

Ione Community School hosts science fair

Ione Community School hosted a science fair this past week for grades kindergarten through high school student that boasted over 100 people present and 50 entries.

Student were accountable for developing a project, creating a report complete with objective, hypothesis, materials, procedure, data, conclusion and bibliography in addition to a display board. Each project was unique and different and catered to the individual interest of students. "I was really proud of these kids," said science teacher, Erin Heideman. "Their projects were wonderful and they did a tremendous job at the fair. This is the third year for the science fair and it keeps getting better."

Elementary judges were Bink Ramos, middle school judges were Lisa Rietmann and Bill Jepsen and high school judges were Jim Swanson and Howard Mullin. The winners of each category listed below received science medals and the judges picked an overall fair exhibit and people who attended voted for a 'people's choice' award in each category; grade, middle or high school.

Grade School

-Engineering: Ally Haguewood, Babali Peterson (4th/5th), Jessie Flynn, Hannah Padberg (4th/5th)

-Physical Science (Chemistry): Malychi Wenberg (K)

-Physical (Physics) Magnetism: Angel Ruiz, Danny Doherty (4th/5th)

-Physical (Physics) Electricity: Ann Rietmann (4th/5th)

-Physical (Physics) Energy: Jake Heideman (1st)

-Biology (Zoology) Anatomy: Jenna Taylor (4th/5th)

-Biology (Zoology) Physiology: Jason Juarez, Joshua Stillman (4th/5th)

-Biology (Botany) Physiology: Yaneri Cavillo, Ashley Medina, and Marisol Avila (4/5)

Middle School

-Biology (Microbiology): Lacey Thompson, and Julianne Carlson

-Biology (Botany) Behaviorism: Stacey Halvorsen and Shadow Kendrick

-Earth (Geology) Volcanology: Kaid Peck and Brandon Peck

-Physical (Physics) Machines: Gus Peterson and Joe Doherty

-Physical (Physics) Energy: Emily Holland and



Top Left Photo: People walk through the maze of science projects. Top Right Photo: Irene Holtz visits with Ashley Medina about her science project. Bottom Left Photo: Megan Doherty spent her birthday roaming the science fair and talking to Hannah Flynn. Bottom Right Photo: Mary Rietmann and Makenna Ramos pose next to their display board. -Contributed Photos

Jackie Juarez

High School

-Biology (General): Tanner Rietmann and Alex Rietmann

-Physical (Chemistry): Rebecca Jepsen

-Physical (Physics) Magnets: Steven Holland

and Adam Collin

-Physical (Physics)

Energy: Zac Orem, Jordan Peterson, and Luke Emmel

-Physical (Physics)

Electricity: Micah Stillman and Kaleb Dumler

Overall judges pick for the grade school was

awarded to Danny Doherty and Angel Ruiz for electromagnetism, middle school went to Gus Peterson and Joe Doherty for their work with building a hovercraft and overall pick for high school went Rebecca Jepsen for the pH testing of beverages. People's choice went to Rachel Holland for elementary, Jackie Juarez and Emily Holland for middle school and Kaleb Dumler and Micah Stillman in the high school.

Buy-in waiver extension approved for Disaster Assistance Programs

Darcy Vial, Executive Director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Heppner recently announced that producers who did not obtain crop insurance or Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage for 2008 can pay a buy-in fee through May 18, 2009, to become eligible for 2008 disaster assistance programs authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

"Producers have an additional opportunity to become eligible for several programs if they suffered 2008 agricultural losses due to natural disaster," said Vial.

Producers who have not already taken the necessary steps to become eligible for the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE), Emergency As-

sistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP), and the Tree Assistance Program (TAP) are required to complete the following steps by May 18, 2009:

-Pay a \$100 "buy-in" fee per crop. The maximum fee is \$300 per county, not to exceed \$900 for multi-county producers.

-In the case of each insurable crop, excluding grazing land, agree to obtain a policy or plan of insurance for the next insurance year for which crop insurance is available; coverage level should equal 70 percent or more of the yield at 100 percent of the price.

-In the case of each non-insurable crop, agree to file the required paperwork and pay the applicable administrative NAP coverage

fee by the applicable state application closing date for the next available year.

Producers who choose to "buy in" under this provision will be considered, for insured crops, to have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for the 2008 crop year at a level of coverage not to exceed 70 percent of the yield at 100 percent of the price. For non-insurable crops, producers will be considered to have a level of coverage equal to 70 percent of the yield. These levels of coverage will be used to calculate the 2008 SURE guarantee.

Producers who meet the definition of "Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource," or "Beginning Farmer or Rancher," are not required to pay the buy-in fee.

Morrow County Court weekly meeting held

The Morrow County Court met on March 18 at the Port of Morrow offices 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 in the amount of \$138,970.89.

-The Court signed an Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) for the creation of the management plan for the Columbia River Enterprise Zone. The Court also signed an IGA for the management plan for the Columbia River Enterprise Zone.

-The Court reviewed and signed two letters regarding the disposition of the Mustard at the Umatilla Army Depot.

-Reviewed a memo provided by the sheriff's office regarding costs of the contract between the City of Heppner and the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.

-The Road Department provided photos of the fill on Depot Lane and the head walls of the Road Canyon Bridge. Report: De-

pot Lane - Have completed all touch up work along the shoulders, removed the construction signs and put up all of the road signs. No more work will be done in this area until the crew comes back some time in May to do the paving. It is estimated that the paving project will take seven days, plus one day of staging. Upper Rhea Creek Road - Part of the crew is working on extending culverts and doing shoulder work on the road, between Ruggs and Basey Canyon Road. Road Canyon Bridge - This week the crew has continued with installation of the sediment fence and tying rebar into the head walls for the bridge and setting the forms to grade. On Thursday plans are to pour concrete for both headwalls. One side will be poured in the morning and the other side in the afternoon. Road grading - The crew will continue with road grading as weather permits. Graders are working in the Lone-Gooseberry, Lexington and Upper Rhea Creek areas. Road sweeping - The crew has been sweeping paved roads in the Irrigon area. When this project is finished

the sweeper will move to the Boardman area.

-The Court signed an access permit onto Wilson Lane for Cecil and Nancy Swaggart.

-The Court heard a report that the City of Boardman will be conducting their annual free cleanup project from April 1 through April 30. Anyone who resides within the city limits of Boardman and wishes to take items directly to the North Morrow Transfer Station must go to city hall and obtain a voucher allowing for the free disposal. The Court reminds all Morrow County residents those large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers etc.) and large furniture (sofas, mattresses, dressers etc.) may be taken to the transfer stations and disposed of at no cost. The North Morrow Transfer Station is located on Frontage Road just east of Bombing Range Road and the South Morrow Transfer Station is located on Highway 74 between Lexington and Heppner. Both Stations are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays except holidays.

Weed-free feed required in Northwest Forests

As part of a larger effort to reduce invasive species on national forest lands, weed-free feed is being required in the 17 national forests and the Crooked River National Grasslands of the Pacific Northwest this year. This follows a requirement in 2007 that weed-free feed be used in Pacific Northwest Wilderneses.

Livestock owners and others will be required to use feed that is either commercially processed feed or crop products certified to be free of weed seeds. Officials will concentrate on education and compliance this year, until signage and

outreach efforts are fully implemented with stricter enforcement to follow.

The new requirement says that all hay, cubed hay, straw, mulch, and other such products used or stored on national forest lands be state certified as weed free. Crop products often contain seeds of non-native weeds that germinate on public lands and damage their health and beauty. Non-native weeds such as leafy spurge, spotted knapweed, yellow star thistle, and others are alien to the United States and have no natural enemies to check their spread.

Oregon and Washington have developed certification processes for crop products. Hay fields are inspected to ensure that listed noxious weed seeds are absent. Once a field passes this inspection, hay and other crop products from the field are labeled as "certified weed-free." Commercially processed feed (pellets and steamed, rolled grains) are not affected by the order and should be used in the affected national forest lands if certified hay products are not available.

For more information, visit www.fs.fed.us/r6/weeds.

Basket Class at Artisan Village!
 Sunday, April 15, 12-6 p.m. Learn basket of your choice, twined or woven. Cost and time will vary with basket you choose to make. **Can be Easter or Everyday.**
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 Main Street, Heppner, Phone 676-8282
 Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30 - 5:30
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