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Irrigon High School sophomores to host donkey basketball game

The Irrigon High School sophomore class will be hosting a donkey basketball game fundraiser Thursday, February 15, at 7 p.m. at the Irrigon High School.

Donkey Sport, Inc. of Entiat, WA will be providing the donkeys and the officials for this event. All proceeds earned from this event will go towards future school activities.

The teams will consist of the Irrigon High School staff, Irrigon High School students, Irrigon High School Booster Club, and the Irrigon Fire Department.

Advance ticket sales can be bought by contacting the high school at 922-5551. Advance ticket prices are adults \$6, students grades 6-12 \$5, students grades K-4 \$4, and under kindergarten are free. Ticket prices at the door will be a dollar more than advance tickets.

University of Idaho Announces Fall 2006 Dean's List

The University of Idaho has named 2,219 students to the fall 2006 Dean's List. To be eligible for this honor, undergraduate students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better in 12 or more graded credit hours during one semester. Law students must earn a 3.0 GPA in 10 or more graded credit hours.

Students who have received this honor from your area, listed by hometown and college are:

Heppner - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: Daniel Robert Jepsen, College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences: Brian Lee Morter

Ione - College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: Adam Ashley McCabe, College of Education: Jamie Elizabeth Vanden Brink.

80 people attend star gazing program in Ione

More than 80 people attended a star gazing program hosted by the Ione Public Library on January 31. Bob Duke, astronomer for the Oregonian, gave a lecture and slide show to a packed crowd at the Ione Community Church.

He talked about the history of astronomy and telescopes, as well as how to use a telescope to locate constellations in the night sky. Due to a cloudy night, the attendees were unable to take the telescopes outside, but the computer program that Duke provided was very informative and enjoyed by all. He then answered questions and showed eager students how to use the telescopes.

The program was sponsored by LEO (Libraries of Eastern Oregon) and made possible by a grant from NASA. Lyn Craig, president of LEO, reports that this is the largest crowd to attend any of the LEO programs. Craig says that if there is enough interest shown in this area LEO could provide other telescopes.

The Ione Public Library now has an Astroscan wide field Stargazer Telescope available to be checked out by the public. Stop by the library during regular hours Mondays and Wednesdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., or contact Librarian Kristy Crowell, 422-7564.



Special visitors
Visiting their dad Don McElligott this week at Murrays Drug was his daughters Kathleen McElligott (left), a pediatrician and director of the Teen-Mom Clinic at the University of Utah, and Mary a nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Pet grievances

As one ages it not easy to get one's foot in one's mouth, but I keep trying. Pet grievances that I harbor include the negativity that is fueling the national scene and promoted by the news media. It would be difficult for any team to win a game if most of the spectators were booing them. That seems to be what's happening with the Iraq situation. Celebrities from both political and

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-Theresa Passmore was convicted of Assault IV, a class A felony - 12 month bench probation, letter of apology, other numerous conditions, \$379 in fines and fees.

-Rocky Ryan Gerard, 19, was convicted of Theft in the first degree, a class C felony - 18 months supervised probation, 80 hours of community service, and other numerous conditions, \$1778 in fines and fees.

-Gomez Ernesto Vargas, 23, was convicted of harassment, a class B misdemeanor - 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended, one-year bench probation, 20 hours of community service served within the first six months of probation, and other numerous conditions, \$588 in fines and fees.

-Martin Domingeaux, 29, was convicted of harassment, a class B misdemeanor - 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended, one-year bench probation, 20 hours of community service to be completed within the first six months of probation, and other numerous conditions, \$413 in fines and fees.

-James Gary Johnson, 43, was convicted of fail to reg fel sex offender, a class C felony - eight months in jail, post-prison supervision of two years, \$528 in fines and fees.

Arts and crafts show to be held in Boardman

An arts and crafts show will be held Saturday, February 10, at Greenfield Grange in Boardman, 209 NW First Street, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Gloria Crowell will be the featured artist.

There will be 20 categories from paintings, drawings, photograph, ceramics to string art and more. First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded.

Art and craft items may be entered Friday, February 9, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. or Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

This show is free to the public.

For more information call Jane Dean at 481-5223.

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

-Brittani Boese, 39, Heppner, careless driving, \$244 fine.

Pen pals

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gun if our threat level gets very high. I am too high a rank to be a lookout I have some of my soldiers who do that. We all keep looking for the bad guys though. I fight in this war to catch the bad guys so they cannot come to where you and I live and be mean to us. I want my kids to grow up in a peaceful country. The kids here can play now that we have caught the bad guys. My dad inspired me to be in the military since he was in the Navy. Thank you for sending me a letter.

SFC David McCurry
Dear Mr. McCurry,
Mr. McCurry let me tell you something about me. My name is Alex Wooten. I love basketball. Do you live on the Army base? Well I go to Summerville Middle School. I'm cool, I'm fun and I like girls. I really love that you are helping us.

Sincerely,
Alex Wooten
Dear Alex,

I am happy you love basketball. I love to play basketball also. I live on a small airfield that is our base. It gets really hot here in the desert. Your eyes and lips really start to feel like a burning feeling when the temperature gets over 120 degrees Fahrenheit. We get sand storms over here that you can get caught in and you feel like someone dumped a bucket of sand on your head. I appreciate you taking the time to write me and from all the soldiers over here we appreciate your support.

SFC David McCurry
Dear Mr. McCurry,
Hi my name is Yuriko. I'm in the 6th grade. I live in Summerville, GA. I am 11 years old. My favorite color is blue! I go to school in Summerville Middle School. I would like to know what is your favorite color what kind of food do you eat? One last thing where do all of you sleep?

I think it is really nice of all of you to be fighting for us. My sister says she is going to be a soldier when she grows up.

Sincerely,
Yuriko Mejia

Dear Yuriko,
He we have the same favorite color since mine is blue also. The food is cooked by people from all different countries. Sometimes it is good, but normally it is not so good. I have a bed with a straw mattress that I sleep on. This place is not so bad once you get used to it. I am happy your sister wants to be a soldier when she grows up. My sister was a soldier and she liked it. She married a soldier. Thanks for sending me a letter.

SFC David McCurry
Dear Mr. McCurry,
Hello! Mr. McCurry,

I just wanted to tell you a few things. First I'm going to tell you about me. My name is Rain Starr Burrage. I'm 11 years old. I'm in the sixth grade. Well I just wanted to ask you a couple of questions. I hope you don't get hurt and make it back safely. What kind of stuff do you do? How long have you been in the Army forces? Do you like being in the Army Reserves? Just a few questions you don't have to answer them just answer at least one of them. If you have wife and kids I know they want you back home safe and sound.

Got to go.
Yours truly,
Rain Burrage
P.S. Get home safely.
Dear Rain,

You have asked what I do and I have many jobs. Some soldiers only have one or two but as a supervisor I have more work than most. I have fixed and crewed aircraft before, but here I work as a Readiness NCO. That means I help to figure out if we are strong enough to win our battles with soldiers and equipment. I am also a Platoon Sergeant. I have been in the Army 14 years so far. I plan on signing up for another 6 years this next week. I am in the Army National Guard, but I am Active with them so I work every day with the Army. I love this career even though it can be stressful sometimes. I have a beautiful wife Tiffany. I have little girl who is three and my son who is five years of age. Thank you for sending me a letter.

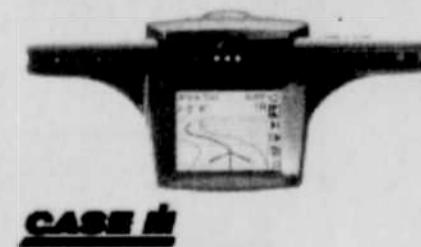
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