

Ione and Heppner Roll 'Em Straight Down the Alley at Districts



Ione boys' varsity (L-R): Paul Neiffer, James Acock, Johnny Collin, Kyle Palmateer and Bill Ross



Ione boys' junior varsity (Back Row L-R): Arthur Ekstrom, Tim Doherty and Jason Zinter; (Front Row L-R): Austin Arballo and Taylor McElligott.



Ione girls' team (L-R): Amy Jepsen, Amanda Emery, Brittnee DesBouillons, Kasie Peterson and Katie Hams.

By Kasie Peterson

The Ione and Heppner bowling teams competed at the District Bowling Tournament in Hermiston on Sunday, Feb. 15. The tournament lasted all day; it started at 8 a.m. and didn't end until 6 p.m.

Duane Neiffer, Ione's bowling coach, brought two boys' teams and one girls' team. The boys' varsity team consisted of James Acock, Johnny Collin, Paul Neiffer, Kyle Palmateer and Billy Ross. They made it to the semifinals and placed fifth overall. The boys' junior varsity included Austin Arballo, Tim Doherty, Arthur Ekstrom, Taylor McElligott and Jason Zinter. They put in a great effort and placed eighth overall. The first-ever Ione girls' team consisted of Brittnee DesBouillons, Amanda Emery, Katie Hams, Amy Jepsen and Kasie Peterson. Kristal Temple was also a big part of the girls' team but couldn't be at the tournament. The Ione girls' team made it to the semifinals

and also placed fifth overall. Brittnee DesBouillons also achieved a fourth place individual all-star title for her outstanding bowling.

Terry Lupinacci was the Heppner bowling coach and brought one boys' team and one girls' team to the district tournament. The boys' team finished seventh. The girls' team did a great job at semifinals, made it to finals and finished third overall.

The top two boys' and girls' teams get to compete at the state bowling tournament in Beaverton on March 6 and 7. Pendleton boys played a stellar final's game of 246 points to achieve their first place standing. One of the Hermiston boys' teams placed second. The Hermiston girls' team will go to state in first place and the Pendleton girls in second.

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Workshop rescheduled

A colored pencil workshop that was offered in February will to be held March 20-21 in Heppner at the Fair Annex. The class will be taught by Sandra Haynes of Heppner. This class is being offered to beginners as well as advanced students.

Call Judie Laughlin at 676-9781 for information and registration. Cost of the instruction is \$80 prepaid plus pencils. Drawing material will be provided.

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Chess Mates compete in regional tournament



(Back Row L-R): Teacher Sherry Matteson, Ashley Wolff, Emily Thompson, Tomas Elguezabal Ian Murray, Zach Hintz and Mary Ann Elguezabal; (Front Row L-R): Justin Pranger, Conner Pappas, Joe Armato and Alex Smith.

The Chess Mates, the Heppner Elementary School chess club, traveled to Hermiston last Saturday to compete in the Regional Chess for Success Tournament. The top eight players from Heppner were Emily Thompson, Ashley Wolff, Tomas Elguezabal, Ian Murray, Joe Armato, Justin Pranger, Conner Pappas, Zach Hintz, and Alex Smith. The only player who placed was

Conner Pappas, who received second place honors for all fourth graders.

The group had some special coaching from Wayne Seitz who helped with their end game. The coaching proved helpful because the club had more draws than losses this year. All of the players played five games and everyone won at least one match. Mike Armato and James Pappas were

adjudicators for the event. The Chess Mates received third place awards for both divisions.

Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Matteson and Mrs. Elguezabal are very proud of all the players and appreciate the parent volunteers and all the organizations that have given donations for this wonderful education opportunity for our students.

Bunny Barn takes 29 first place awards



(L-R): Judge Randy Shumaker, Kathy Tellechea and Pam Renfro, shown with KT's Jorja and Depekoe.

KT'S Bunny Barn brings home 29 first place awards from the Vancouver Island Rabbit Breeders Association Shows held on Feb. 14-15, in Victoria B.C.

Winning Best of Breed both days and Best In Show on Sunday was KT'S Jorja, a senior Castor Mini Rex doe. Also winning Best

Opposite (best buck) on Sunday was KT'S Depekoe, a junior Castor Mini Rex buck.

The next shows are in Enumclaw, WA on March 6.

Recap of the Ponies girls' season

By Molly Rhea

With the Heppner Junior High girls' basketball season officially in the books it is high time to publish a little news about our season.

The seventh and eighth grade girls have a six-week season, January through mid-February. We enjoyed a 24-member roster this year with twelve girls from each grade turning out for the team.

In his seventh year of coaching junior high

basketball, Tim VanCleave, coached the seventh graders to a six and six season.

This year's seventh grade roster included Maggie Armato, Brittney Boothe, Kendra Cleveland, Stephanie Cutsforth, Mercedes Garrett, Destiny George, Chelsey Hedman, Kaylee Helfrecht, Sheryllyn Peck, Kathryn Strouse, Melissa West and Kassey Wilson.

This team went to Stanfield for the seventh grade tournament, after handily

defeating Pilot Rock; they lost to Weston/Athena by one point in a loser-out game. The Stanfield seventh grade team went on to win the tournament.

I had the pleasure of coaching the eighth-grade team, new to the Junior High program I was pleasantly surprised at the willingness and tenacity these athletes demonstrated.

The eighth-graders finished the season 13-1. The wins were usually quite lopsided, though the girls put together a 52-50 double overtime win against one of the Pendleton teams. The solo loss came at the hands of the other Pendleton eighth grade team.

The mighty twelve includes: Jenna Bowman, Aftan Betsinger, Cyde Coil, Kylie Doherty, Kelsie Fox, Sarah Johnson, Baillie Keithley, Taylor Kempas, Katie Kilkenny, Whitney Matthews, Megan Orr, and Kendra Rayburn.

These girls bring a great deal of competitive spark into the gym. They work hard and are serious about improving. This group will be one to watch as they advance to the high school level.

Tidbits of History

From the Heppner Gazette-Times, Thursday, July 20, 1916: "This past week has been a busy one for J.H. Cox, the moving contractor. Early in the week he moved a barn on the premises of William LeTrace. On the property of Henry Johnson he moved the remains of the Johnson house which was recently gutted by fire, to the lot adjoining the Brennan blacksmith shop. After moving a house on Willow Street for Frank Roberts, Mr. Cox proceeded down the street to the corner of Willow and Gale Streets where he and his co-workers set about transferring the city hall from its old location to the lot adjoining on Gale Street. After he has completed the concrete foundation, the old Baptist church, recently purchased by the city, will be moved by Mr. Cox to the corner of Willow and Gale street where it will be remodeled and put in proper shape for the reception of the city fathers and will hereafter be the home of Heppner's law making body."

Note: The old Baptist church sat on the corner where Devin's Chevron now stands. The same corner the old Fair building stood. The church was built in 1878.