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Ione Board considers shorter bus routes

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The board also learned that the Ione Education Foundation approved a \$500 grant written by Ryan Rudolf for a sixth-grade field trip to the Portland Art Museum to see an exhibit on Egyptian artifacts.

In other business, the board:

- heard a request from coach Jim Swanson who asked that the board reconsider cutting back many of the Tuesday night JV athletic games. The board stressed that they and athletic director Dean Robinson were trying to emphasize education by cutting down on missed classes and late nights for the players, especially since the school has only a four-day week. Browning also said that when the players are absent from class, that means that around half of the students are absent. "When the basketball players leave, half the school is gone," she said. She also said that many of the schools who play Ione are also cutting back on mid-week contests. "We're not the only school cutting JV games to increase instruction time," she said. She also commented that transportation is the biggest expense in their budget and, with a tight Morrow County Unified Recreation District budget, paying for additional busses to transport JV and varsity teams separately would not be possible.

- learned that enrollment as of November 14 is 148 students; with 60 students in kindergarten through fifth grade, 38 in grades six through eight and 50 in grades nine through 12.

- heard reports from Browning and board members concerning the recent Oregon School Boards Association convention. Ione students Alex Carlson, Amanda Tullis and Frank Moore performed at the Oregon Small School Breakfast held in conjunction with the conference.

- heard a report on recent fall conferences with Karen Holland arranging Spanish translators, who translated 22 conferences between parents and teachers over two days.

- received a plaque from Mid-Columbia Bus for contracting bus services with them the past four years.

- were entertained at the meeting as middle school students performed "Caps for Sale" and "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly." The students also performed for kindergarten through fifth grade students during National Children's Book Week. Author and pilot Kath McCullough gave an inspirational speech and community member Hasa Brown shared Native American tales and legends.

- learned that Allison Rudolf hosted a senior financial aid night with Blue Mountain Community College. On November 22 students begin preparing for the SAT.

- learned that the entrepreneur class is building decorative Christmas items which will be sold to the public beginning at the first home basketball game December 1. The school is also planning to incorporate a Camp Five day with the entrepreneur class.

- learned that the eighth-grade science class hosted Dr. Todd Jarvis, OSU senior researcher and assistant professor of geosciences, for an hour-long presentation about groundwater supplies, pollution and carbon dating of water.

- learned that the school held a Veteran's Day presentation with posting of the colors, instrumental presentations, poems and songs.

- approved opening negotiations with teachers on one specific issue concerning reimbursement for unused days.

- approved the second reading and adopted policy on instruction.

- approved the first reading of student policy.

- held an executive session on coach evaluations.

- heard the following announcements: winter music performance, Monday, December 11, 6 p.m.; additional work session, Wednesday, December 14, 4 p.m.; December board meeting, Monday, December 18, 7 p.m.

St. Pats Senior Center News

The St. Patrick Senior Center menu for December 29 will be meatloaf, mixed vegetables, mixed green salad, cake and ice cream.

Meeting set on revised floodplain maps

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or living in the identified flood hazard areas, such as along Hinton Creek, Shobe Creek, Willow Creek, Balm Fork, Lorraine Canyon, Rietmann Creek, Blackhorse Canyon, and Little Blackhorse Canyon.

Interested persons are invited to attend a meeting at the NRCS/SWCD Pettyjohn Building, 430 Lexington-Heppner Highway, Heppner, on Monday, December 4, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Representatives from the Oregon State Department of Land Conservation and Development, FEMA, WEST Consultants, Inc., and local communities will be on hand to discuss the study and its affects on ongoing local development.

Greg Smith to emcee Irrigon awards banquet

Irrigon will crown its citizens of the year on Saturday, December 2, at Stokes Landing Community Center, starting a 6:30 p.m. State Representative Greg Smith will be the emcee for the evening. "Greg is always entertaining and has a genuine interest in our local communities," said a spokesperson.

Nominations are being accepted now for "Citizen of the Year", "Outstanding Young Adult", "Educator of the Year", "Volunteer of the Year", and "Public Safety Person of the Year". Nomination forms can be picked up at Irrigon City Hall, Bank of Eastern Oregon in Irrigon, or by calling 922-1915 or 564-0420 and requesting from the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce.

Rounding out the evening will be Mulligan Stew, which will provide special music for the evening. "Interesting and beautiful table centerpieces, decorations, and trees" will be auctioned by auctioneer Paul Kramer. There will also be a special program which is being kept secret until the evening of the banquet.

The banquet will be held at Stokes Landing Community Center at 6:30 pm on Saturday, December 2. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Century 21 and Hermiston Plan Center in Hermiston, and Bank of Eastern Oregon and Huwe's in Irrigon, or call 571-5888 or 5710785 for tickets!

Greenfield Grange plans bazaar

A holiday bazaar will be held December 1 and 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at Greenfield Grange, 209 N.W. 1st St. in Boardman.

Hourly door prize drawings will be held and one does not need to be present to win. Each child, accompanied by a parent, will receive a bag of treats. Craft workshops will be available, one on teaching children to make bird feeders for the winter, another on holiday center piece decorations. Tables of all kinds of crafts and holiday items will be in the hall. The kitchen will serve food all day and coffee is free.

Tables rent for \$5 a day. Any vendor who wishes to have a table may call Jane Dean 481-5223.

Airport improvements



Arial view of Lexington Airport improvements. New taxiway (center) was moved away from main runway (right) and reconstructed. Other new taxiways and new hangars (building at left) have also been added.

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stay in, and will now have a bath and kitchen. An old house now being used will be torn down and a six-bay covered parking area built allowing people to keep cars there when they fly somewhere.

Another upgrade that was completed about four years ago was construction of a new seven-bay enclosed hanger. Private individuals rent out the hangars for airplane storage, and O'Brien says more could

be rented if they were available. "That is a \$300,000 quality structure that was built with a \$175,000 grant," O'Brien points out, again using the public works department work force and equipment to stretch grant dollars.

Installed about three years ago is a radio command system a pilot can use to get weather and other information. It also includes a GPS approach system.

Speaking on the

entire airport upgrade project, O'Brien says he sees the airport as a great asset for South Morrow County. "Having an airport that is appealing will make it an economic plus for the community," he says, pointing out that there is land at the airport available for development if businesses became interested. "This airport could become a really important asset to the people here, and it isn't being done on the backs of the taxpayers of Morrow County," O'Brien says.

Marquardt honored by educators



Darlene Marquardt

Darlene Marquardt, a business instructor at Heppner High School, was recently presented with the Oregon Business and Management Educators Outstanding Newsletter Award. The award was presented at the 57th annual OBME fall conference held in Corvallis on October 13.

Marquardt is the OBME district representative for District VIII. "She has been a valuable asset to her district and to the OBME board. She spends time explaining issues from state and local agencies as well as highlighting the activities of

schools in her region," said an OBME news release.

Each year OBME honors one of the eight district representatives within the state with the most outstanding newsletter award. Representatives compile information they gather from schools within their district and write quarterly newsletters that are disseminated to schools in their district, and to OBME Council members. These newsletters serve as a vital communication link among schools locally and statewide.

"OBME recognizes that the link between our organization and each teacher is critical, so we provide an award to the district representative who

prepares newsletters based on criteria that includes: Completion of two to three district newsletters each year; informative and timely, communicating news from OBME and from schools within the district; writing that is clear, concise, and grammatically correct; overall appearance, quality, format, and design," said the release.

GT closed for thanksgiving

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. All newspaper deadlines will remain the same, Mondays at 5 p.m. Have a safe and happy holiday!

STABLE OF YOUTH GRAND OPENING

Thursday, November 30th
(during Heppner's Parade of Lights)

Join us for a Soup Feed starting at 5 p.m. - \$3 a cup
Christmas Tournaments on Pirates of the Caribbean and Basketball Fever!

Regular Hours: Monday - Thursday 3:30 - 9 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 12 noon - 11 p.m.
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We will be closed November 23rd, 24th & 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday
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