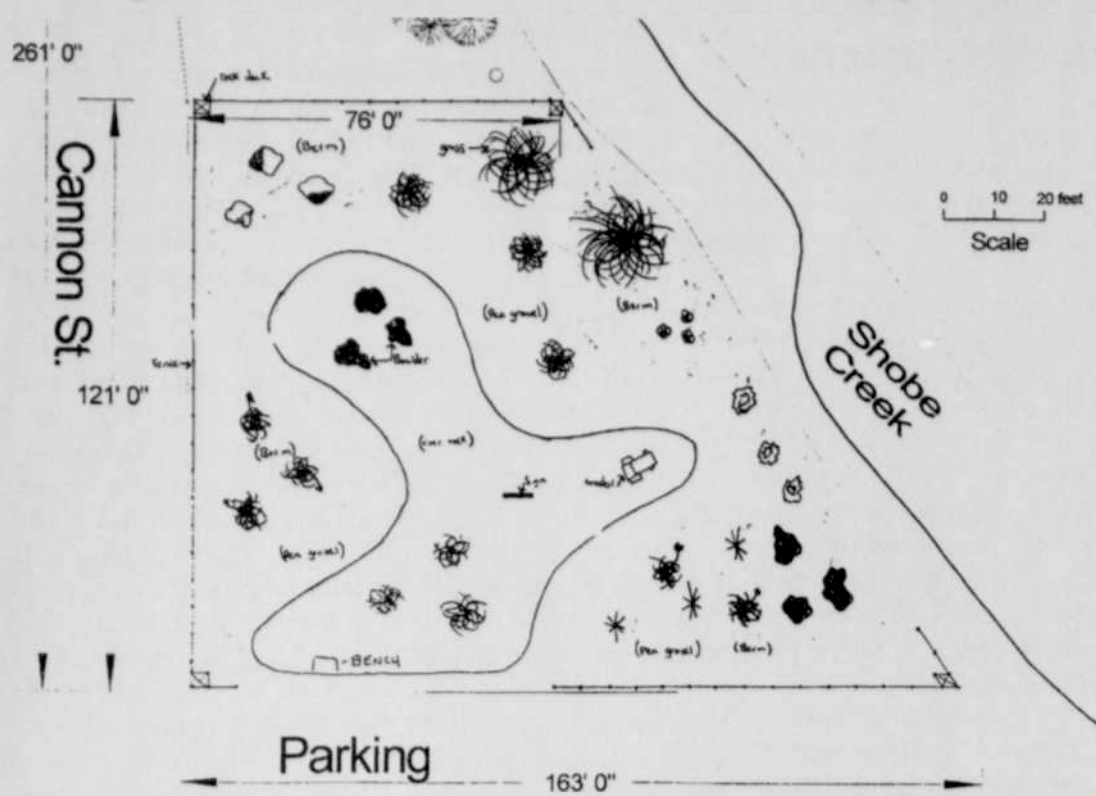


## Plans put in motion for use of old swimming pool site



Drawing by Colton Helfrecht, student of teacher Dave Fowler, Heppner High School.

Plans for the old swimming pool site in Heppner are off the drawing board and the City of Heppner is seeking funds to put them into action.

Moore Excavation brought in fill and leveled the site this summer as a service to the community while their company was here for the city water pipe project. Public meetings held reviewed several plans concluding that a low maintenance project would be the best solution for this property.

Morrow County could fund only half of the

city's request from tippage fees for this project, which was enough to cover expenses for ground sterilant to be applied.

As additional funds become available, there will be gravel and river rock placed for weed control and split rail fencing for property boundaries. Basalt columns, boulders and berms planted with hardy perennials and grasses would contribute to the low maintenance project along with a bench for seating.

To promote the Agricultural Museum, a piece of antique farm equipment would be placed

in the area with signage about the museum.

The Heppner Parks and Beautification Commission and the City Council are hoping for help with donations from interested individuals or businesses. Plans are made for major contributors to have their names laser carved on a boulder at the as of yet unnamed site.

For further information, please contact City Hall, (541) 676-9618 or PO Box 756, Heppner Oregon 97836, City Manager, Dave DeMayo.

## DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney has released the following:

Hank Edward Wetzel, 33 convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance, sentenced to 18 months of probation, suspended driver's license and pay \$666 in fines and fees.

Paul William Hays, probation revoked and sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Timothy G. Foster, probation revoked and sentenced to 180 days in jail followed by 12 months post prison supervision. Probation then reinstated under the same conditions as before.

William Dean Rill Jr., 39, convicted of Strangulation, sentenced to 40 hours of community service, attend Batterer's Intervention Counseling, 24 months probation and pay \$1,126 in fines and fees.

## Ione School will be considered a Title I school next year, site council told

Ione Site Council met Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004. Those present were Steve Schaber, Anne Bedortha, Penny Krebs, Joe Rietmann, Dean Robinson, Dick Allen, Jeri McElligott, Shilo Svetich and Melissa LaRue. Members Ryan Rudolf and Sarah Carlson were absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Chair Dean Robinson read the proposed changes to the by-laws, which were approved by council members.

Principal Dick Allen provided test results of Ione students in grades 3, 5, 8 and 10 over the past three years. The results included the proportion of students at each level who did not meet, met and exceeded benchmarks. The results were then compared to district and state results. Council members agreed to look over the scores and make recommendations for

school improvement at the next meeting.

Allen explained in detail the State Report Card results from the Oregon Department of Education. Ione Schools received a "Strong" rating. More students are meeting, but fewer are exceeding, the standards. The Improvement Formulae goes back four years. The scores have improved from last year.

Ione School will be considered a Title I school next year based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch.

The council received an elementary staff request to attend an in-service. Teachers have a contractual agreement to attend one paid in-service per year. Site Council recommends to the superintendent any

subsequent requests by teachers. The request was approved based on funding in the budget.

Parents who provided snacks for the students on test days were thanked. Paul Neiffer and Natalie McElligott were recognized for placing first and Billy Gates third in the Elks Scholarship competition. The boys and girls basketball teams both made it to district playoffs. Brittnee DesBouillons made the all star bowling team at the district competition in Hermiston and will advance to compete at state. Ione High 2000 graduate Nikki McElligott is having an outstanding season playing basketball at Oregon Institute of Technology.

The next meeting of the Ione Site Council will be Monday, March 15 at 5 p.m. in the staff room.

## Ione Cardinals travel to Enterprise

By Luke Bradfield

On Dec. 9 and 10, the Ione Cardinals Boys varsity went to Enterprise for a tournament. The team's first game was at 7:30 p.m. Friday night against the Enterprise Outlaws, and the Cardinals beat them 67-48. Leading scorers for the Cardinals were Kelly Thompson 25, Paul Hams 15, and Tony Bolin 9. On Saturday, Ione faced off with Pilot Rock for the championship. Ione fell to the Rockets 67-78. Leading scorers were Kelly Thompson 22, Tony Bolin 16, Paul Hams 10. Also coming off the bench and playing "very, very well," according to coach Dennis Stefani was Kip Krebs with 8 points and 7 rebounds.

The junior varsity squad also traveled to Enterprise to play the Outlaws Saturday morning before the varsity tournament resumed. The Cardinals fell to the Outlaws 37-53. "That's probably the best JV team we'll see this year," noted coach Jim Swanson, who was pleased with the way his team played. Leading scorers for the Cardinals were Justin Archer 12, Derek Davidson 6, and Clay Morter with 6 points and 7 rebounds.

## St. Patrick's senior center news

On December 21st, Hope/Valby church volunteers are hosts for the noon meal at the senior center. The menu is roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, baked winter squash, applesauce, hot rolls, juice and egg-nog. There may be last minute changes in the menu because of the availability of produce.

Decorations for the Christmas season are in place in the common and dining areas. A Christmas get-together of residents took place Monday afternoon, Dec. 6. The apartment complex has welcomed two new residents in recent weeks. One is Alberta Johannes, who has sold her home in the area; the second is Kathy Turner, who has moved to Heppner from Texas. We extend a warm welcome to both. Kathy is responsible for the lovely grand piano, which is now in the common room.

Recent examination of the roof revealed the need for repairs around the perimeter of the building. The need is at an urgent point. One resident has been moved to another unit because of leakage.

The bus will not be scheduled for Walla Walla or the Tri-Cities from January 1st until March 1. Ed Baker has said to contact him if emergencies arise during this time.

Activities at the center include Bingo Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. dominoes and cards are played in the common room.

## Justice Court Monthly Report

Justice court released the following report for the month of October for Heppner and Irrigon:

Total cases files-333, Traffic Citations-152, Game Citations-9, Misdemeanors-7, Small Claims-2, and DUII-2.

Miscellaneous Activity-174 including warrants issues, suspensions ordered DUII Diversion filed, warrants returned from Sheriff's office and accounts to collection agencies.

Total trails and hearing scheduled were 9, actually held 5.

Total amount of revenue received was \$38,942.96. The state received \$9,755.50, the county \$29,016.46, and restitution was paid in the amount of \$171.

## Morrow County Chronicles on sale

The 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the Morrow County Chronicles is available for purchase as of Tuesday, Dec. 13 at local area businesses. There had been a delay in printing.

Copies may be purchased for \$5 at Murray's Drug and all local branches of the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

## Ione ranks second in basketball poll

The Ione Cardinal boys were ranked second in the 1A OACA (Oregon Athletic Coaches Association) and the 1A OBCA (Oregon Basketball Coaches Association) boys poll for Dec 12, 05:

Rank	School	total pts	1st pl	votes	last wks	rank
1	SNC	76	(5)			1
2	Ione	75	(4)			2
3	Joseph	72	(1)			3(tie)
4	Crow	55				3(tie)
5(tie)	Chl Chr	49				7
5(tie)	Imbler	49	(2)			8
7	Dam Chr	47	(1)			6
8	Mtawk	46				5
9	McKenzie	29				9
10	NC	21				n.r.

Others receiving votes: UVC 19, Powder Valley 6, Country Chr. 4, Spray 4, St. Paul 3, Mapleton 2, Crane 1, Dufur 1.

## 1A Girls Basketball Poll

The Ione Cardinal Girls basketball team received 6 votes in the latest Oregon Athletic Coaches Association 1A Girls Basketball Poll for December 12th:

- Rank-School-Votes-#1 Votes-Previous Rank
- Crane 88 (3) 1
  - Powder Valley 85 (2) 3
  - Dufur 84 (4) 2
  - McKenzie 75 (1) 4
  - Damascus Christian 58 6
  - St. Paul 50 5
  - Jordan Valley 27 7
  - Elkton 22 8
  - Mapleton 20 9
  - Joseph 15 NR

Also Receiving Votes: Ione 6, Imbler 4, Pine Eagle 3, Perrydale 3, Cove 3, Condon/Wheeler 3 and Umpqua Valley Christian 2.

## Final minute losses for Lady Cardinals

By Jenny Griffith and Kaylee Palmateer

The Ione Lady Cardinals went into triple overtime against Pilot Rock, Friday, Dec. 9 in their first game of the Enterprise Tournament. The Lady Cardinals led 7-6 at the end of the first quarter, but they trailed by 17-19 at the half. Both teams stayed even throughout the third and the game was tied 29-29 going into the fourth. The score was then 37-37 at the end of the fourth, which took the game into its first overtime. Two overtimes later the Cardinals had possession with only a few seconds left on the clock, but weren't able to get a shot off. The final score was 52-54 Pilot Rock wins. For the Cardinals: Ashly Grams had 9 points, Jenny Griffith 13, Amber Patton 15, Kylee Svetich 6, Emily Rietmann 3, and Stephanie Holland 6.

The Lady Cardinals fell to the Wallowa Cougars in their second game on Saturday. The game was tied 13-13 at the half, and the Lady Cardinals lead 24-20 at the end of the third. The Cougars hit some shots in the fourth to put them ahead, and the Lady Cardinals weren't able to regain their lead. The final score was 29-34, Wallowa. Ashly Grams of the Cardinals scored 7 points, Jenny Griffith 11, Amber Patton 4, Kaylee Palmateer 3, Kylee Svetich 2, and Kayla LaRue 2.

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