

## Ione School District receives 'strong' report card

Bryn Browning, superintendent of the Ione School District, told the board, at their Monday night regular meeting, that the district has received a "strong" rating on its state school report card. Browning said the rating was up from a "satisfactory" rating the previous year.

Browning also reported that the ISD has received notice that student Kristal Temple was in the top five percent of students, based on 2004 PSAT scores. Browning said that Temple was one of only several students in the state of Oregon.

Also at the meeting the school's biology class gave a power point presentation on their field trip.

In other business, the board:

-learned that the OMSI planetarium will hold an assembly for Ione students, including pre-school classes... The presentation was funded by the Libraries of Eastern Oregon.

-learned of a rocketry lesson presented to students by Pat Struthers of Heppner. The presentation required an FAA clearance because of the size of a rocket fired and the altitude it achieved.

-learned that the school's publications class had received a grant for funds for photography equipment and the class took the school's sports photos. Browning said that the photo package was professional and affordable.

-learned that school conferences will be held

November 2-3 from 4-8 p.m. School will be dismissed early that day.

-learned that the school's college prep coordinator, Allison Rudolf, has held one informational meeting and has held one-on-one meetings with students and parents to discuss college options, financial aid and scholarships. A website is being created to provide access to scholarship updates, news and tips. She plans workshops regarding resume writing, how to get organized for scholarships and will check with students to ensure complete scholarship packets. Several college visits to Ione are planned throughout the year.

-inservices have been held regarding English Language Learner strategies and they will continue once a month after school. A high school course catalog has been completed, a K-5 writing plan created and the school Accelerated Reader plan put into action. Eric Volger from the Umatilla-Morrow ESD trained the staff on "Mastery in Motion," a database for assessment information.

-the Ione Education Foundation awarded a grant to the school for the research science class taught by Kevin Campbell to build a salt water aquarium which can be used for science classes in all grades. A field trip to the coast is included so that research science students can be trained on aquariums and marine biology. The students will then become teachers to the elementary middle school classes on the aquarium they build. Each

class will get to adopt a fish to put in the tank.

-two Fridays of music lessons in guitar and piano have been held at the school by John Wambeke from Hermiston. Students range from first to 11<sup>th</sup> graders.

-the project around the reader board is complete. The horticulture class designed the flowers in the planter and Janet Holland planted the plants.

-received a buildings and grounds report concerning a sewer backup that resulted from burned-out pumps. Roger Britt pumped out the sewage and new pumps were installed with the assistance of Loyal Burns.

-briefly discussed bids from the city of Ione and Pacific Green for grounds maintenance. No decision was made. The district's contract with the city ran out the end of June. The school's last home game will be October 28 and if the school needs the lawn mowed again it will ask the city.

-adopted the district's Continuous Improvement Plan required by the Oregon Department of Education.

-approved usage of the high school gym by the Inland Northwest Musicians for a concert on Saturday, April 22.

-approved recommendations of staff contracts for Susie Stillman for a half-time position; Allison Rudolf, Next Steps coordinator; Lynn Dee Ramos, middle school volleyball; Janet Holland, Read-n-Play coordinator,

SMART coordinator; Dean Robinson, head middle school track, Talented and Gifted coordinator and athletic director.

-learned that the general fund received \$116,822 in Basic School Support and \$5,121 from the county in common school money, in lieu of taxes.

-learned that enrollment is at 162 K-12.

-learned that the middle school is somewhat over budget, which is due to allocation of teachers' salaries to the programs they are currently teaching, which is slightly different than what was budgeted. However, total salaries and benefits are under budget.

-held an executive session to discuss a student's records.

-heard the following announcements: Oregon School Boards Association fall regional meeting, October 26, 6:30 p.m., BMCC Student Union; OSBA annual conference, November 11-13, Portland; board meeting, Monday, November 21.

## Adopt-A-Teacher funds art teacher

The Adopt A Teacher Foundation has elected to fund Lance Eads, Heppner High School art teacher, to teach art at the elementary school for two hours every day for the rest of the year. The cost of this project is approximately \$11,000.

Adopt a Teacher has also donated \$1,500 to Bill Broderick, 4H extension agent, to help fund Friday Fun with 4-H. This program is modeled after the National Lights On After School Program. Activities will include playing games, working on homework, eating snacks and learning about good nutrition. Each week's activities will be planned around the theme of a book. Students will meet at the Morrow County 4-H Annex from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. each Friday beginning October 14. This program is free to all children in grades 1-4 who wish to participate. Parents are required to fill out a registration form. Call 676-9082 for more information.

Adopt A Teacher is in the final phases of completing the paperwork required for gaining a non-profit organization status. Adopt A Teacher will be selling food at the Heppner Elementary Carnival Thursday, October 20. Everyone is invited to attend and support the elementary students and Adopt A Teacher.

## Pony B team suffers loss

By Lacie Wagoner  
The Pony B team took a hard loss against the Mt. Vernon Mustangs on Thursday, October 13. Heppner lost both games, 25-21.

Coach Melissa Coiner said, "The girls just didn't come out focused. We weren't receiving serves as well as we have been in practice."

Although they took an early lead in both games, the tough Mt. Vernon servers allowed the Mustangs to catch up and overtake the Ponies for the win.

## Heppner flood writer seeks stories

By Joann Byrd

It turns out that the Heppner Flood and the people affected by it are even more interesting than I expected. Since I started working in April on a book about the flood and its impact, every day of research has provided at least one priceless revelation.

I have learned, for instance, that the Heppner Relief Committee declined to accept a donation of \$15,000 offered by contributors in Portland (who were already among Heppner's most generous benefactors). The committee turned down the offer because "further assistance was not needed here."

I guess all of us have heard at least one variation on the story of the young mother who lost her own baby in the flood waters but saved another. Mary Addie Jones Ashbaugh was her name, and the full story reveals that her ability to save either infant was complicated by the fact that she was nearly blind.

These pieces of history come from many, many days in the (marvelous) Morrow County Museum. Now I'm wearing out the old records in the basement of the county courthouse.

Along the way, people here and elsewhere in the Northwest have been willing to tell me their stories (and their parents' and grandparents' stories). I've probably done about a third of the research. If everything goes as planned, I'll finish at least a first draft about 18 months from now.

I already know that the list of people I'll be thanking could take as many pages as the narrative itself. But my grandmother, Mattie Green (not to mention, my father, Joe Green) would tell me to keep working until I've got it right. Right means gathering all the stories and memories that are out there, to make the book as reliable and complete as is humanly possible.

I wish I had thought of doing this 40 or 50 years ago. To create that book now, I'm depending a great deal on others' generosity. I come today asking for more. I bet there are people here I haven't met who have experiences—or letters, pictures, scrapbooks—that would enrich this account.

I'm looking for individual stories, family anecdotes and such. But I also have a long wish list that Morrow County folks may be willing and able to help with. Here's a sampling:

There was a steam laundry at the confluence of Willow Creek and Balm Fork in June 1903. Several reports say the laundry extended out over the creek. Frederick and Emma Krug and their four children lived in the building, and sadly, died there. I sure wonder what kind of structure it was. Pictures, drawings or descriptions of the laundry would sure help.

Because a fire destroyed the Heppner newspapers' files a few years after the flood, the microfilm of the Gazette and Times does not include the last edition published before the flood: June 11, 1903. It's also missing a number of issues in the months afterward. Any 1903 edition after June 6 would be enormously valuable.

Many survivors were reluctant to speak of the flood. It's not hard to imagine some reasons, but people who knew the survivors—or knew about them and their generation—could provide a more trustworthy explanation.

In a perfect world, I'd ask every current and past resident two questions: What impact, if any, do you think the flood has had on Heppner through the years? What has that history of grief and fortitude done to the personality, the identity of this community?

Stories handed down—even if we cannot be certain they're accurate—help explain the legacy of the flood. Since every story could get us closer to what's likely true, I hope everyone will contribute whatever stories they inherited. (Know something I may or may not want to know? Please assume that I do.)

I won't be driving to Heppner during the winter because—even though I grew up in Pendleton—I am an ice-and-fog coward. I can do a lot of research from the west side of the Cascades. And I'll be back in Morrow County in the spring.

Now or later, anyone who's willing to share a story or memorabilia, could contact me this way: Joann Green Byrd, 2419 8th Ave. N. #302, Seattle, WA 98109; 206-285-7104; joannbyrd@gbonline.com

Or, for anyone who'd rather talk in person, I will have my notepad at the ready this Saturday (Oct. 22) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the foyer outside the Oregon Trail Library on Main Street in Heppner.

## Beginning ballroom dancing planned

Beginning ballroom dance lessons, taught by Jodi Chapa, will begin October 20 at the Morrow County Fair Grounds Annex. The lessons will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday evenings. All ages are invited to attend. People may purchase lessons on a drop in basis for \$10 per person or buy the package of five

lessons for \$45. Discounts are available for couples.

Dance steps will include beginning and intermediate levels of the Cha-Cha, Waltz, Rumba and the Tango.

Drop ins are always welcome. For more information please call 676-8161.

### Heppner Booster Club would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous donations to the 2005 Steak Feed and Auction. Without their support, this annual event would not have been such a success!

Allstott Construction L.L.C.  
Alpine Meadows Golf Course  
Angie Hanson  
Artisan Village  
Bank of Eastern Oregon  
Banner Bank  
Barbara Bloodsworth  
Barbara Hayes  
Barb Orwick  
Becky Ripple  
Betty Christman  
Bev Howe  
Bi-Mart  
Bob Despain  
Brian & Susan Thompson  
Buffalo Peaks Golf Course  
Campbell Motors, Inc.  
Canyon Lakes Golf Course  
Carri Grieb  
Cascade Athletic  
Casey Moving  
Celita Strouse  
Central Red Apple Market  
Charlie and Marcia Anderson  
China Creek Golf Course  
Chuck & Sherry Matteson  
Collier's Market  
Columbia Basin Electric Coop.  
Columbia River Processing  
Cottage Flowers  
Country Shears  
Coyote Springs PGE  
Craig Gatzlaff - Nautilus, Inc.  
Crown Paper & Janitorial Supply  
Dale & Linda Conklin  
Dan Gusick  
Darlene Lovgren  
Dave, Patty, Shane & Stefan Matheny  
Daye & Michelle Stone  
Dean's Athletic  
Deena Reid  
Dennis & Babbette Wall  
Dennis Turner, DMD  
Deona Hodges  
Devin Oil  
Dick Temple, DVM  
Dobyns Pest Control  
Donna Osmin  
Dority Auto Sales, Inc.  
Dougherty Ranch  
Elguezabal Family  
Ernie & Mary Jean McCabe  
Francis Freel  
Frederickson Farms  
Ginger Keithley  
Green Feed & Seed  
Greg's Custom Clubs  
Haas Wood & Wind Things  
Haguewood Ranch  
Hair Expressions  
Helen Troxell  
Heppner Auto Parts  
Heppner Day Care  
Heppner Garden Club

Heppner Gazette-Times  
Heppner Hardware  
Heppner High School  
Heppner High School Alumni Assoc.  
Hermiston Glass  
Hisler Family  
Hollomon's  
Hope Lutheran & All Saints Episcopal  
Howe's About Pizza  
Ida Farra  
Irv & Lynne Uitto  
J & G Services  
Jaci Hughes  
Jack Thompson  
Jan Brindle  
Jan McDonald  
Jan Stroeber & McKenzie Correa  
Janet Dezellum  
Jannie Allen  
Jared Eckman  
Jay & Sue Gibbs  
Jean Healy & Mike Hryciw  
Jeff Cutsforth  
Jeremy & TyLynn Cimmiyotti  
Jill Martin  
Jim Hurl  
John & Diane Kilkenny  
John Edmundson  
John & Nancy Gochnauer  
John & Shelli Britt  
John Nickey  
Judy & Sandy Photography  
Kaedene Bailey  
Karen Clough  
Karen Smith-Griffith  
KayRene & Roscoe Qualls  
Kevin & Petra Payne  
KIE Irrigation  
Kim Bach  
Kyle & Darcy Robinson  
Larry & Betty Mills  
Lee Padberg  
Les Schwab Tire Center  
Lott's Electric  
Louis & Betty Carlson  
Marcia Kemp  
Mark & Pam Dowdy  
Mark & Tami Rietmann  
Mark Huddleston  
Mark Schlichting  
Mary Ella Johnson  
Merry Brannon  
Mike & Kim Armato  
Miller & Sons Excavating  
Moore Excavation  
Morrow County Grain Growers  
Murray's Drug  
Oregon Zoo  
Ostler Orthodontics  
Panda Inn Chinese Restaurant  
Papa Murphy's  
Pat Dougherty  
Patriot Auto Glass

Pendleton Bottling - Pepsi  
Peterson's Jewelers  
Pettyjohn's Builders Supply  
Phil & Kathy Carlson  
Pizza Hut  
Portland Trail Blazers  
Red Robin  
Rene' Devin  
Rhonda Helfrecht  
Rick & Susan Johnston  
Riddell & Mark Elmlade  
Robert Reid  
Rock Thoughts  
Rolling Hills Hunting Preserve  
Ron & Maybelline Young  
Sandra Haynes  
Seitz Aviation  
Shelly Key  
Shirley George  
Sportsman's Warehouse  
Steve & Mindy Wilson  
Styling Arena  
Sunflower Junction  
Tobey Garrett  
Todd & Melissa Lindsay  
Tom & Bonnie Bennett  
Tricia Gunderson  
USA Subs  
Verda Hager  
Victor & Nancy Vander Does  
Virginia Grant  
Wade & Marianne Smith  
Waite Family Fencing L.L.C.  
Wal-Mart  
Wheatland Insurance  
Widmer Brothers Brewing Company  
Wilcox Furniture  
Wildhorse Resort & Casino  
Willow Creek Country Club  
Wood on Wood  
Wright Chevrolet  
Wyna Woodford  
Kathy Rauch  
Jay Coil  
Damon Brosnan  
Mike Proctor  
Jason Palmer  
Maryann Smith  
Terry Gentry  
Pam Dowdy  
Keith Price  
Rita Bergstrom  
Forest McKinnis  
Petra Payne  
Melissa Coiner  
Ron Bowman  
Debbie Peck  
Deb & Craig Gutierrez  
Judy Eckman  
Sally Maddern  
Ginger Bowman  
Ken Grieb  
Keith and Reica Herbinson

Many others also contributed to the success of the Steak Feed and Auction:

Heppner Junior/Senior High School Students, Faculty, and Staff  
Auction Committee • Dinner Committee • Decorating Committee  
Ken Grieb, Auctioneer

And everyone who assisted during the night of the dinner and auction

Their hard work and dedication made it all possible!

Thank you, everyone!

**Heppner Booster Club**

## MEXICAN BUFFET

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND**  
**5 TO 9 P.M.**

*Plus Margarita Madness  
and Corona Coolness!*

## JOHN'S PLACE

Main Street, Heppner

