

Cardinal Booster Club recognizes businesses



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On Friday, Jan. 23 the Ione Cardinal Booster Club recognized the following businesses for their support of the activities for the students of Ione: Morrow County

Grain Growers represented by Bink Ramos, Boardman Foods, Inc. represented by Debbie Radie, Heppner Gazette represented by April and David Sykes, Les Schwab

Tire Center represented by Jeff Shank.

The Ione Cardinal Booster Club will continue to recognize businesses at each of its home basketball games.

Knowledge is Mastered at Heppner Elementary



(Back Row L-R): Mrs. Allen, Ashley Wolff, Jordan Hatfield, Emily Thompson, Lacie Wagoner and Curtis Harper; (Middle Row L-R): Justin Gutierrez Ian Murray, Eric Chick, Joe Armato and Jodessa Chapa; (Front Row L-R): Jared Huddleston, Brent Eckman, Justin Pranger and Lane Wright. Not pictured: Jessica Hughes.

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, the members of the Knowledge Master Team at Heppner Elementary crowded around the screen to take part in the Winter Knowledge Master competition. This contest is in its 30th year with thousands of students in the United States as well as several other countries.

The Knowledge Master Open is no mere trivia contest. One hundred challenging questions require higher-level thinking skills, and cover 13 curriculum areas from American History to Useless Trivia. The computer

was used as questions were answered by all of the students on the team. Jordan Hatfield served as the team reader and sat at the computer to enter the answers. All students brainstormed answers and when the words "for sure" were heard, Jordan would type that answer.

Heppner Elementary's team received top honors for the State of Oregon in the sixth grade division. There were four Oregon teams in the contest, with Heppner receiving the highest score. The other Oregon schools were

Sherwood Elementary, Azalea Elementary of Brookings and Windy River Elementary in Boardman. There were a total of 370 teams competing, and Heppner came in 65th. The top team was from Westminster, Georgia.

Members of the Knowledge Master Team at HES were: Emily Thompson, Jordan Hatfield, Ashley Wolff, Curtis Harper, Justin Pranger, Eric Chick, Ian Murray, Brent Eckman, Jared Huddleston, Lacie Wagoner, Jessica Hughes, Joe Armato, Jodessa Chapa, Justin Gutierrez and Lane Wright.

Heppner Junior/Senior High Knowledge Master results



High School Knowledge Master team: (Back Row L-R): Kyle Huddleston, Rory Kilkenny, Luke Murray and Robert McElligott; (Middle Row L-R): Anthony Givens, John Franzwa, Josh Lankford and Judd Lemmon; (Front Row L-R): Sandra Krotzek and Julie Moore. Not Pictured: Courtney Nelson



Jr. High Knowledge Master team: (Back Row L-R): Spencer Palmer, Kelsey Wolff, Nacho Elguezabal and Jordan Shepherd; (Front Row L-R): Sherilyn Peck, Sean Murray and Maggie Armato. Not Pictured: Taylor Disque, Katie Kilkenny and Grant Smith.

Thousands of students throughout the country and in many foreign countries competed in December in the 41st Knowledge Master Open academic competition. Middle school, junior high, and high school students faced their computers and 200 tough questions to vie for top scores based on the accuracy and speed of their answers.

Earlier in the school year all Heppner Junior High and Heppner High School students were given the opportunity to take the qualifying test. The teams were chosen from the top scorers at the junior high and the high school level. The high school team included: Luke Murray, Rory Kilkenny, Anthony Givens, Julie Moore, Kyle Huddleston, John Franzwa, Courtney Nelson, Josh Lankford, Sandra Krotzek and Robert McElligott. The junior high team included: Spencer Palmer, Sean Murray, Maggie Armato,

Kelsey Wolff, Katie Kilkenny, Jordon Shepherd, Sherilyn Peck, Taylor Disque, Grant Smith and Nacho Elguezabal.

The junior high team scored 947 points of 2,000 possible. This team scored higher than Columbia Middle School. The high school team scored 910, which was 139 points less than Ione High School.

The Knowledge Master Open was designed to stimulate enthusiasm for learning and recognition for academic accomplishment. The contest runs on classroom computers to allow all the students the opportunity to compete in a large academic event without the expense of traveling to a central site.

Results of the contest are tabulated into overall, state, and enrollment-size rankings by Academic Hallmarks, a Colorado publishing firm that hosts the event. Contest results and example questions are available at www.greatauk.com.

The spring Knowledge Master is scheduled for April 21. The high school team competes in the school library in the morning, and the junior high team competes in the school library in the evening. The Heppner Junior High and High School Knowledge Master competition is coordinated by Talented and Gifted Coordinator Linda Dutcher.

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Murray and Nelson nominated for National Scholarship Program

Luke Murray and Courtney Nelson, Heppner High School seniors and members of the Heppner High School Chapter of the National Honor Society, have been nominated to compete in the National Honor Society scholarship program sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Two hundred national NHS winners will be chosen this spring to receive \$1,000 college scholarships.

High school National Honor Society chapters from across the country were eligible to nominate two senior high members to compete. Nominees were selected based on the basis of their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs; achievements in the arts and sciences; employment experience; and academic record. They also were required to write an essay.

In recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities as well as academic performance, the NHS scholarship recognizes the importance of a well-rounded education. Co-curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Heppner High School, Murray has been a 4.0 student while playing three sports. He is currently the president of the Heppner High School chapter of National Honor Society. This fall he plans to attend Willamette University to study pre-med and to play basketball.

While at Heppner High School, Nelson has been busy not only with academic matters, but also with church-

related activities including planning a February youth event. Nelson will also be busy this summer counseling at third and fourth grade camp. This fall she plans to attend the University of Oregon, where she has already been accepted. Nelson will study pre-journalism.

The National Honor Society (NHS) and the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) are the nation's premier organizations recognizing outstanding middle level and high school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.



Luke Murray



Courtney Nelson

Sun Grant Program to begin new "bioenergy" era

Oregon State University will help lead a major national effort to reduce America's reliance upon imported fossil fuels, enhance our energy security and revitalize rural economies as part of the new Sun Grant Initiative that was just passed by Congress.

In the legislation, OSU was named one of five centers of excellence that will conduct research, education and outreach programs in the evolving field of "bioenergy," which uses sustainable and renewable agricultural products based on energy from the sun—instead of petroleum—for the direct production of fuels and a myriad of consumer products.

By 2007, plans call for up to \$75 million a year to fund this ambitious new program.

The initiative taps into the existing scientific expertise and outreach concepts pioneered by the nation's land grant college system, and organizers say the new Sun Grant program can make a

significant contribution towards America's energy crisis while providing a beacon of hope to farm families across the country who face sagging prices, uncertain demand for their crops and economic hardships.

"This is a major opportunity for OSU and our colleagues at other western universities to help solve some fairly serious energy problems and address the crisis in the agricultural sector at the same time," said Thayne Dutton, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at OSU. "There's a lot we can contribute in this area with both research and outreach programs, and we're looking forward to working closely with our friends in agriculture, private industry, and the academic community to get the program moving as quickly as possible."

The legislation was developed as an amendment, promoted by Oregon Sen. Gordon Smith, to a general agricultural appropriations bill,

and the effort also gained the support of Sen. Ron Wyden and Oregon's congressional delegation. Under the new plan, five land-grant universities and two national laboratories will split \$25 million in 2005, \$50 million in 2006 and \$75 million in years 2007 through 2010, pending approval by Congress in releasing these funds.

OSU will be the sole university representing a nine-state Western Region, which is to receive 20 percent of the funding. Other participants are Oklahoma State University, South Dakota State University, Cornell University, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado, and Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

OSU's leadership in this program will make it one of only two universities in the nation, along with Cornell University that will now be designated as land, sea, space and sun grant institutions.