

Local players join Shriners All-Star football team

Brad Adams, Donald Adams, Andrew Rietmann and Cayle Krebs, from Heppner and Ione high schools, have been chosen to team members for the East team, in the 51st annual Shriners Hospital Oregon East-West All-Star football game. The game will be held Saturday, August 9, 2003 at Baker City High School stadium, in Baker City.



Brad Adams



Andrew Rietmann

Brad Adams, a student at HHS was chosen to as a first-team member as a running back. Donald Adams, also a student at HHS, was chosen for the alternate team, as an offensive lineman. Rietmann, a student at IHS, was also picked as a first-team running back. Krebs, also a student at IHS, was chosen as an alternate team offensive lineman.

Other players from the Columbia Basin league include Troy Sampson from Pilot Rock and Zach Hensen from Culver, both on the first-team. Ross Ketchum, from Sherman County and Eric Delph from Weston-McEwen were chosen for the alternate team. From the Big Sky league, Gerry Escalante, from Echo, was chosen for the first-team.

Players for the game are considered on the basis of athletic ability, GPA, character, absence of any juvenile criminal record and graduating senior status in the year

selected. Each team consists of a 30-man player squad and a 30-man alternate square. Players are chosen from 3A, 2A and 1A schools.

The team personnel manager, this year, for the East Team is Dave Courtney from Burns. Rob Younger, from Sweet Home High School, in Sweet Home, will be the East's head coach. Assisting him will be Monte Nash, of John Day and Alan Stanfield from North Powder.

The West Team's personnel manager will be Ralph Patterson from Union. Head coach will be Kurt Hargett of Newport. Assisting Hargett will be Jim Keizur of Springfield and Dan Dugan from Keizer.

The Shrine of North American is the world's largest philanthropy, supporting 22 hospitals throughout North America. The East-West game has become known as "The Greatest Little Game in the World." The year 2002 produced \$72,500 through the support of advertisers, community sponsors, media coverage, family and friends. All of the energies that go into this event are donated.

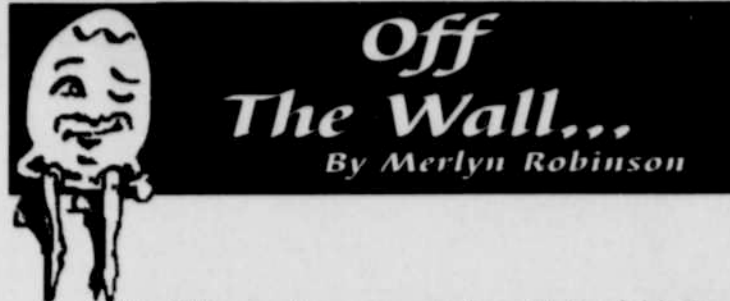
The Shrine East-West game began in 1952 for the specific purpose of recognizing the athletes from smaller schools. The event's motto is "Strong legs run that weak ones might walk."



Cayle Krebs



Donald Adams



This following is an excerpt about St. Patrick's Day by an unknown author, so I'm merely borrowing his or her blamey. "The person who was to become St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Wales about AD 385. His given name was Maewyn, and he almost didn't get the job of bishop of Ireland because he lacked the required scholarship

Far from being a saint, until he was 16, he considered himself a pagan. At that age, he was sold into slavery by a group of Irish marauders that raided his village. During his captivity, he became closer to God.

He escaped from slavery after six years and went to Gaul where he studied in the monastery under St. Germain, bishop of Auxerre for a period of 12 years. During his training he became aware that his calling was to convert the pagans to Christianity.

His wishes were to return to Ireland, to convert pagans to Christianity. But his superiors instead appointed St. Palladius. But two years later, Palladius transferred to Scotland. Patrick, having adopted the Christian name earlier, was then appointed as second bishop to Ireland.

Patrick was quite successful at winning converts. And this fact upset the Celtic Druids. Patrick was arrested several times, but escaped each time. He traveled throughout Ireland, establishing monasteries across the country. He also set up schools and churches, which would aid him in his conversion of the Irish country to Christianity.

His mission in Ireland lasted for thirty years. After that time, Patrick retired to County Down. He died on March 17, in AD 461. That day has been commemorated as St. Patrick's Day ever since."

Much folklore surrounds St. Patrick's Day. Not much of it is actually substantiated. That's sort of like some of the present rumors flying around here locally that aren't based on facts. Whether it be school or medical issues, after this weekend it's time "shillelaghs" were put away and we treated each other with the respect that each person deserves towards the betterment of all communities in our county.

May leprechauns and shamrocks brighten your pathway to spring.

HES Receives S.M.A.R.T. reading grant

By Wade A. Smith, Principal of Heppner Schools

I am pleased to announce that Heppner Elementary School recently qualified to receive the S.M.A.R.T. (Start Making a Reader Today) grant, an early literacy program that helps identified kindergarten through third-grade children improve their reading skills. The S.M.A.R.T. program, started in 1992 by Governor Neil Goldschmidt's Oregon Children's Foundation, targets younger grade school students who are behind in their reading skills.

This grant works by not only funding a part-time program coordinator for HES, but also supplying two new books per student per month to keep, take home and read with their families. The paid coordinator seeks out and schedules volunteers who commit to spending an hour a week during the school day reading with two children for one half hour each. Besides sharing valuable one-on-one reading time with a volunteer, the children involved benefit from having a positive role model who is enthusiastic about reading.

The program is also extremely rewarding for the volunteers who have a chance to touch at least two student's lives every week by reading with them. Unlike a mentoring program the only expectation from S.M.A.R.T. volunteers is that they can read, can commit to one hour a week, and enjoy working with children. In many communities, such as Pendleton and Hermiston, their coordinators work closely with local businesses that are willing to release volunteers during the day. Many managers and owners witness employees who return to work with more energy, confidence, and were inspired by having contributed to a child's reading success.

One of the exciting things about the S.M.A.R.T. program is that it is a tried and proven plan that works and works well. Many independent studies that have taken place over the last 11 years since its inception have shown significant improvement in student reading fluency, word-reading accuracy, and comprehension. Targeting students that are behind in kindergarten through third grade and catching them up to grade level will only help to insure their academic success as they progress through our school system. As research has shown, the inability to read has significant economic and educational consequences on both the student and on society. Children who can't read independently by the third grade are more likely to drop out, experience teen pregnancy, drug use, and incarceration. Since 83 percent of state and federal inmates are high school dropouts, costing anywhere from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per person per year to incarcerate, it is in all of our interests to get our youngsters reading, and reading early.

I am looking forward to focusing considerable time planning for this program this spring so that it is in place and ready to go at the beginning of next school year. It is exciting to be able to share such good news in a time inundated by fiscal shortfalls. I look forward to seeing many of you in my school next year spending an hour during the morning or maybe the afternoon reading with one of my students; touching and influencing a child's life as well as yours.

Ewe-Do-Bingo to be enjoyed again this year

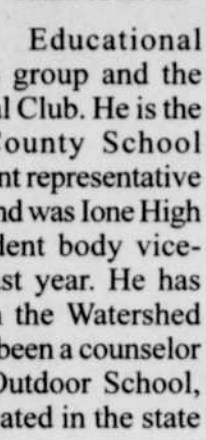
Once again Ewe-Do-Bingo will be coming to the St. Patrick's Day celebration. The Heppner High School cheerleaders will be sponsoring and selling tickets. The event will be held March 15, at the corner of Main and Center streets. Tickets cost \$5 and you could win \$300. Winners will be announced at 2 p.m.

You are invited to come and join in the live sheep activity.

IHS announces its Student of the Week

Cameron Krebs, son of Clint and Maureen Krebs, is an A Honor Roll student, and is active in National Honor Society, the Ione Supports Educational Assemblies group and the International Club. He is the Morrow County School Board student representative from Ione, and was Ione High School student body vice-president last year. He has helped with the Watershed Field Days, been a counselor at Tupper Outdoor School, and participated in the state

Cameron Krebs



Oceanography Quiz Bowl in Corvallis. Last spring he was on the team that placed first in the BMCC Skills Contest Science Quiz Bowl.

Krebs was an Honorable Mention selection to the 1A State Football Team last fall, and was chosen First Team Big Sky Offense and Defense. He will be playing in the East-West 8-Man All Star game this summer. He was a member of the high school bowling team that recently placed first at the district competition. Besides football and bowling, he enjoys golf, hunting and working.

Krebs is involved in his community through 4-H and Ione Youth Group, and is a Rural Fire Protection District volunteer. He plans to attend Oregon State University next fall, majoring in agri-business management.

Odd Fellows name student winners to UN Pilgrimage

Two Ione students, Missy Baker and William Ross, were named winners of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth at a meeting Feb. 23, according to Marguerite Maznaritz, chair of the UN Pilgrimage for Youth committee for Umatilla and Morrow counties. Baker is a sophomore and Ross a junior at Ione High School.

"The two finalists, who competed with other high school students in Umatilla and Morrow counties, submitted papers describing the United Nations involvement in current world affairs," said Maznaritz.

Sophomore Missy Baker's grade point average is 3.70 and her favorite subjects are history, language arts, and math. She is active in sports, including volleyball, basketball and track. Her civic and community service includes working with the Ione Youth Group, Morrow County Museum volunteers, Oregon Trail tours, and she is vice-president of the student council.

Baker said, "I am very interested in the United Nations decisions because I have two brothers and a cousin in the military in the Middle East."

William Ross, a junior at Ione High School, has a 3.48 grade point average and says his favorite subjects are math and chemistry. He participates in football, basketball, and track, and is active in various young peoples' organizations. He has some public speaking experience and takes part in school dramas.

The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth is an educational experience for teenagers interested in a better understanding of the world and international affairs. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the advisory list of National Contests and Activities.

The tour begins from New York City where winners will tour the United Nations building and listen to behind-the-scenes briefings conducted by specialized UN agencies and departments. They will attend a Broadway play, visit the Empire State building, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rockefeller Center, and the Statue of Liberty.

The students will also visit Niagara Falls at Buffalo, NY, tour the Gettysburg Civil War battlefield in Pennsylvania, and visit Philadelphia, where Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, where the Liberty Bell is on display, and visit the U.S. Mint.

Each fall, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs sponsor the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth contest for high school students in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Students must be 16 or 17 years of age at the time of participation with at least one year of high school remaining. The two-week tours are scheduled during June or July.

A selection committee reviews the applications for evidence of scholarship, character, extra-curricular activities, concern for community welfare, interest in world affairs, and general fitness to participate in the project. Interviews are arranged by a committee and a candidate is required to submit an essay of 750 to 1,000-words and participate in a local speech contest.

Old Time Fiddlers return for St. Paddy's Celebration

Many local and not so local fiddlers and musicians young and young at heart will be entertaining Friday, March 14, at 7 p.m., at the Morrow County Fairgrounds as part of the Old Time Fiddlers. This is the fourth year the group has been entertaining during the St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Musicians from as far as Idaho and Washington are expected to be at the event. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy the "down-home, foot-stomping, hand-clapping entertainment."

There is a \$5 admission fee for adults and \$3.50 for seniors and children 6-12 with an adult. Refreshments will also be available.

The event is sponsored by Oregon School Employees Association

(OSEA) to raise money for Morrow County scholarships.

Irish beef stew feed to be held at Senior Center

Take a break from cooking, Friday, March 14, before the auction and join the Methodists at Mrs. O'Leary's Irish Beef Stew Feed. The feed will be held at the St. Patrick's Senior Center on Main Street, from 5-7 p.m.

The stew is "the best" and is accompanied by coleslaw, freshly baked rolls, a beverage and pie. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6-12. Children under 5 are admitted free.

This event is sponsored by the Heppner United Methodist Church.

Christian Life Center to host the Covenant Players

The public is invited to attend a drama presentation by the Covenant Players on Sunday, March 16 at 6 p.m. at the Christian Life Center in Heppner. The group includes two men and one woman.

"In the early 1960s when Charles M. Tanner talked about his dream of a touring drama ministry, his friends smiled and told him the church would never accept it. But one million performances (on six continents, in 84 countries, in 16 languages) later, Covenant Players continues to minister for the Lord," said a press release.

Covenant Players is a non-endowed, non-profit

corporation. It is not affiliated with any one church or other organization. Its only support is derived from donations.

Vendors' Square to be at Neighborhood Center

The Vendors' Square will be held in the Neighborhood Center parking lot, March 14-16. Crafts, food and wood carvings will be available.

A rummage sale will be held inside the Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 15. There will be a bag sale during those hours on clothes, with other items priced as marked.

Prints of Heppner Available at the St. Patrick's Celebration

See them at the Arts and Crafts Sale this Friday and Saturday, at Les Schwab Tire Center or at Klamath First Federal bank.

All donations now will go towards the mural showing the railroad depot, wood warehouses, stockyards and family sheep ranches. The mural size is 128'x35'.

Donations of \$200 and \$300 will receive matted and framed prints of Heppner.

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