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**Ione tennis tied for first at district**



(l-r) Caitlin Orem, third place in girls singles; Adam Neiffer and Adam McCabe, boys doubles first place.

Ione boys tied with Echo for a first place team finish at the district playoffs on Saturday, May 11, in Tri-Cities. Caitlin Orem was the only girls singles entry for Ione. Orem earned her right to attend the state tournament by winning three of four matches. Orem defeated her first opponent, KC Bollinger of Umatilla, 6-1, 6-2. Orem then defeated Marcy Richelderfer, of Sherman County, 6-2, 6-1 and squared off against Heather Harding of Mac Hi, losing the match, 2-6, 2-6. Orem earned third place by defeating Anna Durka of Arlington, 6-4, 6-1.

In girls' doubles, Salli McElligott and Macarena Esposito defeated Alex Hardie and Jessica Hill of Condon, 8-0. McElligott and Esposito then lost to Jackson/Glover of Weston McEwen, 1-6, 4-6. Meghan McCabe and Sara Peck defeated Kayla Kilgore and Katie Humphrey of Condon, 8-5. McCabe/Peck then defeated Hurst/Swindler of Riverside HS, 6-2, 7-6, with a tiebreaker score of 7-3.

In the boys singles bracket, Brian Bunch started the tournament with an 8-3 victory over Kevin Brandt, of Arlington. Bunch then lost to Adrian Palamino of Umatilla, 0-6, 0-6. Jeff Hunt defeated Raul Ureno

of Weston McEwen, 8-1. Hunt then lost to JT Haines of Stanfield, 0-6, 1-6. Tyler Raible lost to Joey Markgraff of Helix in two sets.

The boys' doubles team of Adam McCabe and Adam Neiffer brought home some hardware, claiming the doubles championship on Saturday. McCabe/Neiffer battled against Hall/Rico, posting a 6-3, 7-6 victory, the last set outscoring Riverside 7-2 in a tiebreaker. McCabe and Neiffer then had to eliminate their own team members, Aaron Tworek and Colin McElligott, winning 6-3, 6-2. McCabe/Neiffer returned on Saturday to play against Ybarra/Eddy of Umatilla, winning the match, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0. The Ione doubles team then squared off against Hagerman/Wright of Mac Hi for the championship, posting 6-2, 6-1 wins.

Johnny Collin and Paul Neiffer lost their first match to Hendon/Palamino of Umatilla, 8-1, eliminating them from the tournament. Aaron Tworek and Colin McElligott won their first match against Goad/Imus of Riverside, 7-6, 7-2 tiebreaker, 6-2. McElligott and Tworek were then ousted by teammates, McCabe/Neiffer.

State playoffs will be held in Corvallis on May 17-18.

**Little League to host golf tournament**

Willow Creek Little League will host a golf tournament at the Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner on Sunday, May 19. Signups begin at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and all Little League players will golf for free.

There will be a putting contest held throughout the day and Little League players from Fossil, Condon, Arlington, Ione and Heppner will be auctioned off as caddies.

Those who want to put their

own teams together or sign up early may do so by calling Sandi at 676-5275 by Saturday, May 18.

The proceeds from this event will go toward sending teams to All-Star tournaments at the end of the season. The 9-10 year old All-Star tournament will be held in Boardman from June 21-30. The 11-12 year old tournament will be in The Dalles, July 12-20, and all softball All-Star tournaments will be held in Redmond from July 1-8.

**St. Jude Bike-a-thon to be held**

The annual St. Jude Bike-a-thon is scheduled for this Sunday, May 19, with registration beginning at noon at the Ione Fire Hall.

Two courses are available. A one-mile circuit route within the city limits of Ione is designed for younger riders or those wishing to walk, scooter or roller blade. The 22-mile scenic trip between Ruggs and Ione is set up for hikers who are up to a more challenging ride. Participants may register at either starting point. To carpool to Ruggs, riders should meet in Ione no later than 12:25 p.m. The ride will start at 1 p.m. from both locations. Riders are reminded that helmets are required gear for this or any other bike ride.

Parents are asked to ride with their children or tag along with them in a support vehicle. The riders tend to spread out early in the ride so the more adults supervising the better. Walkers and bike riders are also needed to monitor the group in town. Volunteer helpers for both routes are welcome and much appreciated.

All riders will finish in front of the Ione Fire Hall where refreshments will be served. Collection envelopes may be picked up at the conclusion of the ride. Riders are reminded that those collecting \$35 or more earn a St. Jude T-shirt. Those collecting \$75 or more earn either a sweatshirt or a T-shirt and sports bag. Finally, the person raising the most money over \$100 will also win a dual cassette jam box.

The St. Jude Bike-a-thon raises funds for the St. Jude Children Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. St. Jude is the largest childhood cancer research and treatment center in the country in terms of the number of patients treated and treatment success, said a news release.

Pledge sheets are still available at local businesses. For more information, contact ride coordinator Anne Morter at 422-7429 or Janet Thompson at 422-7549.

**ELECT BETTY GRAY**

**Morrow County Commissioner Position Two**

- Proven Leadership
- Reliable
- Trustworthy
- Knowledge of Issues
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**Parks Committee sets opening dates**

Opening dates for Anson Wright Park and Cutsforth Park were discussed at the May 12 meeting of the Morrow County Parks Committee. The committee decided to open the parks by June 10. If the parks were ready and the park hosts were available, an earlier opening could be possible. A committee was chosen to review the park host applications.

Advertising was also discussed. The parks have a web site, which can be accessed through the Heppner website, www.heppner.net. Karen Wolff reported receiving phone and email inquiries as a result of this website. The parks also advertised in a recent special travel issue of the Sunday Oregonian. There have been 300 requests for brochures about the two parks as a result of this ad.

The proposed ATV park was also discussed. Because of enough public interest this winter, a steering committee has been developed. This steering committee is comprised of private landowners, ATV users, USFS, and other interested parties. There have been several meetings and they have made great progress. There had been discussions with Pioneer Resources regarding the purchase of property for the development of trail systems. The original discussions were about a parcel adjacent to Anson Wright Park. This would allow riders to camp at Anson Wright Park and ride to the trails from the park. The steering committee is now considering an alternative site. This site is located around the Pioneer Resources property known as the Reload. It is located along Hwy 207 on the way to Spray. This facility has been shut down for many years. What remains at the site is a large machine shop, complete with power and water. Also remaining is a large, flat area that would be great for loading and unloading vehicles as well as camping. The portion of the national forest that is adjacent to this property is open for ATV riding. This parcel of property would be approximately 2,300 acres. The property has a wide variety of terrains that would provide many types of riding experiences. The committee also felt there were locations that could be developed for camping.

Pioneer Resources has been very cooperative in this process and has allowed access to the property for evaluation. ODFW has been contacted regarding their views on this property as well. They feel this property would provide very little negative impact on wildlife. It would not encroach on calving grounds or wintering grounds. There is also the possibility of winter use for cross country skiers and snowmobilers.

Some interesting issues have been brought up in the steering committee meetings. Some of these issues include emergency response, forest fuels reduction, fire protection, trail design to avoid adjacent landowners, and even siting a cell tower on the property.

The parks committee was also advised Morrow County will be hosting the Oregon State Parks ATV Allocation Committee May 17 and 18. They will be looking at potential development opportunities as well as inspecting the new spaces that were added at Anson Wright Park two years ago. The new spaces were partially funded by a grant from Oregon State Parks.

The parks committee was also advised that representatives from ASI, ATV Safety Institute, toured the Morrow County Fairgrounds to evaluate it as a potential training site. ASI is a national organization that provides safety-training opportunities.

The next parks committee meeting will be this fall.

**Ione Site Council news**

At the May 8 meeting of the Ione Site Council, an update was given on the bond project. No rise certification from FEMA plans have been approved. The plans will now go to the city of Ione for approval.

Morrow County Math Contest first place winners were Kara Clay, fifth grade and Shannon Clay sixth grade. Many other Ione students placed in the top ten for their grade level.

An OMSI Motion Commotion Assembly was held this past month.

Middle School students reached their goals in the Reading Across America program and on May 9, both Dean Robinson and Mike Stuart will have facial hair removed in front of the students as promised. Parents and interested community members are encouraged to come and see the hallway decorations that were put up as students participated in this event.

The superintendent of the ESD is exploring course offerings for next year using the V-Tel system.

Ione students participated in the Skills Contest at BMCC for Umatilla-Morrow County Schools. Kayleen Vosberg won third place in Jazz and Popular Music Solo; Nick Christman won third place in Spanish I; Johnny Collin, Paul Neiffer, Jeff Hunt teamed up to receive third place team in Recreational Math; Adam Neiffer, Till Tullis, Cameron Krebs, Colin McElligott were the first place team in the Science Quiz Bowl; Jeff Hunt won third place in the Egg Drop; Till Tullis took second place and Aaron Tworek, third place in Metric 400; Kristina Powell won first place and Cyndi Heagy, third place in General Math; Arthur Ekstrom took third place in Algebra 1; Kasie Peterson won second place in Geometry. The contest included 790 students.

Staff saw a large improvement in test scores from the fall results compared to the spring in those students who were unable to pass the benchmarks. One student who has had trouble passing the benchmarks passed by over seven points in reading and passed the math as well. Several students made 15-20 point gains in their scores.

Ione has 11 graduates in the Class of 2002. All will receive their Certificate of Initial Mastery as well as their Careers Endorsement and will be receiving an Honors Diploma sticker on their diploma as a result of their GPAs.

Both the girls and the boys' tennis teams have tied for first place for the Oregon Dairy Farmers Award for Academics. All schools in the state of Oregon participate in this contest.

Brad Burrett has broken the high school track record with a 14.6 second time in the high 110m hurdles. Joe Halverson was the past holder of this record.

Other events on the calendar include: Tupper Outdoor School, May 13-17; Spelling Contest May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Heppner High School; state track meet, May 17-18 at WOSC; state tennis tournament in Eugene on May 17-18; Junior/Senior H.S. Spring awards 7 p.m., May 21; Honor Society Induction, May 21, 5:30 p.m.; Baccalaureate, 7 p.m. May 22, at St. Williams Church; Kindergarten visitation, May 23, 9:30 -12; Junior/Senior Banquet May 23, 7 p.m. in the cafeteria; Graduation, May 24 at 7 p.m.; Middle School Awards night, 5:30 dinner, 7 p.m. awards; Eight Grade dance 8-10:45 p.m. Spring Music concert, May 28 in the cafeteria; May 31; H.S. Spring awards 7 p.m.; last day of school June 6.

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