkner) Lucas. She was the youngest of 14 children, 12 of whom have preceded her in death. She married Orlin O. Huston on June 27, 1926, in Goldendale, Washington. He also preceded her in death.

She is survived by children, Lionel F. Huston of Irrigon, Maxine L. Cox of Salem, Berneice M. Cross of Portland and William Omer Huston of Irrigon; sister, Grace B. Thornton of Myrtle Point; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and caregiver Joan Gallegly.

Arrangements are in care of Bateman Carroll Funeral Chapel of Gresham.

Jessica Winifred Cox

Jessica Winifred "Winnie" Cox, 88, died January 6, 2002, in Portland.

A memorial service will be held in Heppner on Saturday, March 23, 2002, at 2 p.m. at St. Pat's Senior Center.

She was born Jessica Winifred Thomson on August 3, 1913, in Heppner, where she lived nearly all her life. She married William Lee "Bill" Cox in 1936. He preceded her in death in 1997.

Survivors include sons, David, Gayle, William, John and Todd; sister, Mary Gibb; and eight grandchildren.

Remembrances may be made to the Senior Center - St. Patrick's Trust Fund, P.O. Box 266, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

4-H News

Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans 4-H Club

By Emily Bergstrom, reporter
On Feb. 1, Pins and Pots and Patterns and Pans 4-H group held a meeting. During the meeting, members worked on their quilt that they are doing for the hands for larger service project. Everyone is about done making their quilt blocks.

On Feb. 15, the group held a meeting. During that meeting Kendra Rayburn and Emily Bergstrom started to put their quilts together. Emily is quilting her quilt by machine and Kendra is tying her quilt. Krystal Nairns worked on finishing her blocks so she can start putting it together.

Motorcycle course offered

Team Oregon will hold an intermediate motorcycle rider training course March 15-17 in Pendleton.

The 16-hour course includes both classroom and on-cycle instruction and will be conducted over a three-day period.

Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. Motorcycles and helmets are provided for student use during the course. Tuition is \$95.

Motorcycle riders under the age of 21 must successfully complete this course to become eligible for a motorcycle endorsement on their Oregon operator's license. DMV will waive motorcycle examinations for course graduates.

For registration information, visit the Team Oregon website at teamoregon.orst.edu.

The Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program is sponsored by the Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Transportation and funded by a fee on motorcycle license endorsements.

Retailers have April Fool's plans

The Heppner retailers are planning to entertain the community with an April Fool's Day basketball game. Watch the Gazette for more information.

Paul Cox Bailey

Paul Cox Bailey, 90, of Boardman, died Sunday, February 24, 2002, at his home.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, February 27, 2002, in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. Burial will be at Grand Junction, Colorado.

He was born December 6, 1911, at Kiowa, Kansas, to Lloyd Herman and Sarah Elizabeth Cox Bailey.

On December 26, 1933, he married Nadine Arlene Worline.

Mr. Bailey began his career with Safeway Stores when he was just out of high school in 1929, and retired as a Safeway meat cutter in 1974.

He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Bailey was a resident of Grand Junction, Colorado, for most of his productive years until his retirement.

In 1979, he and his wife moved from Grand Junction to the family ranch on Buttercreek to be near family.

He was a 57 year, lifetime member of BPOE (Elks) in Grand Junction.

Mr. Bailey's hobbies were his family and friends, woodworking, art, travel and fishing.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Nadine, of Boardman; son, Dwight Lloyd Bailey of Boardman; grandchildren, Kenneth W. Bailey, Jeffery O. Bailey and Nancy Elizabeth Gorham; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, 18115 116th Ave. S.E., Renton, Washington 98058.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

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Dona M. Orwick

Dona M. Orwick, 68, of Lexington, died Monday, February 25, 2002, at St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2002 at the Lexington Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at the Heppner Elks Lodge beginning at 11 a.m.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

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