

Ione science students learn about weather



Students Erin Heideman's middle school science class at Ione School is working through a weather unit and making barometers, anemometers, compasses and weather vanes. Top Photo: Zane King, Kaid Peck and Gus Peterson read their barometer. Bottom Photo: Rita McElligott, Larissa Jones and Karina Rios study air pressure on their own barometer. —Contributed Photos

Oregon East Symphony's youth ensembles to present free concert

The Oregon East Symphony's youth ensembles are ready to show off their talents at their annual spring concert on Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium. Admission to the event is free.

To open the concert, the Young Voices of Eastern Oregon choir, led by Shauna Altman, will perform a selection of folk songs from around the world. The group has been rehearsing weekly this semester and has also given performances at area retirement homes.

Next on the program will be the Preludes String

Orchestra, directed by Bruce Walker, who will play Maurice Ravel's Pavane followed by movements from The Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saens.

The A-Sharp Players Symphony Orchestra, also directed by Bruce Walker, will continue the theme of French composers, with the Suite No. 2 from the opera Carmen by Georges Bizet. The entire group will come together for a rousing performance of the popular Can-Can movement from Jaques Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld.

U.S. Forest Service employee honored

U.S. Forest Service employees in California, Colorado and Oregon earned special recognition for their work enhancing and conserving habitat for elk and other wildlife. Each has received a 2009 Elk Country Award presented by the Forest Service and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

"This year's awards honor some of the finest conservationists and conservation efforts anywhere in North America. We're proud to call these professionals our partners," said Jack Blackwell, vice president of lands and conservation for the Elk Foundation.

Umatilla National Forest employee Mark Henjum was one of the honorees. He was awarded the Elk Country Award: Partnership Achievement. This inaugural award honors Henjum's

years of dedication to partnership and coordination on the Blue Mountains Elk Initiative.

The biologist served in this role while on staff with the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, then with the Umatilla National Forest. Henjum works with four national forests and many partners to form one of the most efficient conservation initiatives anywhere in elk country. He solicits project proposals, heads up a technical review committee, and is a voting member of RMEF project advisory committees in Oregon and Washington. Henjum recently identified \$80,000 in new funding for conservation projects.

The awards, bronze sculptures of elk, were presented March 6 at the Elk Foundation convention in Fort Worth, TX.

BMCC to offer golf class in Heppner

Blue Mountain Community College will offer a beginning golf class this spring at Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner.

The six week class is set for Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. beginning April 18. It is intended for those with little or no golfing experience and will cover the basics of the rules, play and etiquette of the game. The skills of putting, chipping, pitching, approaching, fairway shots and teeing off will be covered.

Dale Holland is the instructor and the cost of the

class is \$46. Non-members of Willow Creek Country Club are required to purchase a temporary membership to WCCC for \$25. (It may be applied to the price of a membership should the student elect to continue golfing.)

Pre-registration is required. Students may register at www.bluecc.edu under Student Wolfweb. Those experiencing difficulty with that process may contact Anne Morter, Morrow County coordinator for BMCC, at 422-7040.

Mustang track team opens season in Umatilla

The Heppner Mustang track and field team opened their 2009 season at the Umatilla Icebreaker on Friday, March 20.

The Mustang girls' team finished the day in second place with 77 points. Catherine McElligott finished first in the 800M (2:35.0) and the 4x400 relay team (JoAnna Patton, Erin Price, Brynna Rust, Catherine McElligott) also ended the meet with a first place finish (4:25.30). Erin Price was second in the 100M hurdles (16.92) and in the 300M hurdles (50.15). Brynna Rust finished third in the 100M dash (14.00) and in the 300M hurdles (51.85).

Keshawna Talamantes opened her season strongly by placing in three individual events. She was third in the discus (85' 10"), fourth in the shot put (29' 7.5"), and fifth in the javelin

(102' 7"). Carrie Hague-wood finished fifth in the high jump (4'6"). The 4x100 relay team (Kelsi Putman, JoAnna Patton, Brynna Rust, Erin Price) was second (54.74), and Vivian Thompson finished seventh in the 300M hurdles (1:04.36).

The boys' team finished in sixth place with 50 points. Jordan Hatfield led the way for the boys' team with three first place finishes. Hatfield won the 110 hurdles (16.89), the 300 hurdles (43.26), and the triple jump (41'6"). Jordan Wright had a good meet with a fourth place finish in the shot put (39'). Mark McCabe also placed in the shot put, finishing sixth (38' 2.5").

Andrew Bara was fifth in the 110M hurdles (21.25). Quinn Chick finished sixth in the 200M dash (25.66). The 4x100 relay team (Bryan Holland, Quinn

Chick, Kim Cheng, Alex Pickles) was sixth (48.99), and Alex Pickles finished seventh in the triple jump (35' 5.5").

First year Coach Melissa Coiner was impressed with the teams' performance. "We have a lot of kids that are out for track for the first time this year, and we are a young team. I was impressed with our overall effort today. We have a lot of room for improvement, but we have some solid times and distances to build on."

Complete Heppner results:

Boys - 100M - 12. Quinn Chick (12.73), 32. Kim Cheng (13.43), 41. Conner Pappas (14.32); 200M - 24. Kim Cheng (27.53); 400M - 21. Brandon Garcia (1:06.93); 800M - 10. Spencer Palmer (2:25.57), 15. Seth Palmer (2:38.03); 1500M - 10. Eric Vogel (5:00.03), 14. Seth Palmer

(5:14.84), 18. Cody Nelson (5:29.22); 3000M - 9. Eric Vogel (11:28.73), 10. Cody Nelson (11:48.33); Shot Put - 31. Conner Pappas (27'7.5"); Discus - 10. Spencer Palmer (87' 1"), 13. Jordan Wright (82' 8"), 16. Mark McCabe (82' 2"), 29. Trent Cannon (70'11"); Javelin - 13. Jordan Wright (124'9"), 18. Mark McCabe (117'8"), 42. Eric Vogel (79'3"); High Jump - 11. Alex Pickles (5'2"); Long Jump - 9. Alex Pickles (17'7").

Girls - 100M - 14. Kelsi Putman (14.79), 20. Vivian Thompson (15.40), 35. Kolleen Chapa (17.98); 200M - 27. Kolleen Chapa (37.19); Shot Put - 21. Ashley Wolff (21'4.5"), 27. Daisy Victorio (18'11"); Discus - 16. Ashley Wolff (60'11"), 23. Daisy Victorio (53'4"); High Jump - 9. JoAnna Patton (4'4"), 13. Marlen Weise (4'0").

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on March 11 at the annex in Irrigon with Judge Tallman, Commissioner Grieb and Commissioner Rea in attendance. Following is a summary of those meeting provided by Leann Rea.

-The court approved monthly accounts payable and retirement taxes in the amount of \$212,148.19.

-The court reviewed and approved the minutes of the January 21st meeting.

-The court viewed a presentation regarding the change over procedures for the destruction of Mustard at the Umatilla Army Depot.

-The court reviewed and signed several correspondences regarding the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program funding.

-The court reviewed

and proposed some minor changes to the draft resolution prepared for the joint sponsorship of the Columbia River Enterprise Zone.

-The court awarded a bid to Blue Mountain Construction Services in the amount of \$19,500 for a 30' X 50' pole building to be constructed at the OHV Park. The court awarded a bid in the amount of \$1,640 per month plus a one time charge for pickup and delivery of \$230 for portable toilets at various locations to Doug's Septic Service.

-The court reviewed the following road report: Depot Lane - Have completed reconstructing the 800 foot section of the road located between the two ponds. This process raised the road bed 15 inches through that section of the road. Have extended all of the culverts as needed and

installed all new ODOT approved mailbox stands. The crew has finished the touch up work along the shoulders adding gravel as needed to get the road to the desired width. To finish the preparation portion of the project the crew will make sure all road signs are in place. This entire project will be completed by the end of the week (March 13, 2009). Just before returning to pave, the crew will come back and finish grade, water and roll the shoulders. Plans now are to start paving around the first week of May.; Road Canyon Bridge - As the Depot Lane project winds down the crew will be cutting off the pilings to grand and welding caps over those, as well as starting to set forms and tie rebar for the head wall.

-The court reviewed and accepted an insurance

settlement of \$13,794.86 less deductible for the damage to the structure and contents at the museum that occurred earlier this year.

-The court reviewed correspondences regarding the setting of race dates at the proposed Pacific Northwest Motorsports Park located west of Boardman.

-The court approved the appointment of Pamela Docken of Boardman to the Morrow County Planning Commission. The commission still has another vacancy that needs to be filled from the Boardman area. Anyone interested in serving should contact Karen Wolff at the Morrow County Court House (541)676-5620.

Anyone wishing to be put on the e-mail list to receive copies of the courts minutes should contact Karen Wolff at (541)676-5620.

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

-Caleb Wayne McDaniel, 28, Heppner, DUII, \$1,812 fine.

-Satin Eve Dorman, 20, Heppner, no operator's license and failure to renew registration, \$351 fine.

-Chad Henry Peck, 42, Umatilla, violation of the basic rule by going 81 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$214 fine.

M.C. Unified Recreation District to meet

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District will meet on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the Ione High School library.

Spanish to English to Spanish class offered in Ione

Blue Mountain Community College, in conjunction with Karen Holland of Ione High School, will offer a free, four-week class called "Spanish to English to Spanish."

The class is designed to be a fun experience that will use a collaboration of Spanish speakers and English speakers to help each other learn the other's language. Class will focus on

conversation around daily living activities such as food, travel, shopping, etc. Basic language with very little conjugations taught, just used.

The class is set for Wednesday evenings from 5-6:30 p.m. at Ione High School. It will start on April 8. Interested students should indicate their interest to Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, at 422-7040.

Walk for the cure for Multiple Sclerosis to be held



Pictured are participants in the 2003 walk. —Contributed Photo

Walk for the cure for Multiple Sclerosis will be held on Saturday, April 18 in Heppner.

A numbers challenge has been presented by Heppner's coordinator to the new Pendleton coordinator for a meal at Hamley's for the town with the most walkers. Help Heppner win the challenge and register for the walk today by calling 503-445-8342 or at www.mswalkoregon.com. Walk individually or form a team.

A 5K route is suitable for wheel chairs and a 10K route is available for the more serious walkers. A pancake and ham breakfast will be provided at All Saint's Episcopal Church after the walk.

Contact Merilee McDowell at 676-5238 or Joan Basile at 676-5832 for more information.

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