Ione Community School called Time Out for Reading

Students in the fourth through eighth grades at Ione Community School celebrate after completing Time Out for Reading.

By Tori Heagy and Priscilla Tellez

On Monday, Jan. 2, the Ione students in grades 4-8 tipped off the basketball-themed reading incentive program, coordinated by Library Tech, Cathy Halvorsen. Halvorsen was inspired by Heppner teacher Jannie Allen, who has been using this program to motivate her students for 18 years. The program is designed to get the kids more involved in reading.

The program takes its name from the idea that the students keep track of the time they read recreationally. Each week students would log their reading times and turn them in to the library. On-time progress sheets with at least 90 minutes of reading for the week qualified the player to "advance" to the next quarter. While all participants got to choose a prize and a Trailblazer t-shirt, players who advanced through all four quarters were rewarded with a pizza party. Twenty-two students reached this goal. The top reader this year was Jarred Miller, who read 9,543 minutes.

Halvorsen introduced this program to encourage Ione Middle School students to take advantage of all the new books the Ione school library has to offer. As part of an effort to expand the materials available to the middle school, there have been over 600 titles added just since last school year. "It's been a fun program, and we hope to make it an annual event. A big thank you goes out to the teachers for helping out and to the Ione Booster Club for helping to sponsor the prizes and pizza party," said Halvorsen.

Struthers opens computer consulting business

Pat Struthers has returned to Heppner and brought with him his computer experience. Struthers, who has worked as a network manager and as a computer consultant, has started Pat Struthers Consulting and opened an office in Heppner.

Struthers puts a strong focus on internet security and on helping people fix their anti-virus and spyware problems. "You can't avoid these problems anymore," said Struthers. He also helps in fixing hardware problems and deals with a variety of software issues.

Struthers has been in the computer business off and on for the past 20 years, starting his first project in high school for the Bank of Eastern Oregon. He recently left Waste Management as their network manager to begin this new business.

As well as consulting, in the future Struthers hopes to have walk-in tutoring available in the evenings and also to provide formal classes on security issues. He would like to teach people how to avoid the many problems that lead them to call him.

Struthers has opened his new office at 198 W. Willow in Heppner, across from the fire department. He is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and 7-10 p.m. However, he is sometimes out of the office as he also makes house calls. To contact Struthers, call 676-0989.

Pat Struthers

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Men's breakfast to be held

The Men's Christian breakfast will be held on Sunday, Feb. 12 at the Heppner Nazarene Church at 8 a.m. All men and sons are invited to attend.

Justice Court report

Marlen A. Spaudling, 27, Heppner, Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance, fine $73 and one year probation with a condition to not have dogs running at large.

Michael Travis Alldritt, 28, Lexington, Driving while Suspended, a Class A misdemeanor, fine $440, 180 suspended days in jail and two years probation.

Jeanette Lynn Brantley, 22, Ione, False Information to a Police Officer, fine $440 and Driving while Suspended Misdemeanor, fine $440.

Pilot Rock Motocross to hold fundraiser

The Pilot Rock Motocross and ATV Park Committee is hosting a spaghetti feed and raffle on March 2, 2006 in the high school cafeteria from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. All proceeds will go directly to building the park. This park is being planned, built and maintained by volunteers and sponsors like you. It will be the only free-of-charge public park of its kind in our area.

Tickets for the dinner are Adult $6, Child (12 and under) $4 and Family (4 or more) $20. There will be homemade spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and drinks– and it's all you can eat. Raffle tickets are $1 each, or 6 for $5. There will be many raffle prizes, including a queen size log bed, prime rib dinner for two, $100 Shell gift card, a cake for 50 people and even a flat of 2"x6" lumber.

If you have any questions or would like information on volunteering, sponsoring, or riding, call Karie at City Hall at 443-2811 or check out our website at www.cityofpilotrock.org/mx%20park.htm.

Juvenile arrested in vandalism case

On Feb. 3, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested a 15-year-old juvenile involved in the recent rash of tire slashing in the Irrigon area, stated a MCSO press release. Sixteen vehicles have been vandalized and the damage is several thousand dollars. The investigation is continuing at this time. Anyone with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact Sr. Deputy Mark Pratt at (541) 676-5317.

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH SARAH PRICE

Sarah Price moved to Heppner her Freshman year from the Tri-Cities. In the Tri-Cities, she had attended Liberty Christian School.

Sarah participates in track and basketball. She is a Junior Class officer and a National Honor Society member. Sarah consistently gets a 4.0 GPA in school.

She is the oldest sister of two siblings, Jacob, a fourth grader, and Erin, an eighth grader. Sarah is the daughter of Deana and Keith Price. Both parents are substitute teachers at Heppner High School and Keith is a local minister.

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DA's report

William Herbert Prosser was convicted of Assault-3, a Class C felony. Prosser's driver's license was revoked for 10 years and he was sentenced to 36 months supervised probation, 90 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of $673 in fines and fees, $5000 in a compensatory fine and $15,000 in restitution. He was also convicted of DUII, a Class A misdemeanor. For this count his driver's license was suspended for one year and he was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 18 months bench probation, 40 hours of community service and payment of $293 in fines and fees.

Leobardo Jacquez, III, admitted violation of probation allegations for Contempt. Jacquez's probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to 30 days in jail and received a six-month extension from the date of his original probation expiration date.

Brian Keith Silvia was convicted of Aggravated Animal Abuse I, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to 24 months supervised probation, 60 days in jail, completion of 160 hours of community service and payment of $2503 in fines and fees and $3800 in restitution.

Ryan James Geer pled guilty to Attempt to Elude, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail and $1916 in fines and fees. Geer was also convicted of Reckless Driving, a Class A misdemeanor. His driver's license was suspended for 90 days and he was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 40 hours of community service and payment of $133 in fines and fees.

Scott R. Cason was convicted of Manufacturing/Delivery of a Controlled Substance-SC 3, a Class C felony. His driver's license was suspended for six months and he was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours community service and payment of $1423 in fines and fees. He was also convicted of Criminal Mischief-2, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation, 40 hours of community service and payment of $173 in fines and fees and $355 in restitution. Finally, he was convicted of Resisting Arrest, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation, 40 hours of community service and $626 in fines and fees.

George Leroy Hicks was convicted of Use Child Display Sex Conduct, a Class A felony. He was sentenced to 70 months in jail and three years probation. He was convicted of a second count of Use Child Display Sex Conduct, a Class A felony. He was sentenced to 70 months in jail and three years probation. He was also convicted of Sexual Abuse 1, a Class B felony. This sentence is pursuant to Measure 11. He was sentenced to 75 months in jail and three years probation. This sentence is concurrent with the previous two cases and 19 months concurrent to the sentence presently being served on another case. This sentence shall be consecutive to two other cases; for a total of 150 months for all of the defendant's Morrow County Circuit Court cases.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Cycle Oregon is coming to Heppner; it's official. The announcement was made in Portland Tuesday evening, where hundreds of cyclists turned out to be the first in line to register for the September 2006 event. All who worked on this some 16 years ago know it takes a community. Much has changed since the third annual ride in 1990. This time no one will need to scrub 2000 potatoes and bake them all around town or haul goods in a horse trailer, or empty every shelf in town of every brand of beans. It will take just as much man/womanpower, however. Larry Mills has agreed to be official co-chair and some volunteer organizations have already been contacted. As the Sept. 10 Heppner event approaches, get ready to have fun and make new friends while Heppner creatively prepares for the cyclists. Are we tough enough? Are they tough enough?

In the meantime, it's time to focus on the green, reports the St. Patrick's Committee. This community is so awesome the way it comes together to put Heppner on the map in positive ways. During last week's "all entities report" Chamber meeting, members were pleased to meet the entire HHS Student Council (all girls by the way.) They were instrumental in creating a spectacular work of art for HHS with the help of a talented artist. Check out this wonderful gift to this community and school. The same group has agreed to take on the Wee Bit O' Ireland buttons this year. That's what it's all about, new and younger volunteers stepping in to fill slots or create a new event. Start thinking green as you plan parade entries, Luck O' the Irish casino donations, learn Irish music, and perform shenanigans to keep a Wee Bit O' Ireland ongoing, March 16-19, 2006. Rumor has it there may be roadbowling this year. Please visit the Chamber website: www.heppnerchamber.com and the Gazette website: www.heppner.net to view the 2006 schedule for St. Pat's weekend.

Having computer problems? Chamber members will help you out. Stop by Pat Struthers' Consulting business next to the Heppner Gazette. He is extremely competent and can assist you in solving your computer problems. Welcome to downtown Heppner, Pat. John Nickey, Komputer Kats, is another Chamber member just a phone call away. When we reach the point we want to pitch these machines through the window because they're misbehaving it's great to have instruction, service and consulting right in Heppner. Thanks gentlemen.

And with that, Happy Valentine's Day. Our local businesses have some wonderful gifts, large and small for those special people in your life. Bucknum's Catering will be having a special dinner Tuesday, Feb. 14 at John's Place. Heppner has much to offer.