

## Nominations sought for Oregon History Teacher of the Year

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is seeking nominations for the annual Oregon History Teacher of the Year Award. The Institute, in partnership with Preserve America, inaugurated the award in 2004.

The History Teacher of the Year Award is designed to promote and celebrate the teaching of American history in classrooms across the United States. It honors one exceptional teacher of American history from each state and U.S. territory. [This year, only K-6 teachers are eligible for nomination.] The selection of the state winner is based upon several criteria, including: experience in teaching American history for at least three years; a deep career commitment to teaching American history; evidence of creativity and imagination

in the classroom; and close attention to documents, artifacts, historic sites, and the other primary materials of history.

The state winner will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and will be in the running for the National History Teacher of the Year award to be selected this fall. His or her school library will receive a core archive of history books and materials.

The deadline is March 12, 2007. For more information, contact Andrea Morgan, Oregon Coordinator, at 503-947-5772 or [andrea.morgan@state.or.us](mailto:andrea.morgan@state.or.us).

Founded in 1994, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History promotes the study and love of American history. Increasingly national and international in scope, the Institute targets audiences ranging from students to scholars to the general

public. It helps create history-centered schools and academic research centers, organizes seminars and enrichment programs for educators, partners with school districts to implement Teaching American History grants, produces print and electronic publications and traveling exhibitions, and sponsors lectures by eminent historians. The Institute also funds awards including the Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and George Washington Book Prizes and offers fellowships for scholars to work in history archives, including the Gilder Lehrman Collection.

Preserve America is a White House initiative that encourages greater shared knowledge about the nation's past and increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets.



The HHS Band, directed by Joe Lindsay, was honored at the State Playoffs as the "Best Pep Band" at the State 2A Tournament. —Photo by Sandi

## American Legion to celebrate 88<sup>th</sup> birthday

The American Legion will meet on Monday, March 12, to celebrate its 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. A potluck dinner will be held at 6 p.m. at the St. Pat's Senior Center in honor of the Legion's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. The

Auxiliary will furnish cake and ice cream.

The Legion members will be selling raffle tickets for a 32" TV set and \$100. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased from any auxiliary

members or at Hair I Am Salon. Proceeds will go toward a scholarship drawing to be held on April 8.

All members are invited to attend.

## Local students make Honor Roll at OSU

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Fall term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 554 students earned straight A (4.0). Another 2,364 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Students on the Honor Roll included:

Boardman - 3.5 or Better: Andrew D. Goad, Junior, Computer Science; Ruben Mendoza, Freshman, Animal Sciences.

Heppner - 3.5 or Better: Marcy A. Miller, Senior, Sociology; Travis S. Wilhelm, Senior, Mechanical Engineering.

Ione - 3.5 or Better: Cameron L. Krebs, Senior, Agricultural Business Management.

## Rabbit 4-H holds first meeting

Rabbit 4-H held its first meeting on Sunday, February 18, in Lexington at KT's Bunny Barn across the street from the Temple's vet office.

The next meeting will be held Friday, March 23, at KT's Bunny Barn. Everyone is welcome. Rabbits can be borrowed from the leaders or can be

purchased for \$25. Enrollment fees for Rabbit 4-H are \$5 for the year.

Current members are Hannah Jones and Karlie Crumbliss. President is Hannah Jones and secretary is Karlie Crumbliss. Jones and Crumbliss are also the reporters. Leaders are Kathy Tellechea and Pamela Renfro.

## Local Scouts go scouting for food



Those that participated this year were Kevin and Rick Smith, Wyatt and Jennifer Steagall, Nicholas Allen, Clyde Britt, Austin Harris, Tre Cimmiyotti, Joe Schmidt, Eriq Thompson, Jeff and Susan Thompson. Not pictured: Clyde Britt, Austin Harris.

Cub Scouts from Pack 661, in Heppner and Lexington, participated in the National Scouting for Food community service program on Saturday, March 3.

Twelve Cub Scouts and parents went door to door to collect donations of canned food items as part of the Blue Mountain Council's "Scouting for Food" campaign.

"We collected 257 cans and other food items for the Heppner Neighborhood Center," said Cubmaster, Susan Thompson. "Next year, we hope to have even more Cub Scouts and Parents participate and collect even more donations."

If anyone still wishes to donate, please take contributions directly to the Neighborhood Center.

## Ione Ag I class hosts speaker

Erin Heideman's elective Ag I class at Ione Community School hosted Mr. Ed Rollins, assistant vice president with the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione. During Mr. Rollins' presentation he talked about loan opportunities for businesses in our area in addition to how students can earn a good credit rating. Students also had the opportunity to review an actual balance sheet and income and expense trends of a local business.

Kayla LaRue, Ione senior, said, "I really appreciated the time Mr. Rollins took to speak to our class. I learned a lot about financial aid for college, saving my money and how to make more responsible decisions regarding my money."

Students in the Ag I class are getting a crash course in a variety of subjects including the current unit, agriculture business management. Other subjects include food science, animal husbandry and veterinarian medicine, agricultural law and sustainability, crop science and Oregon agriculture.

Anyone interested in offering a field trip opportunity or being a guest speaker is welcomed anytime.

## Ione American Legion to host game night fundraiser

A Texas Hold'em, bingo, and game night fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 10, from 5 until 10 p.m. at the Ione American Legion Hall.

A silent auction will be held, as well as home-baked goodies that are sure to tempt the palate.

Sub-sandwiches, salads, relishes, and beverages will be served. A no-host bar hosted by Taylors Restaurant will be available for soft drinks, beer, or wine.

A Marlin .22 Rifle valued at \$350 and a Sternwheeler Cruise package valued at \$110 will also be raffled. Tickets for the rifle or cruise raffle are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. They may be purchased from any Legion or Auxiliary member or at Taylors Restaurant, MCGG, Colliers Market, or Office Café.

Everyone is welcome.

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The rule of thumb says that if your present mortgage is two or more points higher than current rates, refinancing should work to your advantage. In utilizing any rule of thumb, it is important to remember that it is only a guideline and may not be applicable in all circumstances.

You see, the downside of refinancing involves up-front costs, such as prepayment penalty (if your present mortgage includes this clause), application fees, appraisal fees, legal fees, other recording fees and points. Each point is equal to

one percent of the mortgage commitment. For example, one point on a \$140,000 mortgage would be \$1,400.

If you're planning to remain in your present home for the long term and expect to be paying on your mortgage for many years, the costs of refinancing may be well worth the expense and save you thousands of dollars in interest expenses. However, if you pay the up-front expenses and relocate in a short period of time, refinancing may not be the prudent course for you.

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### FFA Week celebrated with activities



The FFA Chapter started the week off with Tractor Driving contest during activity period on Monday, March 5. The contest was open to one boy and one girl from Jr. High, 9, 10, 11, and 12. The winners were: Chris Lien and Cyde Coil.

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