

Ione class attends Hermiston Farm Fair



Kaylee Svetich, Brenna Rietmann and Kaylee Palmateer



Cory Peterson, Kip Krebs, JJ Dixon, RJ Ramos, Richard Bohna and Clay Morter.

The crop science class at Ione Community School attended the Hermiston Farm Fair on November 29. Each student was responsible for investigating a product to report back to class with in addition to a particular job or occupation.

"The objective of this field trip was to introduce students to the broad array of agricultural products and to encourage entry into an agriculturally related occupation," said crops teacher Erin Heideman.

Ronnie Wilson, a junior, said "I really liked getting to get out of school and see something beyond our little town of Ione. I didn't realize there were so many different ag products."

MCHD to mail donation flyer

The Morrow County Health District will soon be mailing out a flyer to all residents of south Morrow County seeking donations for its Long-Term Swing Bed Renovation Project. "We've applied for grant monies from several organizations, and most of them require fund raising at the local level to qualify for their grants," explained District Administrator Victor Vander Does. "All donations are tax deductible," he added. The program will allow up to 12 area residents to receive long-term (nursing home) care at the hospital. The estimated cost to renovate the south wing of the hospital to implement the program is \$767,000. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring and be completed this summer.

The area has been without any long-term care since the District was forced to close its nursing home in 2003 due to very low reimbursement rates. Following that closure Vander Does began seeking a way to replace the service and was instrumental in obtaining an Oregon Administrative Rule change which allows small hospitals in remote areas to offer long-term care and receive more favorable reimbursement rates. Pioneer Memorial Hospital is one of only three hospitals in the state to qualify to offer this long-term care service.

Currently the project has received \$20,000 from Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation and \$20,000 in Tippage Fees from Morrow County. Pioneer Memorial Hospital/Nursing Home Auxiliary was recently awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation of Pendleton for the project.

Heppner Dance performs Winter Recital



The dancers of Heppner Dance performed their Winter Recital Wednesday, December 5, at Heppner High School. The dancers are coached by Elyshia Rennison of Echo. Elyshia comes to Heppner to teach tap, jazz and pre-ballet to children ages 2 and up.

The dancers are front row (L-R): Nichole Prophet, Ava Hegler, Annabelle McDaniel, Cheyenne Shaw, Gracie Orem, Harley Anderson, Marlee Mitchell, and Genevieve Smith. Middle row: Breawna Teeman, Claire Grieb, Susie Teeman, Nichole Shaw, Cheyenne Smith, Jaden Mahoney, Jacee Currin, and Madison Combe. Back row: Mich Hintz, Kodie Arnold, Makayla Kindle, Maddie Lindsay, Elyshia Rennison, Paige Grieb, Ella McCormack, and Jasmine Garcia.

Ione Community Church to have Christmas program

The Ione Community Church Christmas program will be held Sunday, December 16, at the 11 a.m. church service.

The Sunday School classes, along with the youth group and worship team, will present "Modern Baby Jesus" written by Yvonne Morter.

Everyone is invited attend. A coffee hour will be held after the Christmas program.

Girl Scout Troop goes bowling for hats



Madison Jewett and other members of Girl Scout Troop #3402 went bowling for hats on Tuesday, December 4. K-4th graders participated in the bowling fundraiser. Funds raised were donated to the Neighborhood Center. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

Title Movie Night to be held at HES

The Heppner Elementary School Title program presents "Olive, the Other Reindeer" on Thursday, December 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the HES Library. Get comfy, have refreshments, and enjoy a great, family movie.

There will be a short Title meeting before the movie to let families know about all the programs offered by Title funding and how we can help.

Refreshments will be served after the movie. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. "Olive" us at HES hope you can come.

Pendleton Church to perform annual Living Nativity

One of the can't miss Christmas events of Eastern Oregon is the Living Nativity performed annually at the Roy Raley Park on Sunday, December 16, beginning at 6 p.m. with a one hour walk through and finishing with a drive through from 7-9 p.m.

In 1990 the Pendleton Faith Center Foursquare Church produced their first living nativity, a still acting production of the story of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. In the beginning the people of Faith Center desired to present a gift to the citizens of Pendleton to illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. Initially the production focused on the events leading up to the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. The production has grown from 9 scenes to 13 scenes with live actors, animals, props, music, and scripture verses illuminated with strobe lights.

Starting in 2003 the new scenes illustrate the crucifixion, resurrection and return of Jesus Christ. The final scene represents the only event yet to happen in scripture, the victorious return of Jesus Christ to gather his very own from every tribe, tongue and nation of the world.

The total production requires about 150 people with approximately 100 actors and 12 animals. Individuals from many different churches help Faith Center stage this production. The event could not continue without the full support of the City of Pendleton which provides the use of Roy Raley Park and police traffic control. In addition the Round-Up association provides use of the Helper's Room under the stadium and Gordon's Electric generously donates electrical services for hooking up all lighting for the scenes.

The living nativity presently draws an audience from many surrounding communities of over 3,000 people of all ages who walk or drive through the park. A walk though only opportunity is offered from 6-7 p.m. and a walk or drive through from 7-9 p.m. on Sunday evening close to Christmas. This year the event will be produced on Sunday December 16, starting at 6 p.m. The price is free to the public, just like the price of eternal life that Jesus Christ continues to offer to all mankind. Faith Center Church projects a hearty invitation to the citizens of Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington to experience the gift of Christmas first hand this year as a love offering from the citizens of Pendleton.

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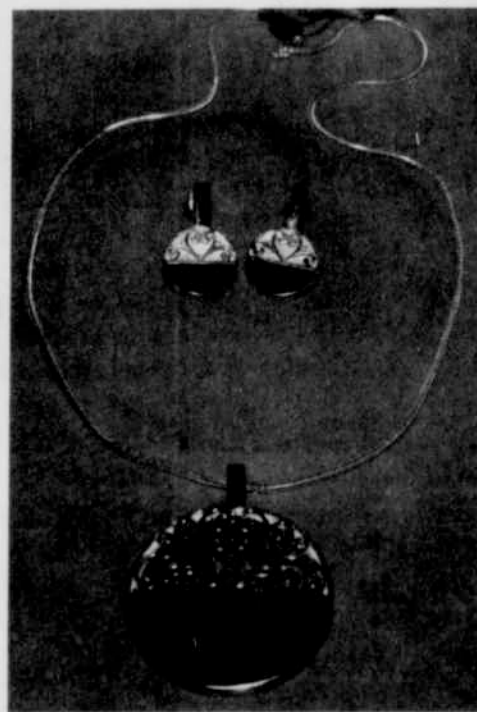
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