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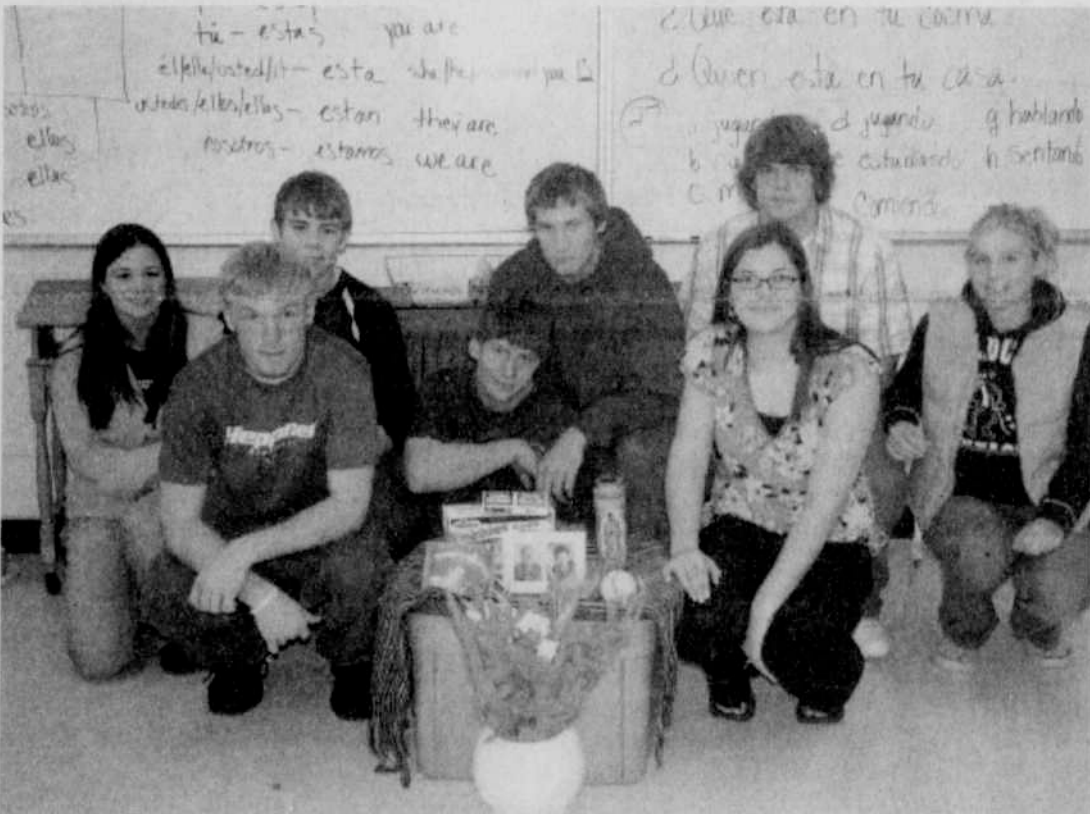
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Students celebrate Dia de los Muertos



(Back Row L-R): Katie Britt, Quinn Peck, Peter Geer, Aaron Allstott and Regi Seitz; (Front Row L-R): Kyle Carlson, Jon Cain and teacher Petra Elguezabal, with Elguezabal's altar honoring her father Juan Elguezabal.

Heppner High School students in Petra Elguezabal's Spanish II class spent Tuesday, Nov. 2 creating altars to celebrate the Mexican holiday, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). Wednesday they made traditional Mexican food eaten at the celebration and watched a video on the event.

The day of the dead is celebrated in Mexico and certain parts of the U.S., as a way to honor deceased family members. Although the ritual has since been merged with Catholic theology, it still maintains the basic principles of the Aztec ritual, such as the use of skulls. In the past, they used real skulls. Today the skulls are made of wood and are used for many different things. The skulls were used to honor the dead.

Pictures of the deceased are placed on the altars, along with items that would bring them back, i.e. favorite foods, music, as well as candles depicting saints. The day is seen a celebration

where members are honored and their spirits are invited back for that one day. Another integral part in making the altars is the colors used on them. Purple represents pain, white

represents hope and pink represents the celebration.

Beings that it is more of a "religious" celebration, students were given the choice to honor pets or some one in history, rather than family members.

2004 Ione Homecoming Court



Ione High School held its 2004 Homecoming ceremonies on Friday, Oct. 29. The 2004 Homecoming Court is: (Back Row L-R): Freshmen- Kylee Svetich and Alan Rietmann; Sophomores- Amber Patton and Montana Marlatt; Juniors- Jenny Griffith and Anthony Bolin; Senior princesses and princes- Kim Morris and Austin Arballo, Sara Peck and Nick Christman; Senior Queen and King- Alyssa Rietmann and Arthur Ekstrom; (Front row L-R): Crown Bearers- Hannah Padberg and Henry Padberg.

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BEO celebrates Halloween



Bank of Eastern Oregon employees dressed up on Friday, Oct. 29 to celebrate Halloween.

Teams begin preparations for Trivia Show

"I'm sure we have the best team," John Gochnauer recently explained when asked if Bucknum's will be represented in "Mr. Bill's Traveling Trivia Show" at the Elks Lodge on Nov. 20. When asked the reason for his optimism, he stated that his team members have proven themselves time and again in various trivia venues.



David Sykes (right) and Marty Brannon toast each other with memory enhancing energy drink in preparation for the "Mr. Bill's Traveling Trivia Show" coming to Heppner Nov. 20. Both are members of Marty's Memory Masters, one of the six-person teams taking part in the contest. The two are reportedly drinking large quantities of the memory drink each day in "training" for the contest.

Gochnauer's confidence may be well grounded, but word on the grapevine is that several teams of six have formed and are feeling equally sure of a win at the trivia event sponsored by the FARM Foundation's Mural Committee. Another team's spokesperson has stated, "Ken Jennings has done so well on Jeopardy [winning close to \$2 million on the TV show] only because none of us has challenged him."

Time remains for entering the contest and the Mural Committee hopes for a big turnout for its party. Some information about the evening: Teams [who have chosen names for themselves] are limited to six members. Each team writes down an answer to each question, so no one person or team is faced with having to orally offer an answer. After each round of eighteen questions, "Mr. Bill" and his assistant collect the answers and keep a running score for each team. At the end of the three-hour event, first-,

second-, and third-place winners will be proclaimed. Also, individuals have opportunities to win raffle

prizes throughout the evening. All players receive one raffle ticket and then

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City to hold Veteran's Day observance

Everyone is invited to the special Veteran's Day observance on Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. in the Heppner Memorial Park.

This service will honor all of our veterans. Following the raising of the flag by Bob Taylor and the VFW, there will be a special recognition for those who were killed in the line of duty. After the reading of their manes, "Taps" will be played by Darren VanCleave. A poem, "To Those Who Served," had been inscribed on a beautiful bronze plaque and will be presented by

Gladys Alderman. This plaque will have a permanent place in memorial park.

The parents of all of our young men and women presently serving our country in the military have been given a special invitation to the ceremony. These young people will have their names read and their parents will be given a flag.

At 12 noon there will be a military fly over by a military helicopter.

Everyone is invited to attend a reception following the ceremony with coffee and cake at John's Place, 168 North Main Street.

Ione to honor veterans

Ione Legion Auxiliary is planning a Veteran's Day Service for Sunday, Nov. 7 at 10:30 a.m. Participants will gather at the Ione School flagpole.

Onica Bloomfield, a Holocaust survivor born in Holland in 1935, will speak at the ceremony.

Refreshments will be served at the Legion Hall.

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