

## Ione School District to apply for charter school status

The Ione School Board, at their regular meeting Monday night, approved an application to become a charter school. "I think it's an exciting opportunity for us," said Lisa Rietmann of Ione, one of the drafters of the application. "I think it would be good for the school and the community."

According to Rietmann, if the application is approved by the state, the Ione School District would be able to accept students outside the ISD and still receive state reimbursement for those students. Rietmann said that Ione already has accepted students outside the district, who have not been released by the Morrow County School District, but is not receiving state funding for those students.

Rietmann said that a charter school would be ideal for Ione because it provides the opportunity for the school and community to work together for the benefit of the students and community.

A charter school designation would also allow certain subjects to be taught by "non-certified, citizen instructors," however, those classes would be limited by what is allowed under the Title I of the No Child Left Behind Act. All teachers and teaching assistants in core academic areas will meet the licensing and certification requirements mandated by Ione Education dedication, auction & dinner

The Ione Education Foundation invites alumni and friends of the Ione School to spend the afternoon and evening of Saturday, Sept. 25 in Ione. The Ione High School football team will be in action starting at 1 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., you will have an opportunity to tour the new green house, which was partially funded by the IEF. There will be a dedication ceremony at the school's new Plaza at 5 p.m. Come and find your inscribed brick and celebrate the completion of the Plaza.

The IEF will be holding its annual meeting at the Ione American Legion Hall at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be followed by a 6 p.m. social hour and dinner at 7 p.m. The foundation will be raffling a shotgun and auctioning Ione School memorabilia and a wide variety of other items following the dinner.

The dinner menu consists of prime rib, crab, shrimp, baked potato, bread, salad and dessert. The meal includes two beverages: choose from beer, wine or soft drinks. Dinner ticket prices are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children ages seven to 12. Children six and under are free. Ticket sales will be limited to 250 adults. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Bank of

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the state of Oregon and the federal government for public school teachers. According to the application, employee assignment to the charter school shall be voluntary and staff members not under contract at the time of the charter signing and who choose not to participate in the charter school shall be released from their contract if they request the release at least 30 days prior to the charter going into effect.

The application states that students must show "adequate yearly progress" in reading, writing and mathematics, which will be measured annually by the Oregon Benchmark tests. Further, all "applicable federal and state laws and Oregon Administrative Rules will apply to the charter school."

According to the application, the Ione School District Board will be the governing authority for the charter school.

The target population for the charter school consists of: district resident students; students residing within the historical attendance area of the Ione School; returning non-resident students; non-resident students with family ties to the district (historic family attendance, sibling attendance); qualified foreign exchange students; and non-resident students who have

historically attended Ione School. Students who do not fall into any of these categories may be admitted if the school has capacity remaining after all applicants in one of the target populations have been admitted.

According to the admissions policy, "student enrollment shall be voluntary." The Ione Community Charter School will admit all resident students of the Ione School District and non-resident students under certain guidelines. The policy states, "Student enrollment shall be voluntary. Students who reside outside of the district may also be admitted. If more non-resident students apply for any grade than can be accommodated, admission will be based on an equitable lottery conducted by the Ione Charter School District. Enrollment of special education students shall be the same as for students in general, except as modified by the special placement procedures..." which specifies that the district will not intentionally discriminate against enrolling special education students or violate laws applicable to special education students. The Ione Community Charter School will admit students without regard to their status as special education students

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## Hardman Community Center to hold annual dinner



The Hardman Community Center

Hardman Community Center members are anticipating serving their annual Oyster, Salmon and Ham Dinner to more than 400 hungry hunters and visitors on Saturday, Oct. 2.

Hardman is a ghost town with many of its old buildings still intact. The town originated in 1870 and had its first school in 1879, in an area then called Dairyville. Locals in the community also gave the town the handle of "Red Dog." Another town sprang up a mile away and it was called "Yaller Dog." The two communities were united when David Hardman applied to have a post office in 1882. The application was approved, but it came back as Hardman, Oregon. Some residents also referred to the new town as "Dog Town."

The town prospered with over 300 residents and was the main stop over for the freight line and was the "Stage" route from The Dalles to Canyon City.

The town boasted three hotels, a post office, livery stables, grocery store and an assortment of saloons.

The dinner also includes crisp coleslaw, baked potato, cake, coffee and punch. Meal prices are \$14 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years, with no charge for the meal of preschool children. The meal will be served from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to preserve the historic Hardman Community Center.

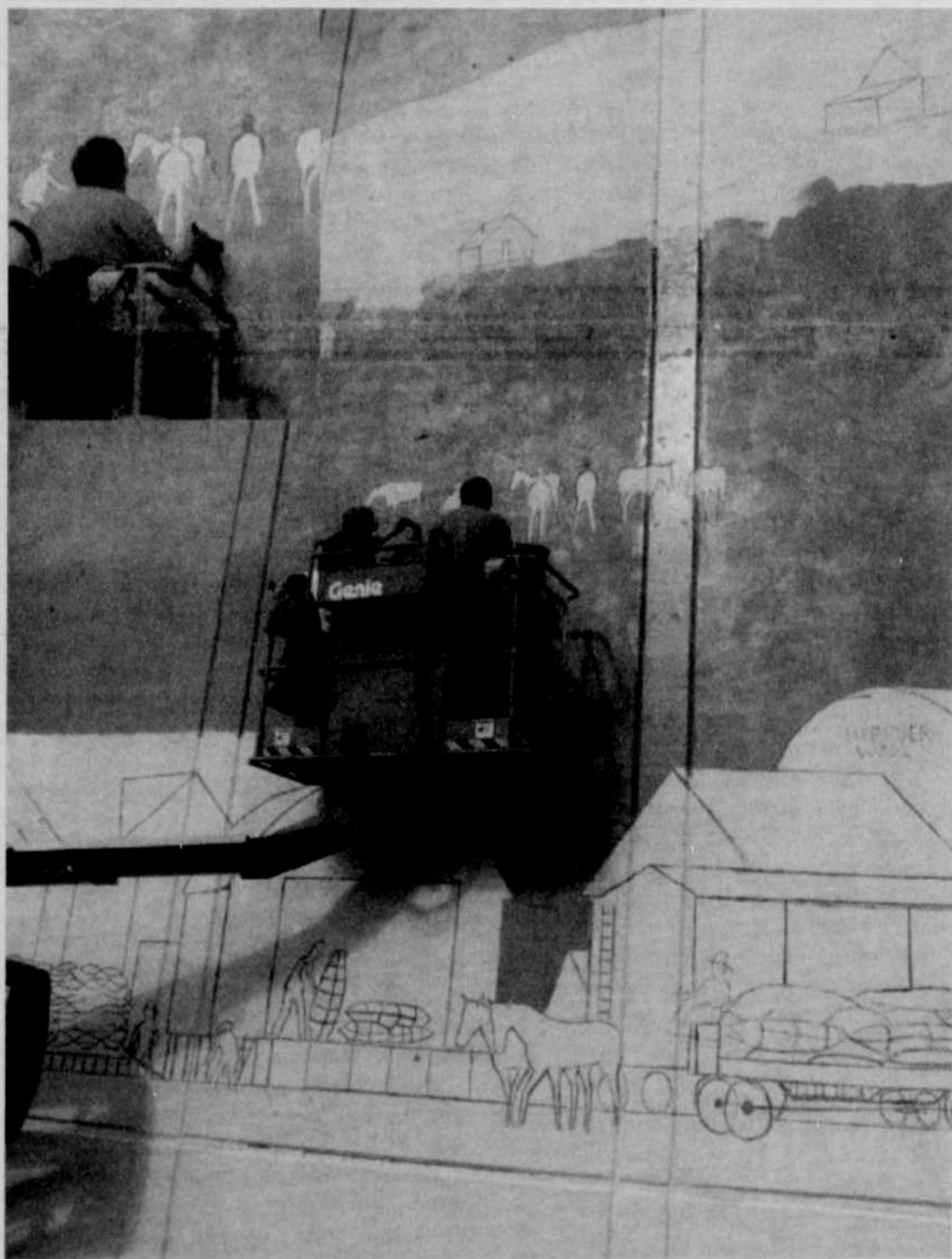
Hardman is located 20 miles south of Heppner on Highway 207.

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## Mural painter returns to town

Painter Robert Walton, of Leavenworth, WA has returned to Heppner to continue working on the Ag Museum Mural. The initial sketch has been laid out and Walton is now beginning to add color. Weather and time will determine when the project will be completed said Walton.

## Arts and Crafts to be included in Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest in Heppner on Oct. 9 will include a "harvest" of art and crafts. The Morrow County Creative Arts group and the Farm Foundation's Mural Committee will offer several works for public sale and as raffle prizes.

The raffle prizes provided by the Mural Committee will be a print of the Heppner Main Street mural and two original paintings by local artists. Proceeds from the three drawings will help with the financing of the next phase of the mural to be completed on the Agricultural

Museum. Raffle tickets will be on sale in the dining room of the St. Patrick's Senior Center on Oct. 9.

Three tables at the Center will feature the talents of five or six local artists. Sandra Haynes and her father, Jake Haynes will offer some of their recent works. Molly Day will show her intricate paintings on feathers, nicely matted and framed. Mary Ella Johnson plans to display a sampling of her rugs. Shirley McNary will feature some painted China, as well as her paintings and beadwork. Bobbi Angell plans to offer

a variety of her painted ceramics. Wood sculptures of another artist may be included in the fall sale.

The Creative Arts group will also provide two tables of miscellaneous arts and crafts items and baked goods. Proceeds from the sale of these items will help to fund the group's art-related projects.

The public is encouraged to visit the dining room of the Senior Center on Oct. 9, to visit the artists, to browse, to enter the raffles and to make a purchase at this local "harvest of artwork."

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