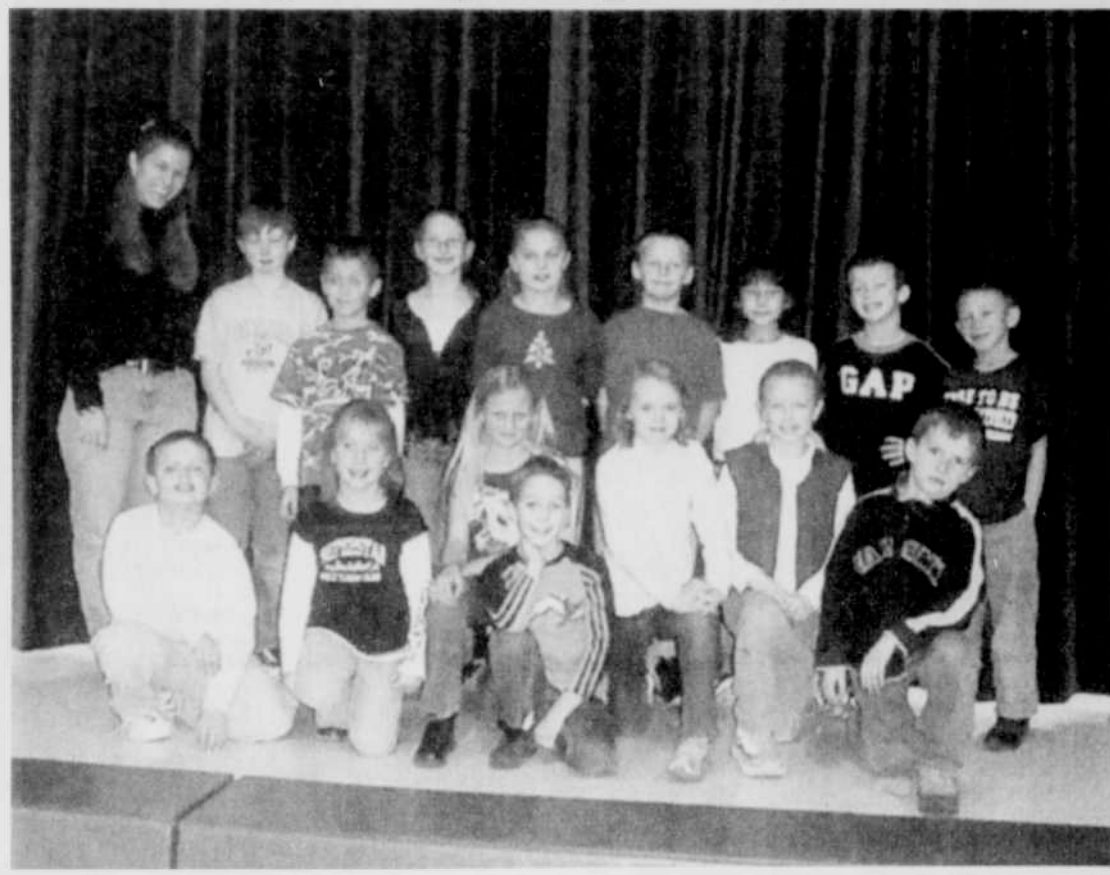


HES third-graders participate in poster contest



Students from Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Osmin's third grade class recently entered the state poster contest of Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear. The Heppner Garden Club sponsored them. Pictured are: front row (L-R) Jordan Williams, Sydney Maben, Melissa Martin, Kai Arbogast, Faith Jones, Caitlynn Bailey, and Tommy Bredfield. Back Row (L-R) Mrs. Smith, Josh Dowdy, Weston Putman, Lexi Bray, Rylee Kollman, Brian Rill, Joyce Chen, Kaden Clark, and Sean Woodall.

Heppner students to participate in chess tournament

16 students from Heppner Elementary School and Heppner Middle School will be traveling to Hermiston on Saturday, February 10, to participate in the Chess for Success regional tournament.

First place individual and team will go on to the state tournament in March in Portland.

Students participating are Joe Armato, Earl Propheter, Zach Hintz, Cody Nelson, Conner Pappas, Kellie Nelson, Cade Arbogast, Ross Cutsforth, John Propheter, Cai Arbogast, Emily Pappas, Rylee Kollman, Kaden Corbin, Kaden Sweeney, Cara Arbogast, and Alex Lindsay.

Wayne Seitz has been coaching the players.

Fanconi Anemia 5K fundraiser to be held in Portland

The Valentine Fanconi Anemia 5K will be held on Sunday, February 11, beginning at 8 a.m. in Portland.

Registration fees for the event are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 if registered by February 9. Registrations made on the day of the event will be \$35 for adults and \$20 for children and will be held from 7 a.m. until 7:45 a.m. under the Morrison Bridge - SW Morrison/Naito, Downtown Portland.

Packet pick up will be February 10 at SW 2nd/Yamhill from 12 p.m. until 4

p.m. Checks can be made out to: Fanconi Anemia Research Fund (FARF). A t-shirt is included with the entry fee.

All proceeds from the Valentine Fanconi anemia 5K will go to the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund; a non-profit organization started in 1989 in Eugene, by Dave and Lynn Frohnmayer.

Money raised will go to further scientific research of Fanconi Anemia, a rare genetic life-threatening disease that leads to bone marrow failure and cancer in children and young adults.

Ione Student Chosen for All NW Honors Orchestra

Eric Jepsen, an Ione freshman, has been selected to play violin in the All NW Honors Orchestra at a concert in the Oregon Convention Center on February 18. Jepsen was one of 4,600 high school students from six states (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Montana, and Wyoming) who sent in an audition tape last fall in hopes of being picked for one of five All NW performing groups. The National Association of Music Education (MENC) is hosting the honor groups as

part of its biennial conference. The MENC Honor Groups consist of a concert band, symphony orchestra, mixed choir, women's choir, jazz band, and jazz choir.

Jepsen, with the help of Ione music teacher Karl Blauer, has been working to learn his orchestra music - which was mailed several weeks in advance of the concert. They will travel to Portland on Thursday, February 15, and Eric will spend three days rehearsing with the orchestra - which will be conducted by Bridget-Michaele Reischl of

the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Oberlin, Ohio. The band and orchestra will give their combined concert on Sunday, Feb 18 at 3:30 p.m. at the Oregon Ballroom at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

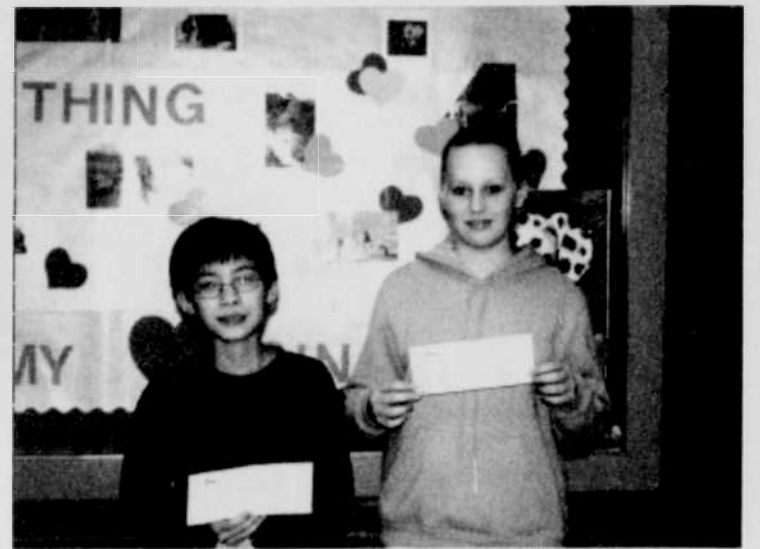
The MENC NW Division Conference will be attended by thousands of music educators. The conference includes workshop sessions, exhibits of music education products and services, and special concerts by well-known musicians and groups such as the Boston Brass.

St. Patrick's Day Button Contest Winners



Katie Moore

The Chamber of Commerce appreciates all of the young people who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Button Contest. There were many fine entries and it was a hard decision to make. However, the Chamber could only have four winners and they are: 1st place: Katie Moore 2nd place: Emily McDaniel 3rd place: Lizzy Rill Hon. Mention: Jonathan Chen



Jonathan Chen and Lizzy Rill

All four winners may pick up their prize money at the Heppner Chamber between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Katie's button was the best overall and her design will be on this year's collector button.

Buttons will go on sale March 12th and can be purchased for \$3 each at the Chamber of Commerce and City Hall. On March 17, buttons can be purchased at the Information Booth that will be located next to the Post Office.

St. Paddy's Cruz-in scheduled

St. Paddy's Cruz-in will be a part of the Heppner St. Patrick's celebration. This marks the 25th year for this "Wee Bit O' Ireland" celebration and the 7th St. Paddy's Cruz-in.

On Saturday, March 17, vehicles will assemble from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the northwest entrance to Heppner on Highway 74, former Kinzua mill site. The Cruz-in Parade into Heppner will begin at noon and vehicles will be displayed on Water Street.

Early registration of \$10 will be held until March 13. On site registration will be \$15. All entries will receive a dash plaque. Plaque awards will be given for Leprechaun's Choice, Mustang Award, and Judges Choice.

Registrations can be faxed to 541-676-9650 or mailed to St. Paddy's Cruz-in, P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR 97836.

For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 676-5536. A full schedule of events can be found at www.heppnerchamber.com or www.Heppner.net.

Elks Americanism Essay Contest winners selected

Students in grades 5-8 at Heppner and Ione recently wrote essays on the theme "Why I'm Proud to be an American."

The following students wrote winning essays:

Ione, grade 6 - 1. Julianne Carleson, 2. Lacey Thompson, 3. Stacey Halvorsen

Heppner, grades 5 and 6 - 1. Mekayla Kindle, 2. Kellie Nelson, 3. John Wilson

Ione, grades 7 and 8 - 1. Beth Morter, 2. Mary Gates, 3. Luke Emmel

These students will receive U.S. Savings Bond awards from the Heppner Elks Lodge, B.P.O.E No. 358. The winning essays will be sent to district and state level competition.

St. Patrick's Day Races revived

The 25th anniversary of Heppner's St. Patrick's Day celebration will see the revival of two signature races from our town's first celebrations, the O'Shanty Race and the O'Hanky Planky Race. Both races will take place on Main Street before the Cruz-In parade.

Teams of two are to design their O'Shantys from refrigerator boxes and

decorate them to look like traditional old outhouses. The O'Hanky Planky Race will consist of teams of four sharing two 10' planks.

These races have historically proven to no only be very popular, but fun for commentators and spectators alike. Application forms and rules can be picked up at the Chamber office.

St. Patrick's celebration play to be held

For the fifth year, Heppner's St. Patrick's Day Celebration will begin with a stage play written by Father Gerry Condon, of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Heppner.

A performance of Emigration to Happiness, a three-act drama, will take place on the church's parish-hall stage on Thursday, March 15, beginning at 7:30 p.m. This production will follow a premier performance in Ione on the previous Sunday, March 11.

Emigration to Happiness represents another historically based drama by Condon, but one centuries more modern than his dramas based on the lives of sainted persons important to the spread of Christianity to Ireland and surrounding areas centuries ago. Emigration takes place in 1845.

The action begins in Ireland and finishes in Oregon.

Fr. Condon and what has become his repertory group of actors have enjoyed presenting the dramas for the March celebration, and after last year's performance, Condon was inspired by Joe Lindsay to write another.

Lindsay, a member of the cast and a local music teacher, is known for his song-writing skills. "Joe said we needed something new, something about an Irish family's coming to the United States and bringing their faith with them," Condon explains. "He said, 'you write the play and I'll write the music,' so I did." While Condon was visiting his sister in Ireland last summer, he found ample time to write the first draft, and he continued work on the drama after returning to Heppner.

During the years of famine in Ireland, from 1842 to 1845, the population dropped from eight million to four and a half million. Millions of Irish citizens immigrated to the United States in what have become known as "famine ships." Condon's drama focuses on the fate of a husband and wife and some of their neighbors who decide to seek new and better lives in America.

Once again, the dessert-theatre presentations will be free to the public, with any donations going to a charity that the cast and production crew will select.

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