

Ione High School senior wins Wendy's HS Heisman Award

Two Oregon High School seniors received national recognition recently when Diana McElligott of Ione and David Bednar of Condon were named state winners for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

McElligott and Bednar are two of only 107 students that will move on to the next round of the national competition.

The award honors male and female high school athletes who are leaders on their teams and in their classrooms and communities. The award was created in 1994 in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Heisman Memorial Trust.

McElligott and Bednar will both receive a silver medal and compete with other students from across the country, two from each state and the District of Columbia, for a spot as a national finalist.

"These students have been singled out as some of the most remarkable and inspiring seniors across the country," said Tom Mueller, president and chief operating officer of Wendy's

North America. "We are pleased to recognize them for their outstanding achievement."

Diana McElligott is the daughter of Paul and Charity McElligott of Ione. She has been active in National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, varsity basketball, volleyball and track and field. She has participated in a Feeding the Homeless project, in 4-H clubs, and was an Ecumenical Youth Group teen leader.

David Bednar, the son of Kevin and April Bednar of Mayville, has been secretary/treasurer of his class, is a member of the National Honor Society, is captain of the Condon High School football team, has been captain of his wrestling team, has played varsity basketball and Babe Ruth baseball, coached PeeWee basketball camp, was a Babe Ruth Baseball all-star umpire, has competed in FBLA district and state competitions, and has participated in 4-H.

The nominees' progress in the contest can be followed on the www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com website.

Creative Arts & Crafts meeting time changed

The Morrow County Creative Arts & Crafts meeting has been changed to Nov. 21, at 1 p.m. in GD's Banquet Room.

On the agenda is Robert Walton's workshop scheduled for Nov. 22, 23, and 24. Also on the agenda is the sale of baked goodies and items at the Stroll Heppner and Light Parade.

Anyone who has a color choice for a matted and framed print of the Mural of Town, please contact Sharon Harrison or Betty Mills. Some colors are in short supply on the small \$200 size and if you want a low number in a certain color of the

ESD looking to offer help to persons with special needs

Schools in Morrow and Umatilla counties are attempting to locate all persons between the ages of 0 (birth) through 21 years not enrolled in public school who may have special needs due to concerns with the following: hearing, vision, speech, language, health, learning, developmental delay, traumatic brain injury, emotional/behavioral problems, mental retardation, orthopedic problems, autism or other disabilities.

For those who have any of the above concerns regarding a child in their care who is aged five to 21 years, contact Karen Cooley, Morrow County School District R-1, at 315 E. Wyoming,

\$300 size please put in an order. Framed and matted prints will be available to the Artfactory on Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All the money from the prints goes to the mural on the Morrow County Ag Museum. These prints were paid for through the efforts of Morrow County Creative Arts & Crafts. All \$200 and \$300 donations to the Farm Foundation will receive a print of Héppner and the wool wagons as a thank you for helping make the mural possible.

Artist Robert Walton will be in Héppner after Nov. 20 to do the sketch on the Ag building. Anyone is welcome to stop by and see Walton at work.

Irrigon 97844, phone (541) 922-5551.

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Births

Ella Nichole Moeller - a daughter, Ella Nichole, was born Nov. 7, 2002, at Grand Ronde Hospital in LaGrande, to Mark and Annette Moeller, of LaGrande. Ella was 6 pounds 15 ounces and 20 inches long. Her grandparents are Chuck and Donna Moeller of Hermiston, and Jerry and Susan Brewer of The Dalles.

Ione Youth Group holds food drive



L-R: Tim Doherty, Dan Satherly, Karl Morgan and Megan McCabe deliver food to Laurel Cannon's home.

Twenty-one Ione Youth Group members went door-to-door in Ione, Halloween night collecting food for the Heppner Neighborhood Center. The food will be distributed to the needy of South Morrow County over the upcoming holiday season. The food was taken to the home of Laurel Cannon, who collected food from people living out of town and offered to store the food in her garage until it could be taken to Héppner.

The youth group has been collecting food in Ione on Halloween night since 1998. Youth group leader Jeri McElligott noted the Ione community has been very generous in supporting this worthwhile project.

Youth participating in the food drive were Tracy Griffith, Cayle Krebs, Diana McElligott,



Ione Youth Group members gather on Halloween night for the food drive.

Karl Morgan, Caitlin Orem, Mike Radie, Andrew Rietmann, Jamie VandenBrink, Til Tullis, Johnny Collin, Tim Doherty, Billy Gates, Emily Key, Megan McCabe, Meghan McCabe, Natalie McElligott, Paul Neiffer, Barbara Holland, Sara Peck, Jenny Griffith and Dan Satherly.

BMCC Ag Dept. receives national recognition

The Blue Mountain Community College Agriculture department is on a roll. The BMCC Ag department was recently named 2002 Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Agriculture Program for federal region 1 of the National Association of Agriculture Educators, Inc (NAAE). Region 1 consists of 100 postsecondary agriculture programs and includes Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, and Hawaii.

The competition was intense according to William Jay Jackman, executive director of NAAE. Jackman praised the team of agricultural instructors at BMCC as "individuals who make our association strong and our profession proud." Instructors Jon Farquharson, Preston Winn, Paul Davis, and Dale Wendt have a combined 81 years of teaching experience.

The NAAE Board of Directors will honor award recipients from all six regions during the national convention held in early December in Las Vegas. The award sponsor is Syngenta, a world-leading agribusiness company, providing travel, accommodation and conference costs to the honorees. The John Deere Company will also honor award recipients with a reception.

Blue Mountain was recognized this summer by the Oregon Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association for Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult program. The department caught the attention of a number of teachers and agricultural leaders because of the high quality of the programs offered by the college. The program so impressed Greg Smith, state representative from Héppner that he invited Jeff Kropf, state representative and chair of the House agriculture committee, over the mountains to check out the program.

One of the ironies of the recent recognition is that it comes when the department is short one position due to budget cuts. Ordinarily the department has a lab technician to set up animal and crop science labs, track cooperative work-study students, take care of the farm

chores and more. As state funding for community colleges continued to decrease, the department voluntarily postponed hiring to fill the position. We want to do our part to maintain a viable community college. We also wanted to have some say over what we had to give up, voiced Ag department members. We've pulled together as a department to cover the basics. We hope Measure 28 won't force additional program cuts.

BMCC offers a college transfer level Ag program, two production Ag programs, an Ag business program and an adult farm business management program. Blue Mountain is one of only three community college Ag programs in the state. According to Wendt, in addition to serving eastern Oregon, the BMCC programs are seeing an increasing number of students from throughout the state. Additionally, Wendt and Farquharson, estimate that 20 percent of the Ag students come from Washington, Idaho, and California. BMCC's facilities, and staff commitment to hands-on training are integral to the success of program graduates.

The college boasts a 100-acre farm, a livestock pavilion, an animal nutrition center, a shop, a food-processing center, and a greenhouse. The department hosts a variety of activities, short courses and seminars throughout the school year, sharing the wealth of the farm and encouraging student contact with the public. This past fall the department invited over 1800 grade-schoolers to visit the pumpkin patch.

Help Wisconsin students learn about Oregon

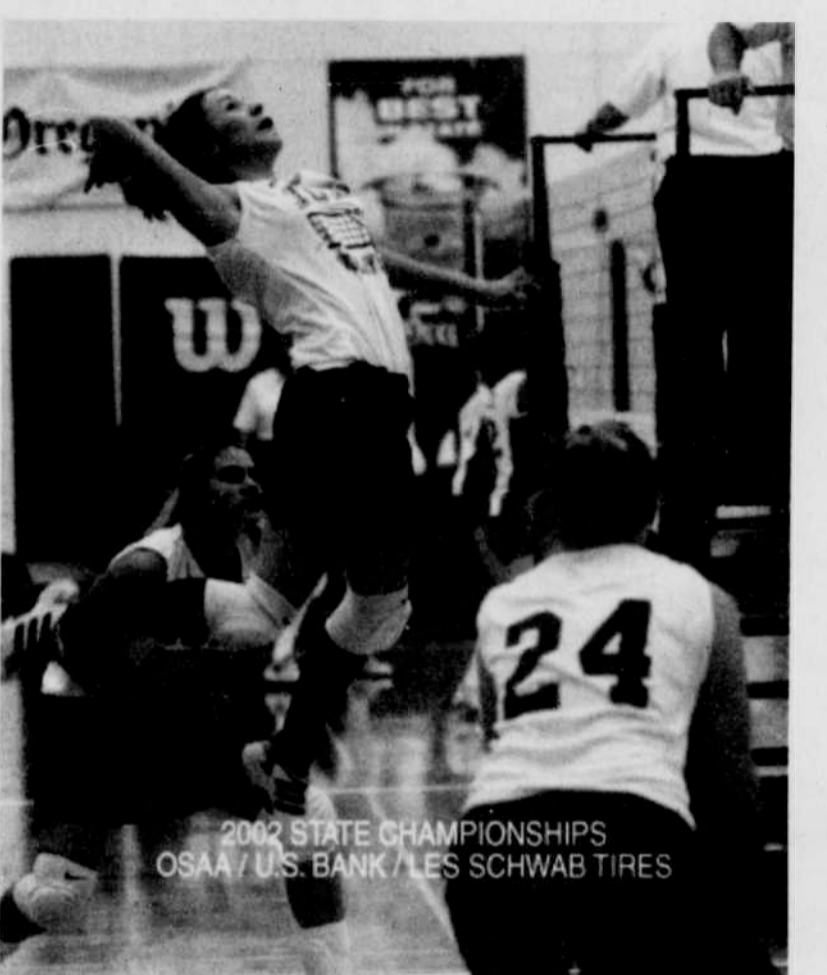
The fourth grade class of Peshtigo Elementary, in Peshtigo, WI, is studying the different regions of the United States. They are asking anyone interested to send a postcard showing their state. The class asks that you write a short note telling about the different landforms and special places of interest the state has to offer.

Postcards can be sent to: Jackie Shier c/o Peshtigo Elementary 341 N. Emery Ave., Peshtigo, WI 54157.

Ione Lady Cardinals receive third at state



Ione Cardinal volleyball receives third place at the IA State Volleyball Championship held in Springfield, Nov. 8-9. L-R: (back row) Sara Peck, Meghan McCabe, Tracy Griffith, Natalie McElligott, Diana McElligott, Caitlin Orem, Jamie VandenBrink, Emily Key, Jenny Griffith, Megan McCabe, Alyssa Rietmann, Charity McElligott; (front row) Mary Rietmann, Eva Chitty, MaKenna Ramos, Barbara Holland.

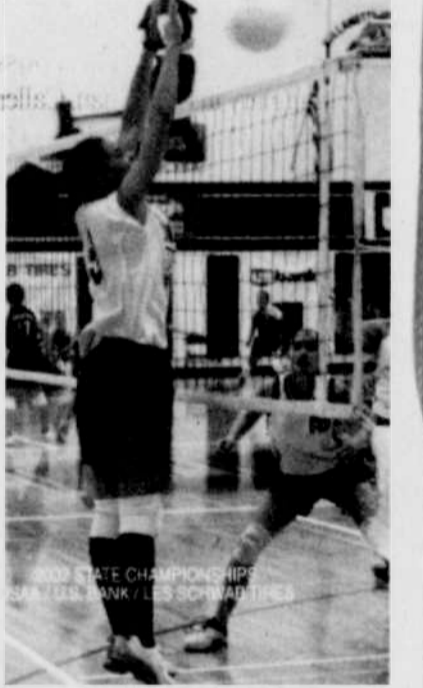


First Team State All-Star Diana McElligott hits a kill against Columbia Christian at the State IA playoffs while teammates Barbara Holland and Sara Peck cover the hit.

The Ione Lady Cardinals placed third at the IA State Volleyball championships in Springfield. They won three of four games in Friday's pool play to advance to Saturday's championship bracket.

In the pool play, Ione played against Butte Falls, Columbia Christian, Cove, and Triangle Lake, winning against every one except Cove.

In the championship bracket, Ione started off with Days Creek. Although, Ione lost to Days Creek, the Lady Cardinals were the only team to take the Wolverines into three games in any match during the entire tournament. Ione also played against Powder Valley, defeating them for the third place title.



First Team State All-Star Natalie McElligott blocks a hit against Butte Falls at the State IA playoffs

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