

Ione students participate in Elect To Read @ Your Library Celebrate Heppner Christmas Event Schedule



Students in grades K-3 had a great time in Mrs. Halvorsen's reading incentive program known as Elect To Read @ Your Library.

This program was based on the amount of minutes a student spent reading. They also received extra minutes for doing fun things like making posters of "My teacher for President," turning in fun trivia on past Presidents, naming Presidents on Mt. Rushmore and money.

Classes (or teams) competed against each other for top minutes. The main prizes were strictly awarded on an individual basis, but there was a prize for the highest average reading time. Team members supported one another as it's true that together everyone achieves more.



Top Photo: K-3 students receive their prizes from Librarian Cathy Halvorsen. Bottom Photo: Librarian Cathy Halvorsen with the first grade on red, white and blue day. -Contributed Photos

The Kindergarten class won the team prize logging in with 16,130 minutes. This class was awarded blue bubblegum ice cream

cones for their efforts. All students were awarded reading certificates along with individual prizes and bookmarks handed out each week. They each were awarded grand prizes at the conclusion. Top reader of the whole program was Aaron Smythe from second grade with 1484 minutes.

The top 5 readers from each class and their total minutes read were as follows:

Kindergarten: Taylor Rollins-1480, Eva Martin-1250, Malychi Wenberg-1192, Colt Parker-1165, and Cameron Crum-1115.

First Grade: Nate Ostheller-1292, Megan Doherty-928, Mathew Orem-805, Jill Rudolf-765, and Emma Rietmann 715.

Second Grade: Aaron Smythe-1484, Renee Peterson-1281, Gracie Crum-1160, Syd Payant-1104, and Nester Ramirez-875.

Third Grade: Roman Rodriguez-1373, Morgan Orem-1305, Karsyn Rios-1255, Austin Morter-890, and Seth Thompson-485.



The schedule as follows is for the Customer Appreciation Day and Celebrate Heppner Christmas Event:

- 5:00- 5:45 p.m. - Get your picture made with Santa at the Elks Lodge
- 6:00 p.m. - Light parade on Main Street (Sponsored by Columbia Basin Electric Coop)
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Dinner served by the Elks Club - \$10 adult; \$6 children up to age 12.
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Pictures with Santa at the Elks Lodge
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Drop your "rewards card" into the drawing bag for the prizes of your choice (make sure your name is on each rewards card), buy 50/50 tickets for a chance to win some "cash" and purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the four Chamber Raffle Baskets. You will need to do this before the drawings begin at 7:30 p.m.
- 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Drawing for "rewards card"



Pictured in the top photo are the Rewards Card prizes that will be available on Thursday night at the Elks Club. Bottom Photo: Chamber Raffle Baskets. -Photos by Autumn Morgan

prizes. You must be present or send someone to put your rewards in the prizes and take them for you if your rewards card is drawn. Drawing for Chamber Raffle Basket winners (don't need to be present to win). Rewards Card prizes are on display at Heppner City Hall. Chamber Raffle Baskets are on display at Heppner TV. Rewards Card prizes range from Barbie puzzles and camouflage gloves to manicures and

prime rib dinners. Don't forget to bring a toy for the Elks toy drive and be entered into a special drawing. Come and spend a fun evening with family and friends and celebrate Christmas with the Heppner Community. Various local merchants will be holding open houses for Customer Appreciation Day with events, activities and specials throughout the day on Thursday. You don't want to miss the fun.

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Hospital to hold open house for long-term care unit

Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner will hold an Open House in honor of the new hospital expansion on Monday, December 22, from 2 to 7 p.m.

Construction has been underway since June and is now complete. "We're just winding up some furnishing details," says Administrator Victor Vander Does. "We've had great local support for this project and we'd like everyone to come and see it," he said.

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Heppner students headed to presidential inauguration



These Heppner High School students will be traveling to Washington D.C. for the presidential inauguration. -Contributed Photo

By **Taighler Dougherty**

This January 15 students from Heppner High School are proud and thrilled to be attending the inauguration of president elect Barack Obama in Washington D.C.

Last March Heppner High School created a civics club that focused on politics and the United States government. Sara Ballard is the president of the club. Accompanying them on the trip is John Flaherty, HHS social studies teacher, and Elizabeth Ballard, Sarah's mother.

The club has been working extremely hard

working for money to help pay for portions of the trips. Each family has sacrificed a lot to make this trip possible.

The group has been fundraising since March. Soup feeds, car washes, yard sales and currently a steer raffle are being used to help generate funds.

The places that they will visit are the Smithsonian, famous monuments, memorials, and a special tour of the capital are some of the planned events. Sara Ballard remarked that she is looking forward to the diverse sight seeing opportunities that D.C. provides. She is also excited about the private wreath lying ceremony that the students will participate in the at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The kids are very excited to go and cannot wait. They appreciate the community's support for the help that is allowing them this opportunity to attend such a historical event.

Senior Center Menu

Christian Life Center church members will be serving lunch on Friday, December 26. The menu will include roast beef, au gratin potatoes, green beans, hot spiced apple cider, hot rolls, and chocolate cream pie.

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