

## Fall back to school potluck deemed successful at Cardinal Booster Club meeting

The Cardinal Booster Club met Oct. 2 at the Ione school library. Thirteen members were present.

The fall back to school potluck was deemed a success. Dawn Eynetich and Arlynda Gates were thanked for organizing the evening. It was suggested an emcee be designated for future dinners to introduce the faculty members.

New parent Ione Site Council representatives elected at the dinner were Nancy Jepsen and Karen Padberg. Betty Gray recruited volunteers for the club committees: Scholarship- Dawn Eynetich, Bink Ramos and Jim Raible; Christmas Goodies- Kelly and Deb Campbell, Shelly Rietmann, Brandi Orem and Lisa Rietmann; Graduation Reception- Karen Padberg, Barb Collin and Erin Heideman; and 2007 Fall Potluck- Kim Thompson and Susie Stillman.

The Hall of Fame dinner will be postponed until the constitution has been approved and a board of directors is elected. Dean Robinson presented a constitution to be reviewed by club members.

A new form has been designed for pay-to-participate students. The students will be asked to make a small down payment and work for their fees. Community members are still encouraged to donate to the pay-to-participate fund so the students can work off

## Preparations underway for Wee Bit O' Ireland

The Wee Bit O' Ireland Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at City Hall. If you wish to attend the meeting, or if you would like to volunteer for any of the events, please call Terry Baker with the Heppner Chamber at 676-5536.

"Since this is the 25<sup>th</sup> annual celebration, let's make it extra special," expressed Terry Baker, Executive Director.

Only one person from each committee needs to attend the meeting.

their obligation at school. The Big Sky team board in the gymnasium needs to be updated. Condon and Wheeler will be combined to form one team and Sherman County will be added.

The club voted to support and endorse the building of a weight room at the school. Several sites have been suggested. A letter will be sent to the school board showing club support for the project. Once it has been approved, the club will seek grants to help finance the building. New bleachers at the football field may be included in the project.

The club will sponsor a spaghetti dinner during homecoming week. The dinner will include spaghetti, bread, salad and punch and will be served from 6 p.m. Thursday night until the start of the bonfire. Sharon Rietmann will make signs. Glenda Taylor and Arlynda Gates will order the food and supplies. Betty Gray will provide a "donations accepted" can.

Black and cream colored hats with a new Cardinal logo are being ordered and should be for sale soon.

Community members are encouraged to check the community calendar for names of businesses supporting the school.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at the school library.

## St. Pat's to host Pumpkin Carving Contest

Kids between the ages of six to eight and nine to 11 are invited to take part in a Pumpkin Carving Contest put on by St. Patrick's Senior Center. Bring the already carved or painted pumpkin to the senior center Saturday, Oct. 28 through Monday, Oct. 30, with your name and age on a three by five index card.

Pumpkins will be judged on Halloween and participates and all are welcome to trick or treat at the senior center and see the winning pumpkins. After participates have seen their pumpkins displayed, if they want to keep their pumpkins they will need to pick them up on Halloween night.

## First annual heifer futurity takes place



(On fence, L-R): Ashley Anderson, Kelli Jones, Makayla Anderson, Whitley Reece (winner of the logo contest), Jessica Hughes, Brett Harrison and Josie Miller. Not pictured: Colette Cason, Makenzi Hughes, Devin Robinson and Jarreid Miller.

The first annual Heifer Futurity sale took place on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The evening started off with a complimentary dinner, provided by the Morrow County Livestock Growers. The dinner consisted of BBQ shredded beef sandwiches, homemade potato salad and brownies. After dinner, local auctioneer Ken Grieb started the auction.

Cattle producers who participated were: Mary and Butch Knowles and the Healy Ranch, Heppner, put in one Angus cross heifer; Lon and Sheri Wadekamper, Hermiston put in two Angus cross heifers; Jim and Kelly Doherty from O'Doherty Cattle Company in Boardman, put in two Red Angus heifers; Terry and Debbie Anderson from Anderson Land and Livestock, Pilot Rock, put in one Angus cross heifer and donated all of the proceeds back to the Heifer Futurity program. The Anderson's have also agreed to purchase the semen necessary to breed the Futurity heifers this spring; Terry and Jane

Gallagher from Funny Farms, Irrigon, put in two Red Angus/Charolais cross heifers; Brian and Susie Thompson, Heppner put in one Red Angus cross heifer; Kevin and Angie Hughes, Heppner, put in two heifers, one Simmental and the other a Simmental/Angus cross. The producers donated \$100 from each sold heifer back to the program.

Youth who purchased heifers and are participating in the program are: Makayla and Ashley Anderson, Boardman; Kelli Jones, Boardman; Colette Cason, Boardman; Jessica Hughes, Heppner; Devin Robinson, Heppner; Brett Harrison, Lexington; and Jarreid and Josie Miller, Heppner.

Others who volunteered their time and energy in various ways to help the Heifer Futurity start off with a bang were: Mark, Tami and Shelley Rietmann, Courtney Fisher, Kathy Rauch, Hal and Rita Bergstrom, Dr. Brent Barton of Oregon Trail Veterinary Clinic, Becky Cason and Tim, Shannon and Brynna Rust.

## Guest speakers share their careers with HHS students

The Careers class at Heppner High School has been hosting speakers throughout the last couple of weeks.

On Oct. 3, Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner) visited, as did Jodi Chapa, a bookkeeper.

On Oct. 4, Jack Thompson, principal at Heppner Elementary School, visited. Nici Apperson, a hairdresser, visited this past Monday, Oct. 9 and Susie

Thompson, a former nurse, spoke with the class on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

A U.S. Fish and Wildlife employee from LaGrande is coming in to speak to the Careers class as well as the Wildlife Management class, on Oct. 19.

The Careers class is part of the newly reinstated VoAg program at Heppner High School, taught by Beth Dickenson.

## Holiday Bazaar to be held at Fair Pavilion

Heppner Elementary Parent-Teacher Club is sponsoring a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Morrow County Fair Pavilion in Heppner. The bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch available on site.

Interested vendors should contact Alita Nelson at 676-8733 or 377-7300 for reservations.

A \$2 admission is charged and goes towards school projects.

## Teachers find grants to help Ione students

During the August Inservice, Superintendent/Principal Bryn Browning presented information to the staff regarding grants available to teachers for materials, field trips and equipment hoping that one or two staff members would take the initiative and write a grant. Soon grants were flooding in and the good news was that everyone received approval.

One grantor wrote to Ione and commented, "I'm so pleased to see all of your good thinking and working to improve the education experiences for students in the Ione School District. I'm excited about the ideas you have developed."

The middle school entrepreneurial class, taught by Steve Schaber, requested basic tools for wood shop along with lumber and materials to begin building sheds that they will in turn sell. Profits from the sale of the buildings will go to purchase additional shop tools and cover the cost of future projects.

The elementary staff planned a field trip to the Portland Zoo for all students in grades K-5. Their grant will cover transportation costs for two charter buses, the Zoo entrance fees, snacks and dinner for the students on the way home.

Barb Collin's kindergarten class will receive a new incubator, automatic egg turner, Butterfly Pavilion-tower, butterfly live cultures and related literature books for their science program.

The Ione Community School library will soon display a new carpet that includes the ABC's and 123's which is colorful, educational and will be used to define a reading space in the library. A large list of science periodicals and new science books will also arrive soon and by purchasing multiple copies of reference books that are used in the language arts classrooms, teachers and students use these books to look up information on ideas that arise in their assigned readings. By doing this we hope to shift student efforts toward exploring reading to expand their understanding of the story.

To enhance the publications class this school year, new video equipment has been purchased with an Ione Education Foundation grant so that the ASB officers can video broadcast the morning announcements each day. To further enhance this new program, Jim Raible has received an additional grant for a Datavideo SE-500 mixer, which will allow students to experience live video broadcast, preview the material before it is broadcast and insert pictures into the broadcast. The new equipment will also allow students to learn how to operate more than one video camera at a time while doing close-up shots, full shots and much more when recording school events.

A new class to Ione this year is the high school technology class, which focuses on project based learning. "Many schools treat technology as a separate component from the rest of the curriculum. Students are taught keyboarding, the Microsoft Office Suite and other applications. Ione's philosophy is different. We seek to integrate technology

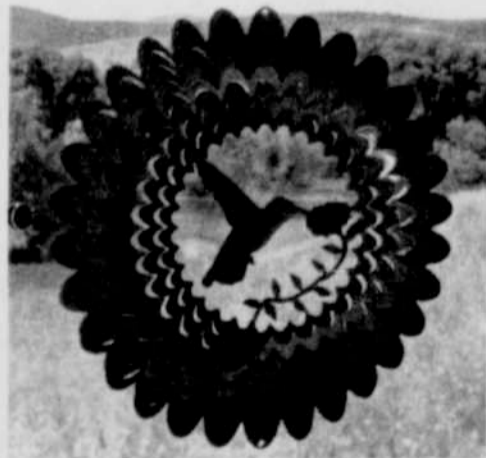
across the curriculum so that it becomes seamless as students learn the appropriate technology to produce projects," explains teacher, Jerry Cronin. Students are expected to learn how to access information, synthesize and organize it with graphic organizers and determine what is good or bad information and then produce a product to demonstrate proficiency in subject matter as well as technology tools. The last phase is to give a public performance of the project to demonstrate expertise in a well-researched project. This can be assessed by the classroom teacher as well as fellow students and invited guests.

The technology grant introduces the students to digital cameras and software to enhance or manipulate photos that will later be used in print, oral presentations and website production. Digital cameras are getting cheaper each day and it is important that students learn how to use them properly so that they can chronicle their field trip activities. They can then use Adobe PhotoShop Elements to manipulate their photographs for print, oral presentations, or website production. "The advantage of our proposal to promote digital photography is that the grantor will be able to view student portfolios with their projects and their demonstration of proper usage and skill using technology tools. We would like to invite the grantor to view student presentations related to science and technology." This grant also includes the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who will begin taking technology classes in the second semester. They will then be able to produce their own projects with the technology tools available.

A grant from Portland State University funded a late September, Natural Resources and Wildlife Management field trip to Mt. St. Helens, the Ape Caves, OMSI, various Gorge sites and the Portland Zoo. Students along with Erin Heideman, Dale Holland and several community members camped at the base of Mt. St. Helen's. One full day was devoted to the exploration of the volcano and students were treated to a day with Dr. Michael Cummings from PSU's Department of Geology. "It was great to give these students the opportunity to spend an entire day with a college professor one-on-one in this setting," remarked Heideman who co-wrote the grant with Holland.

Additional grants that have been written cover wood and metal materials for the high school shop class, a hydroponics unit for the middle school and high school science classes, funds to cover open shop and art nights on Thursdays and funds to run the CAMP 5 program for students on Fridays.

Browning comments, that "the teachers really embraced the idea of seeking out creative funding sources to improve our students' educational experiences during a time where our first priority is to maintain the number of teachers we have, when it comes to building budgets. I am proud of them and their dedication to continuously find solutions."



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