

The story of Martin Luther King Jr.

By Melissa Robbins West

This month on Monday January 21, the United States will celebrate the federal holiday Martin Luther King Day. Banks, post offices, schools and all federal agencies will be closed.

During the 1960's the United States was in a turmoil. Riots and violent demonstrations were rampant due to racial segregation, hate crimes, and many other events. However, there was one voice of sanity that stood out among the crowd beseeching people to stop the violence and come together as one instead of many. This man was instrumental in promoting peace during a very trying time. This man was Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, GA. He

grew up to become a Baptist minister promoting peace and harmony among all races.

In 1961 the F.B.I. began wire tapping King's phone in fear that he was trying to change American government from a Democracy to communist nation due to one of King's friends being a known strong supporter of the communist movement.

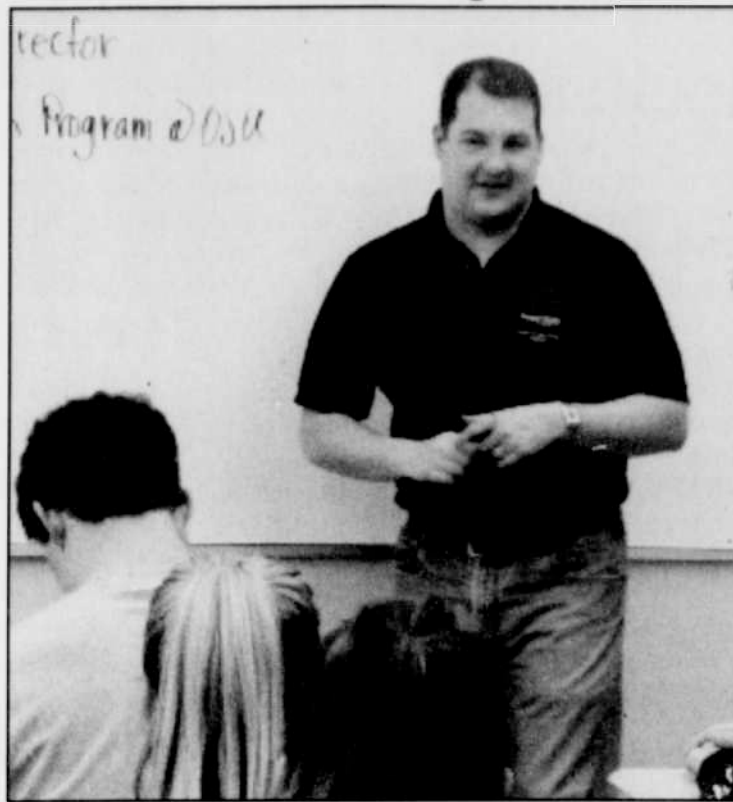
In 1963 King's promotions of peace eventually lead to the March on Washington. It was here that King gave his famous speech that would change history. The speech was called "I Have a Dream." This speech raised awareness in the crowd. People decided that they needed to keep protesting about the inequalities, but they needed to do it peace-

fully and nonviolent. King's new strategy was to hold rallies and peaceful protests instead of the violent protests and rallies.

Due to his work and dedication in 1964 King became the youngest person to receive a Nobel peace prize for his efforts in peace. Even though King tried to reach everyone and tried to get them to understand where he was coming from, there were still a few who didn't and didn't want change.

On April 4, 1968 at the Lorraine Hotel in Memphis, N King was assassinated. Even though he was killed his "dream" for all men to be created equal did not die. People realized the importance of peace and equality making King's dream of one nation a reality.

Ione class hosts OSU speaker



Two of Erin Heideman's classes at Ione Community School had the unique opportunity to host Oregon State University assistant director for program outreach for the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University, Brett Jeter, for two one hour classes on college options on Monday.

"It was interesting to learn the actual cost of several state colleges and universities as well as what programs there are and how to maybe go about choosing a major," said sophomore David Wilson. "It was nice to listen to someone from an actual college."

Mr. Jeter's presentation talked extensively about colleges within universities, the actual cost, how to apply for scholarships and the steps students needed to take now in order to be eligible for a university setting currently.

To learn more about Oregon State University log onto <http://www.oregonstate.edu>.

HES Geography Bee to be held

The Heppner Elementary School Geography Bee competition will be held on Wednesday, January 23, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the HES gym. This competition is open to the public and parents. Families are especially invited to attend.

This year's competitors will be: Cade Arbogast, Caitlynn Bailey, Joe

Schmidt, Weston Putman, Tommy Bredfield, Ross Cutsforth, Jeff Dowdy, John Propheter, Alyssa Wizner, and Paige Grieb. They will be competing with each other, answering both oral and written questions.

The winner of this bee will take an exam provided by the National Geographic Society to qualify for the state Geography Bee which will be held later in the spring.

"If you are interested in geography, this would be a great event to come and watch," stated Molly Rill, TAG coordinator at Heppner Elementary. "We have some great kids competing on some really difficult questions. I'm glad the answers are provided!"

Ione Education Foundation announces formation of new company

The Ione Education Foundation announces the formation of a new company named Grow Ione Incorporated. The company has been formed to develop a 40 acre parcel donated to the Ione Education Foundation by the Mary Emert family.

The Ione Education Foundation and the Ione Community Agribusiness Organization (ICABO) have formed the new company and will hold shares of stock in the corporation. The board of directors of Grow Ione Inc. are: Ed Rollins, Tim Holtz, Jerry Rietmann, Linda LaRue, Craig Hol-

land, Stacie Miller, and Howard Mullins. The board represents the Ione Education Foundation, ICABO, the Ione City Council and the community at large. The directors are charged with the task of developing the property. Grow Ione Inc. is off to a good start and will receive a grant from Morrow County, this grant will finance an engineer to develop a plan for the development of the property.

Grow Ione Inc. will share the goal of the Education Foundation and ICABO of supporting improvement

of the Ione School by encouraging growth in the Ione community. The Ione Education Foundation board will continue to concentrate their time and effort on enhancing the education of the students attending the Ione Community School. The Education Foundation board appreciates the support community members show for the school. Ione is fortunate to have families like the Mary Emert family, who generously give, knowing that the future of Ione lies with the education of its children.

Arlington superintendent speaks to Ione class



Raymon Smith, superintendent of Arlington schools, was a guest speaker in the personal finance and management class at Ione High School. The class has been going through a unit called "Where's Mom Now That I Need Her?" and Mr. Smith helped determine how to purchase and choose good cuts of meats.

Strong concerns for young voters

By Katie Kilkenny

There are strong concerns for young HHS voters today. Having another race or sex in the white house besides a Caucasian man would be a gargantuan turn in American history. America is supposed to be the country of opportunity and equality, and what better way to showcase that than to have a historical election year and putting someone of those characteristics into office, but are those qualifications alone enough to vote for a candidate?

When asked if they had the opportunity today, who they would vote for and why, some students, in my opinion, had troubling replies. Over 70% of the students asked replies were because he's black, or because she is a woman. When asked what about the issues? Most replied those are the issues. This placed the question in my mind, what would they do if there were two women running or two individuals of the same minority race, especially if they were both serious candidates?

This election had the chance to be incredibly historical. I'm concerned though, that people aren't seeing the issues. A woman or a person of another race in office would be amazing, but the right woman or right man. Students need to see past the skin color or appearance, and see the issues. Vote for the right reasons, not the right look.

Heppner and Irrigon MCHD clinics to be closed

Morrow County Health District clinics in Heppner and Irrigon will be closed on Monday, January 21, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

Dec. 15 continued:- MCSO received a report about an elderly male who was sleeping in a gray car alone on the side of the road.

-MCSO received a report from an off duty Boardman Police Chief regarding criminal mischief at the MCSO Gun Range.

-MCSO issued a citation to Marcial Ayala Lemus, 53, for Driving Uninsured and for improper display of Stickers.

-MCSO received a report regarding the padlock to the gate that blocks off the coal mine was cut. The reporter added that who ever cut the padlock did not make it to the top.

-MCSO received a report that the reporter witnessed a purse fall off the top of a car on Hwy 730. The reporter had the purse and would like to turn it over to a deputy.

-MCSO arrested Stephan Robert Wilson, 21, for Driving under the Influence and was issued a citation for Minor in Possession (subject was not 21 at the time) and for an open container.

Mustang Wrestling Schedule

- Jan. 19 - Justin Harjo Invitational at Irrigon at 9 a.m.
- Jan. 24 - League Dual at Heppner, 5 p.m.
- Jan. 31 - League Dual at Irrigon, 5 p.m.
- Feb. 2 - Pine Eagle Tourney at 10 a.m.
- Feb 8-9 - District Championship at Enterprise/Joseph.

HJH Wrestling Schedule

- January 17 - 4 p.m. at Pendleton.
- January 24 - 4 p.m. at Riverside.
- February 2 - 9 a.m. at The Dalles Tourney.
- February 8 - 4 p.m. at Armand Larive.
- February 12 - 4:30 p.m. at Irrigon.
- February 21 - 4 p.m. at The Dalles.
- February 26 - 4 p.m. at Heppner.
- March 1 - Regional Qualifier (TBA).

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