

## Heppner and Ione high school bowling begins

Heppner and Ione high schools' bowling teams are preparing for the District Bowling Tournament at The Dalles on Feb. 20.

The first match between Hermiston, Ione and Heppner on Jan. 22 found Hermiston winning both boys' and girls' matches. The Heppner girls placed second, Ione girls third and Ione #2 team fourth. Ione boys placed third and Heppner boys fourth with Hermiston #2 team earning second.

The following Saturday, Jan. 30, the high school bowlers had a rematch at Desert Lanes in Hermiston, with Hermiston again winning both boys' and girls' teams. Ione girls #1 team placed second, Heppner third, Umatilla fourth and Ione #2 team fifth. Boys teams placed with Hermiston #2 team second,

## Farm Foundation to hold annual meeting

The annual meeting of the FARM Foundation will be Tuesday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m., at the museum.

The agenda for the meeting will include the year-end financial report, reports from the officers on museum plans and programs and the election of directors.

The directors whose terms expire are Barbara Bloodsworth, Cliff Green and Bob Jepsen. The other board members are Betty Carlson, Jim Hayes, Bob Harrison, Robert Laughlin and Larry Mills.

The museum volunteers responded very well this year with a good group that worked to maintain museum hours while Director Robin Krebs took some time off.

This past year local artist Sandra Haynes had several changing displays in the Heritage Museum and the addition of the Bisbee

## Students to participate in career showcase

More than 50 businesses and organizations will set up booths on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at the Pendleton Convention Center to interact with more than 1200 eighth graders.

Students will have a chance to interview professionals about careers and job prospects as well as hear a presentation from keynote speaker, Rick Griffin.

The annual Career Showcase provides eighth graders with an opportunity for career exploration. High school goals include students identifying a career pathway, or pathways and the student will take high school classes that will complement that career pathway. The Career

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The Heppner girls' team includes: Lindsey Hodges, Kassie Gaines, Jennifer Whalen, Myah Southworth, Patty Little, Keshi Richmond, Kelsey Wolff, Julie Moore and Kendra Rayburn.

The Heppner boys' team includes: Trampas Jeffreys, Ches Little, James Rogers, Drion Donner, Michael Wellman, Gordi Wegworth and Shane Stottlemire.

The Ione girls' team includes: Kristal Temple, Shannon Clay, Marly Pfinston, Kasie Peterson, Kim Morris, Amanda Emery, Paige Armstrong, Brittnee Morter and Meghan Gaines.

The Ione boys' team includes: Austin Arballo, Isaac Stillman, Montana Marlatt and James Acock.

gallery. This room will be used for changing displays during the coming years.

The Ag museum had a change in the display inside, making it easier to access for visitors. On the outside of the building the mural committee made progress on the next phase showing the railroad and the early sheep industry. The artist, Robert Walton, will be back in June to finish the project.

The mural committee is selling bricks to face the wall on the ramp landing on the mural side of the Ag museum building. The purchase of a brick will have your name shown as a supporter of the project.

The Foundation is always in need of volunteers at both museums. If you can spare a day or two per month, call 676-5524 or 676-5546.

Showcase allows the student to explore and interview professionals that are associated with individual student interests.

Through the application of classroom learning and the hands-on activities provided by this event, the Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District and local businesses support the implementation of state and national standards.

The very first Career Showcase was held in February 1997 and attracted approximately 800 eighth graders. The Career Showcase will be attended by students from Gilliam, Umatilla and Morrow counties.

## Wranglers Riding Club to hold feed

The Wranglers Riding Club is holding a baked potato and chili feed on Friday, Feb. 11 during the Heppner Mustang versus Stanfield Tigers basketball game at Heppner High School from 5-7 p.m.

Wranglers is a family oriented horse gaming club that meets four Sundays in the spring. Each playday begins with a potluck lunch followed by barrel racing, pole bending and a third event chosen by the playday committee.

To join Wranglers or for more information, call Amy Kollman at 676-9407.

## Ione Site Council learns corrected report card scores

The Ione Site Council met Tuesday, Jan. 18 at the school library. The middle school and high school "A" honor roll and TAG students recently competed in the Great AUK and did well.

The state school report card information was not accurate and has been corrected. The state reported 50 percent of tenth graders met the requirements for reading and 44 percent for math in Ione. However, the state didn't take into consideration the students who met the requirements as eighth graders. With the correction, students meeting the reading requirements went up to 69 percent and math to 58 percent. The school received a satisfactory rating. Ione Schools met the Adequate Yearly Progress and No Child Left Behind requirements.

Bill Jepsen reported to the council on distance education. Students will be encouraged to take college classes while attending high school. Most core classes offered at Blue Mountain Community College are transferable to other colleges. It was suggested that area representative Anne Morter talk to students about classes offered and parents be sent college and financial aid information. The possibility of some high school classes meeting college requirements for dual credit was also discussed.

The council approved health teacher Steve Schaber's use of the ABC's of Credit Card Finance curriculum in his class. The program warns students of the dangers of credit card debt.

A committee will be appointed to iron out the honor society requirements. The council suggested a minimum 3.5 GPA. Students would also be required to participate in a community service project.

## Elks announce Eye Safety Poster contest winners

The Heppner Elks Lodge is pleased to announce the winners in their annual Eye Safety Poster contest. This program was open to fourth and fifth grade students in the Willow Creek valley. Participants were asked to prepare a colored poster on 11" x 17" paper, depicting an Eye Safety theme.

"Some of the posters were pretty humorous," said Colin Anderson, project chair. "We had some funny ones and some serious entries also."

Heppner area winners were: 1<sup>st</sup>- Bryce Fowler, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Austin Gutierrez and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Kellie Ivelson. Ione area winners were: 1<sup>st</sup>- Christine Raible, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Beth Morter and 3<sup>rd</sup>- Mary Gates. U.S. Savings Bonds will be awarded to the

experience evaluation forms were used at the end of the semester. The evaluation is shared with the students so improvements can be made. Positive feedback was received from teachers and supervisors. The students will be receiving grades for work experience in the future.

A committee was formed to create a parent involvement policy as required by the school's Title I status. The committee consists of Superintendent Bryn Browning, Lindsay Orem, Joel Peterson, Shilo Svetich, Melissa LaRue and Michelle Stone. The committee will report at the February council meeting.

Middle school and high school students are now using assignment books. Each teacher is responsible for checking student assignments and grading their progress.

Brenna Rietmann was the winner in the fourth through eighth grades' Geography Bee. She took the state qualifier test.

The Ione Education Foundation has funded the robotics program. They are currently working to improve the handicapped accessibility in the city park.

The Council also learned the following news of Ione High School graduates: IHS graduate and Oregon Institute of Technology student Camie Burright received a 4.0 GPA for the last quarter. She is majoring in respiratory therapy. Nikki McElligott, also a student at OIT, was selected one of the top five small school female athletes from the state of Oregon and was honored at a televised awards program at Tiger Woods Theatre in Beaverton. She plays basketball for the Owls. Another Ione graduate, Jacob Taylor, will be returning from Iraq in April.

The next meeting of the Ione Site Council will be Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. at the school library.

There were 78 entries in the contest. "The concept is to raise student awareness for eye safety and eye safety thinking, in their everyday lives," stated Anderson.

The Oregon State Elks Association is the major supporter of the Casey Elks Eye Clinic at O.H.S.U. in Portland. "The facility provides state-of-the-art eye and sight care, along with research, for youth in the Northwest," explained Anderson.

"No child is turned away due to the inability to pay," continued Anderson. "The Elks pickup the tab for any and all services needed." The local Elks Lodge contributed more than \$1,200 to this cause during the past year.

## High schoolers invited to write agricultural essays

High school students throughout Oregon are invited to showcase their writing skills in a statewide essay contest sponsored by the Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom program. Entrants will be judged on their ability to write persuasively about the importance of agriculture to everyday life.

The program is a non-profit organization headquartered at Oregon State University.

"We hope this contest will create a positive learning experience, one that promotes reading, creative skills, an expanded vocabulary, and furthers the understanding of agriculture in our lives," said program director Tami Kerr. "Food and fiber, produced by today's farmers, are essential to society. It is important that the public understand the industry and how relevant it is to their lives. More than 15 percent of the U.S. population is employed in farm or farm-related jobs."

The essay contest is sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon, which will provide "Got Milk" sweatshirts and other prizes to the top three entries in

each grade and cash awards to their teachers ranging from \$100 to \$50 for use in their classrooms and plaques to display in their schools. The contest has been developed so it can easily be incorporated into CIM/CAM requirements.

Students can choose from one of four essay topics. Subjects are how modern production agriculture contributes to a safe and healthy food supply; water and agriculture issues; how agriculture affects students and their communities; and issues in biofuels, such as wind, ethanol, biodiesel, and solar.

All Oregon students in grades 9-12 are invited to submit essays of 500 to 1,000 words. Winning entries will be published in the Capital Press, a weekly agriculture newspaper, during National Agriculture Week, March 20-25.

To review contest rules visit the program's web site, [aic.oregonstate.edu](http://aic.oregonstate.edu). Entries, which must be postmarked by March 1, should be mailed to: Tami Kerr, 105 Ballard Extension Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331.

## HLL to conduct registration for 2005 season

Registration for the 2005 season at Heppner Little League will be held Feb. 9-11 from 5-7 p.m. each day.

Boys ages 4-12 and girls ages 4-14 are eligible to enroll to play Wiffle ball, T-Ball, Minors and Majors baseball/softball; also girls Jr/Sr softball. Registration is required even if the child played previously. Cost is \$30 per child, \$60 per family.

Registration will be held at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. At least one parent or legal guardian must be present. If this is your first time or HLL doesn't have your information from last year, please bring three proofs of residency (must have physical address on them) and a copy of your child's original or state-certified birth certificate. A driver's

license or utility bill is acceptable documentation. The deadline for signups is Feb. 28.

If you cannot make it to tryouts, please let HLL know.

For more information, call Renee Yocom at 676-9474 mornings or 676-9821. At this time, HLL is also accepting applications for coaches and volunteers, this year we will need a copy of your photo ID/driver's license to go along with it.

Little League is the world's largest youth sports program with more than 2.8 million children and one million volunteers in more than 100 counties. For more information on Little League, visit the Little League website at [www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org)

## OLCC seeks liquor agents for Oregon communities

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is seeking to fill liquor agent vacancies for stores in Ione, Richland, Fields and Prospect.

"The non-exclusive liquor stores would be operated in conjunction with another business, which is done in many rural areas," said Jim MacAlistaire, OLCC store operations director.

"Agents are independent contractors for the state who are appointed after a public application and selection process."

Applications, due Feb. 18, are available through the OLCC. Finalists will be notified and interviewed by the staff screening committee in Portland. Final selection will be made by the commission, based on set criteria, at its public meeting in April. The agents would start in April.

"We look for the most qualified person to operate a store," said MacAlistaire. "We consider applicants over 21 only and they should have knowledge of retail operations, inventory control, customer

service, cash accountability and more."

Several openings occur each year when liquor agents resign, retire, or leave for other reasons.

For details, call the OLCC at (800) 426-2004, option 62, or (503) 872-5020, or visit the agency's website at [www.olcc.state.or.us](http://www.olcc.state.or.us). Mail applications to: Retail Services Office, Room 124, 9079 SE McLoughlin, Portland, OR 97222.



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