

Ione Speech and Debate wins second straight district title



Pictured are the members of the Ione Speech and Debate Team after winning their second straight district title. -Contributed Photo

The Ione Speech and Debate Team traveled to Pine Eagle High School in Halfway on Friday, April 10, to compete in the district tournament for OSAA Speech District 9.

Ione won the team sweepstakes with Hermiston High School finishing second and Pine Eagle third.

Ione had 12 students attend the tournament with ten advancing to the state tournament at Western Oregon University on April

23-25. Mary Gates took first in Lincoln Douglas Debate; Alex Carlson and Tiana Camarillo took first in Public Forum Debate; Dennis Schmidt and Kevin LaRue took second in Public Debate; Mikey Raible took first in After Dinner Speaking; Matt Coleman took first in Radio Commentary; Brenna Rietmann took first in Extemporaneous Speaking and second in Impromptu Speaking; Sarah Stillman took first in

Dramatic Interpretation and second in Original Oratory; Steven Holland took second in Extemporaneous Speaking. Other notables include Tom Holland finishing third in Radio Commentary and Brianna Peterson finishing third in Poetry Reading.

The 10 will be joined at the state tournament by Tom Holland, Jeremy Coleman, and Ronney Wilson who will be competing in Student Congress.

Ladies Play Day results

Ladies Play Day was held on Tuesday, April 21, at the Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

April 21

Low gross of the field was Pat Edmundson (37). Low net of the field was Lorrene Montgomery (29). Least putts of the field were Loa Heideman, Lynnea Sargent, Luvilla Sonstegard and Ann Elgin (17).

Flight A winners were: low gross was Jan Paustian; low net was Carol Mitchell; long drive was Pat Edmundson; and K.P. was Jan Paustian.

Flight B winners were: low gross was Pat Dougherty; low net was Betty Christman; least putts

and long drive was Bernice Lott; and K.P. was Lynnea Sargent.

Flight C winners were: low gross was Betty Carlson; low net was Suzanne Jepsen; least putts was Sherron Woodside; long drive was Betty Carlson; and K.P. was Sherron Woodside.

Mystery score was Laura Rogers.

Ladies Jo Pettyjohn Tournament will be held June 12, 13, and 14. Call Sandi Hanna at 676-5566 to register.

FFA banquet to be held Thursday

Heppner High School's FFA banquet will be held Thursday, April 30, at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. This banquet is open to any community member that would like to attend.

Parents of FFA members are asked to bring a dessert. A dinner of lasagna, salad, and garlic bread will be provided by the chapter and the alumni. Entertainment will also be provided.

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Erin Price breaks school hurdle record

Erin Price placed in four individual events at the Kiwanis Invitational Meet in Hermiston on April 25.

Despite windy conditions, Price managed personal bests in each event she competed in. She broke a 25-year-old school record in the 100 hurdles by running a 16.34 and placed sixth in the event. Price also placed sixth in the 200-meters (26.69), fifth in the 400-meters (1:01.46), and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles (48.5). Her times in each event are all currently district bests.

Catherine McElligott ran the 800-meters and

placed 14th with a personal best time of 2:32.53.

Jordan Hatfield had one of his strongest showings of the season with a season-best time in the 300-meter hurdles. He placed fifth with a time of 42.73. Hatfield also placed third in the triple jump with a jump that tied his season best (41'6").

Jordan Wright threw a personal best 40' 8.75" in the shot put and placed tenth in the event. The throw is over a foot and half better than his previous best.

Complete Heppner results:

Boys: 110M hurdles - 10. Hatfield (16.79); 400M - 18. Bryan Holland (55.49); Shot put - 20. Mark McCabe (35'8"); Discus - 24. Wright (89'11"), 29. McCabe (74'10"); Javelin - 19. Wright (123'2"); Long jump - 18. Alex Pickles (18'1.75"), 29. Holland (16'3")

Girls: 300M hurdles - 9. McElligott (50.88); Shot put - 21. KeShawna Talamantes (28'7"); Discus - 14. Talamantes (88'9"); Javelin - 23. Talamantes (78'); High jump - 12. Carrie Haguewood (4'6")

Annual Watershed Field Day to be held

This year's Willow Creek Watershed Field Day will be held on May 6 from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Duane Neiffer's property west of Lexington. Approximately 150 fifth grade students from Morrow County Schools will attend the annual field day.

Water will be focused of the presentations during the daylong education program. The day is divided into hands-on teaching sessions including: soils, weather, plants, compass and GPS/mapping, macro invertebrates, water quality

and stream bank restoration. Also, the students will plant trees to stabilize stream banks.

The continued success of this field day is due to the support from many agencies, teachers, students, parents and schools. Tammi Sasser, Umatilla Basin Watershed Council and Merilee McDowell, Morrow SWCD are coordinating the Willow Creek Field Day which had been cut from the budget along with the Umatilla County Field Days because of the lack of funds and staff.

"The Corps of Engineers supports educational outreach for future scientists and engineers," said Laurie Rice, a hydraulic engineer who helps manage river flows in the Portland District. "To support this great learning opportunity, the Corps will reduce flows so students and scientist can learn about how a watershed works." Although unlikely, Rice noted the Corps may not be able to reduce water flows if a heavy rainstorm or other waterevent happens just before May 6.

Annual Poker Run in the Blues to be held

The Reload Ridge Riders will hold their sixth annual Poker Run in the Blues will be held on Saturday, May 9, at the Morrow County OHV Park. The park is located 30 miles south of Heppner on Highway 207.

The cost is \$15 per person or \$50 per family. Sign-ups will start at 9 a.m. First rider out is at 10 a.m. and last rider out is at noon. Prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m.

No children under the age of seven will be allowed to ride a bike. Kids ages 7-12 will need to have an operator permit in order to ride (as per state statutes) and be accompanied by an adult with a driver's license or permit.

For more information contact John Wight at 541-676-5152 or Tim Wright at 541-490-6681.

Oregon Wheat Foundation to hold golf scramble

The Oregon Wheat Foundation will host its 13th annual golf scramble at the Wildhorse Golf Resort on May 19.

Teams will consist of four players. The cost is \$75 per player. Registration will open at 8:30 a.m. and play will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch is included in the price.

Proceeds will benefit the Oregon Wheat Foundation education and scholarship programs.

For more information or to register by phone, contact Sally or Marilyn at 541-276-7330.

Ione School's ASB hosts blood drive

Ione Community School's Associated Student Body Officers organized and hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on April 2. Over 40 people came to donate and 34 were first time donors. "It was a great experience to be a part of," said Eric Jepsen, ASB President. "I'm glad I got to be a part of it."

A team of Red Cross volunteers from Tri-Cities spent the entire day in Ione. Carol Parker, an administrative assistant for the Red Cross said that she was so impressed with the students at Ione that she hopes to schedule another drive in the fall and make two annual trips.

Since its founding in 1881 by visionary leader Clara Barton, the American Red Cross has been the na-



Ione School Board member, Bill Jepsen, makes a donation. -Contributed Photos

tion's premier emergency response organization. As part of a worldwide movement that offers neutral humanitarian care to the victims of war, the American Red Cross distinguishes itself by also aiding victims of devastating natural disasters. Over the years, the organization has expanded its services, always with the aim of preventing and relieving suffering. Some four million people give blood, the gift of life, through the Red Cross, making it the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. And the Red Cross helps thousands of U.S.

service members separated from their families by military duty stay connected. As part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, a global network of 186 national societies, the Red Cross helps restore hope and dignity to the world's most vulnerable people.

An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

Creative Care Preschool to hold open house

Creative Care Preschool in Ione will hold a spring open house on Wednesday, May 13, from 9-11 a.m. for next year's incoming three year olds. Following public school policy, students must be three years of age before September 1, 2009 to enroll. Any students eligible for next year's four year old class that are not current students are also invited to attend.

The visiting students will participate with the current three year old class with indoor activities, outside play, and snack time. Parents are invited to register their student at this time and current board members will be on hand to answer any questions. Parents should bring immunization records and birth certificate.

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