

## Heppner students to enter CyberFair



Pictured are Heppner High Students in Mrs. Marquardt's class: Brynna Rust, Jessica Hughes, Chance Day, Forrest Reed, and Klarissa Wellman. Other participating students that were not pictured are: Ayla Fuimaono, Kellee Jones, Jodessa Chapa, Erin Price, Bryan Holland, Mark McCabe, Myah Southworth, Stephanie Howard, Kim Crumbliss, Chris Lien, and Keenan Jack.

-Photo by Darlene Marquardt

Heppner students are exploring the historical past of Heppner, Morrow County and surrounding areas. It is part of their yearly CyberFair entry. Each year one, or several, of Mrs. Marquardt's computer classes have entered this contest. This is the fourth year to have an entry.

There were several categories in which students could choose from for entering. This year they choose "Historical Landmarks." They chose the category because they believe their community is so rich with history. The entry must be completed by Wednesday, March 7.

Anyone interested can watch the work in progress by visiting the

entry site at <http://www.geocities.com/heppnerycyberfair/CyberFair2007/>

The theme for the overall CyberFair 2007 is "Empower and Unite!" Students are encouraged to prepare for the future by thinking about the possible future, the probable future, the preferable future and the preventable future. Projects that best illustrate "future thinking" are invited to the World Future Society international conference in Minneapolis, MN, July 2007.

Now in its 12th year, CyberFair has been described as the largest educational event of its kind ever held on the Internet. This program brings together more than one

million students across 109 countries.

To view past winners and take a virtual journey around the globe to learn about people, programs and their communities, visit the website at <http://www.gsh.org/gsh/cf/>.

International Schools CyberFair is an award-winning, authentic learning program used by schools and youth organizations around the world. Youth conduct research and publish their findings on the Web. Recognition is given to the best projects in each of eight categories: local leaders, businesses, community organizations, historical landmarks, environment, music, art, and local specialties.

This White House endorsed program encourages youth to become community ambassadors by working collaboratively and using technology to share what they have learned. Students evaluate each other's projects by using a unique online evaluation tool.

CyberFair activities are designed to support 21st century learning skills and global literacy standards. CyberFair encourages youth to connect the knowledge they learn in school to real world applications.

## IHS Chemistry Class takes career field trip

By Alex Carlson

The Ione High School Chemistry class took a field trip to Chemical Waste Management in Arlington and the Boardman Coal Fire Plant on Wednesday, February 21. The first stop on the trip was at Chemical Waste Management. There, the class learned how they neutralize chemicals for disposal and the techniques that they use to dispose of them. The lab manager showed the class the landfill and the laboratory. In the lab, he explained the different processes of neutralization and detection. The class also observed the different containers that neutralized chemicals are put into.

The next stop on the field trip was the Boardman Coal Fire Plant. While at the plant, the class was able to do many things such as meet the chemists and tour the plant. A chemist at the coal fire plant has to control the water quality and the students were able to learn how they do that. Along with meeting the chemists, the class saw train cars of coal get unloaded, observed the fireball, and saw the main control room of the plant. Teacher, Mr. Holland, said, "I'm very glad that the students were able to see how some of the chemistry concepts that they've been learning can be applied in real life."

## HHS FFA to celebrate FFA week

The Heppner FFA Chapter will be celebrating FFA Week March 5 - 10.

Activities planned are as follows: Monday, March 5, will be the tike tractor obstacle course and the dress for the day is in your favorite tractor color. The dress for Wednesday, March 7, is like your favorite animal. Thursday, March 8, will be a free community breakfast at HHS from 6-8 a.m. (Menu: sausage gravy and biscuits, juice and coffee, a straw bale throwing contest will be held with the days dress as cowboy/cowgirl, a petting zoo will be held in the afternoon for elementary students. Friday, March 9, will be donkey basketball at 7 p.m. The FFA members will take on the HHS staff. Pre-sale tickets are available for \$6 for adults, \$5 for 7th-12th grade students, \$4 for K-6th grade, and younger is free. Tickets will be available at the door, for an additional dollar. The donkeys are being provided by Bruce Wick of Donkey Sports from Entiat, WA.

Following the donkey basketball will be a barn dance in the Ag Barn. The dance will last from 9 p.m. until 12 a.m. HHS students are invited and it is free.

The FFA members will be celebrating a fun-filled week with a trip to TriCities to see the Americans Hockey team play on Saturday, March 10. FFA members need to remember to get the money in for tickets.

## FFA Happenings

By Kelsie Fox, Heppner FFA Chapter Reporter

As the reporter from the Heppner FFA chapter, I would like to tell you about some of the activities that members of our chapter have involved in this year. We have participated in curricular activities, FFA activities and many fundraising activities.

Some of the class activities include: visiting the Thompson's Ranch, where we had the opportunity to help preg check and vaccinate the cows. The Horticulture/Wildlife Management class had a day-long field trip. The trip included a trip to Cottage Flowers of Hermiston. Julie Spoo, of Cottage Flowers showed how she constructs flower arrangements. The next stop on the trip was at the Oregon State University Experiment Station. The research scientists there are working to develop potato varieties that are resistant to bugs; the students also had a presentation about Integrated Pest Management while they were there.

Hermiston High School Ag Program hosted us for a tour and Tom Spoo gave some demonstrations in the greenhouse. Students were growing poinsettias and gave us some background on how to do this successfully. The field trip concluded with a stop at the Irrigon Fish Hatchery. These students recently raised and released Rainbow Trout eggs for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The 158 fry were released in to Willow Creek Reservoir before the holidays.

Some of the FFA events we have participated include: District Ag Sales Contest. Students choose a product or service to sell to a possible customer (judge). Each student also had a practicum area that they took part in and gained points for the team's overall score. The practicums were telephone skills, media, prospecting, and customer relations.

There is also a team activity, where four members work together to problem solve and present a solution for a company's said dilemma. We did pretty well for our first year. Kelsie Fox earned the most points for our chapter in Ag Sales, while Andre Rauch was runner-up.

Participants from Heppner included: Trent

Miles, Taylor Disque, Kendra Rayburn, Kelsie Fox and Andre Rauch.

The Heppner FFA Chapter hosted the Blue Mountain District Soils Contest at Brian and Susie Thompson's ranch. The contest was a great success and every student that participated had a delicious lunch thanks to the Heppner Booster Club. It was a learning contest and we all had a lot to learn and did a great job at the contest. Emily Thompson received ninth place High Individual. Kendra Rayburn chose to participate in the Job Interview contest and did an awesome job!

We sponsored a Can Food Drive, which every class brought the most cans got a root beer float party. The junior class won the contest, and we were able to donate more than 250 items to the Neighborhood Center.

We've been really busy with fund raising. We sold apples, which was a great success due to community members, school employees and the schools. We made about \$800. We sold Krispy Kremes in January they were sold for \$8.00 per dozen. We also had a pizza feed and were able to sell out of food at the Weston game.

We are also planning a trip to a Hockey game in TriCities on March 10th to celebrate Greenhand degrees. The Greenhand degree is the first degree that FFA members earn in the organization. That will be a culmination of the FFA Week Activities.

We are celebrating FFA Week March 5-10 and have a variety of activities going on through that week. We would like to invite the community to a free breakfast that Thursday (March 8) from 6 a.m.-8 a.m. here at the school to show our appreciation for the support you've shown the program in its first year back here at Heppner High.

The chapter will be traveling to the State FFA Convention being held in Corvallis at OSU March 23-27. We will have two delegates from our chapter, as well as other members going to represent Heppner and serve on committees during the convention. We hope to make it over to the coast to visit Newport, since we'll be so close and some of our members haven't been to the Oregon coast before.

## HHS TSA members attend competition



Pictured are: L-R: Chess Little, Casey O'Neal, Baillie Keithley, Brock Herbison, Christopher Hendricks, Jordan Shepherd and Patty Little.

Students from the Heppner High TSA (Technology Student Association) braved the weather to attend the winter competition in Pendleton. They competed in three events against six other schools in the region. The events included Dragster Design (a Co2 powered race

car, Technology Problem Solving and Cyber Space Pursuit (web page design). Christopher Hendricks and Jordan Shepherd took second in Technology Problem Solving and Baillie Keithley and Casey O'Neal took third in Cyber Space Pursuit.

## IMS students take educational field trip to Portland



Pictured are back row, standing: Mariah Bradfield, Jeremy Coleman, Christine Raible, Cassie Arbogast, Makenna Ramos, Mary Rietmann, Kaleb Dumler, Micah Stillman, Luke Emmel, Adam Collin, Jordan Peterson and Omar Mancilla; bottom row, kneeling: Mason Haguewood, Steven Holland and Melanie Eldrige.

"Lions, tigers and monkeys. Oh, my!" That was kind of the theme for the recent field trip the seventh and eighth graders of Ione Middle School went on this past week. Students visited the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, OMSI, and the Oregon Primate Research Center in Beaverton.

"It was a fantastic experience," said middle school science teacher, Erin Heideman. "I was extremely proud of how these young people handled themselves

and the efforts they made in order to be able to go. They represented our community very well."

Due to a grant from the Ione Education Foundation, students boarded a cruiser for Portland early Thursday morning and spent all day at OMSI. They watched an Omnimax theatre presentation of Mt. Everest, attended a watershed lab with OMSI personnel, toured the USS Blueback Submarine and rode a motion simulator in addition

to getting to see all the OMSI exhibits.

After a group dinner and a unique hotel stay with middle schoolers, students visited the Oregon Primate Research Center in Beaverton. This facility was the first of its kind in the United States and is now only one of eight. It houses over 4000 monkeys and 6000 rodent type creatures that are used in a variety of research areas. All students got a first hand look at the primates, their living quarters and all of the lab areas scientists and their assistance work in. "I had never seen monkeys so close," said eighth grader Marco Juarez. "I wish I could have touched one."

Several parents and chaperons volunteered their time to attend the field trip.

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