

Ione Booster Club honors businesses



On Jan. 8 at the Ione High School home basketball game, the Ione Cardinal Booster Club recognized businesses who contributed to Ione activities. (L-R): Dean Robinson- Ione Athletic Director, Marcus Collier- Colliers Market, Gina Jepsen and Arlynda Gates- Dobyns Pest Control, Sharon Rietmann- Bank of Eastern Oregon and Betty Gray- Booster Club member.

Elks offer scholarships to Scouts

The 57 Oregon Elks Lodges and the Elks National Foundation are pleased to announce the availability of Elks scholarships ranging to \$8000 for Eagle Boy Scouts and Gold Award Girl Scouts who will graduate from high school in 2005. These scholarships are independent of the perhaps better known Most Valuable Student awards and the Elks Legacy Scholarships for children, stepchildren and grandchildren of Elks members.

Applications for the Scouts scholarships must be made through the district offices of BSA and GSUSA and are judged by their national scout offices. The Elks simply provide the money to the Scouts from their charitable trust fund, the Elks National Foundation. The deadlines for applications are Feb. 28 for Eagle Scouts and April 5 for Gold Award Girl

Scouts. Eligible scouts should contact their scout leaders or they may obtain further information at www.bsa.scouting.org/nesa or www.girlscouts.org, or they may contact the scholarship chairperson at their local Elks Lodge. Eligible scouts are reminded applications must be filed in a timely manner.

The Elks are also offering scholarships ranging up to \$4000 per year for the children of deceased or totally incapacitated Elks members. Those funds are possible for eligible students under the age of 23, are full time undergraduate students, unmarried and are based on financial need. The deadline for those applications is between July 1 and Dec. 31 of each year. Eligible persons should contact the scholarship chairperson at the local Elks Lodge or David Crumley at (541) 756-0719.

ODFW announces mule deer and elk management objective meetings

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife today announced a series of town hall meetings to accept public comment on proposals to update the state's mule deer and elk management objectives.

Management objectives are used by biologists to help guide harvest management decisions related to herd health, habitat, and wildlife damage to property.

The proposals call for changes to reflect improved population information, long-term or permanent changes in habitat availability and changes in the amount of property damage throughout Oregon's 67 Wildlife Management Units. The management objectives for deer were last updated in 1992. Elk management objectives were updated in 1994.

ODFW biologists will explain proposed management objective

revisions at the following meetings scheduled statewide between Feb. 10 and March 10, with local meetings to be held:

Heppner: Thursday, Feb. 24, 7-9 p.m., ODFW Heppner District Office, 54173 Hwy. 74, 2 miles north of Heppner (old Kinzua Mill office);

Pendleton: Thursday, Feb. 24, 3-7 p.m., (open house format), Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate.

The proposed management objectives will be presented to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for approval at the May 13 meeting in Prineville.

Interested individuals are invited to offer comments in writing or they may testify before the Commission at the meeting in Prineville. Written comments can be mailed to ODFW Wildlife Division, 3406 Cherry Ave N.E., Salem OR 97303-4924.

HES students reach with caring hands



Teacher Jannie Allen with kindergarten student, Jeremiah Jackson Voegel, 6, who donated a baggie full of pennies to help with aid in Southeast Asia.

Christmas is usually a time when children are very consumed with themselves... new toys to play with and a vacation from school. But things changed in a drastic way on Dec. 26 as the world watched the news in horror following the earthquake and tsunami in Southeast Asia.

When the young people returned to school on Jan. 3, the pictures and staggering numbers had touched everyone deeply and the whole school family wanted to do something to help. Coffee cans were covered with newspaper clippings of the tragedy and colorful shiny stars were scattered across the articles. A coffee can in a fifth-sixth grade classroom quickly started to fill, so another can was left at the office and a note was sent home in Monday folders letting parents know about the fundraiser.

A kindergarten student came with a baggie stuffed full with pennies and a few larger coins. He was beaming from ear to ear and said that his dad had helped him fill the sack. He may not know where Sri Lanka or Thailand are, but he knows he can do something to help the children. Another young

boy brought all he had to give, 27 cents. Some students used some of their Christmas money, while others returned cans and bottles to the store and brought in the refund money. Others visited with their families about the tragedy and brought donations from their parents.

The money came steadily and the older students started reading the newspaper and watching the TV to see which movie stars and "other rich people" donated to the cause. There were many good discussions about the kind "rich people" that helped out and the students decided on their own that Sandra Bullock is their favorite actress and Leonardo DiCaprio is their favorite actor.

After an ad on Channel 3, community members even stopped by the school with donations and two \$100 checks were added to the cans. The final total of money collected was approximately \$646. A check for that amount will be sent this week to Mercy Corps in Portland, who has been on the scene from day one and continues their efforts yet.

The community of Heppner has the right to be very proud of their young people with big hearts.

Literacy partnership to hold meeting in Pendleton

The Eastern Oregon Reading Foundation and the Take-Off program would like to invite all organizations and individuals interested in literacy to a partnership meeting on Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Umatilla-Morrow ESD in Pendleton.

If you or your organization is interested in helping children become better readers, please join us. The meeting will consist of sharing what different organizations are doing to help promote reading and how we can work together to reach all children in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

For more information contact Kay Dallman, Executive Director, Eastern Oregon Reading Foundation at (541) 966-3160 or kay.dallman@umeshd.k12.or.us.

Geography Bee held at HES



HES Geography Bee contestants: (Front Row L-R): Michael Hawks, Shane Smith, Devin Robinson and Donald Matthews; (Back Row L-R): Nick Kempas, Joe Armato, Stefanie Schuler, Sarah Kendrick, Justin Gutierrez, Eric Chick and Willy Gentry. Photo by Sandy Matthews.



HES Geography Bee winner Justin Gutierrez with teachers Jannie Allen and Karen Smith-Griffith. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

Globes lined the stage and red, white and blue balloons flew high as the 12 young geographers from Heppner Elementary School competed in the annual Geography Bee. The Bee, which is sponsored by the National Geographic Society, was held Thursday, Jan. 13 in the school's gym. Students in grades 3-6 attended as well as parents and well-wishers from the community.

All of the geography wizards were students in grades five and six and they were: Donald Matthews, Justin Gutierrez, Ian Murray, Eric Chick, Devin Robinson, Stephanie Schuler, Sarah Kendrick, Shane Smith, Willy Gentry, Joe Armato, Michael Hawks and Nick Kempas. Reading questions for the competition was HES's 5-6 grade social studies teacher, Karen Smith-Griffith and Jannie Allen served as score and time keeper.

The preliminary round of seven questions for each student narrowed the field to five competitors- Hawks, Gutierrez, Chick, Kendrick and Kempas. Following three questions, there were two young men left to vie for the medal, Kempas and Gutierrez. In the championship round, all

answers are written as both contestants receive the same questions.

The new National Geographic Society Champion is Justin Gutierrez, with Kempas a worthy runner-up. Gutierrez will take a written test, which is sent to Washington, D.C. to the Society. If he scores high enough on the test, he will be invited to compete at the Oregon State Fair.

Following the contest, contestants and their families were treated to cookies from around the world, which were baked by the staff members of HES. Cookies from Israel, England, Sweden, Norway, Mexico, Denmark, Italy and Scotland provided a global air to the reception.

When asked how the Bee was from a contestant's point of view, one of the students replied, "It was kind of scary, but I was so glad I knew some of the answers. The cookies and jelly beans were really good too." Each participant received a jar of jellybeans... red, white and blue, of course.



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