

Schaber awarded Grant Rigby Memorial Award

Long-time Lone School math teacher Steve Schaber was awarded the Grant Rigby Memorial Award at the Lone High School awards ceremony last week. Schaber, who teaches math, health, PE and the occasional shop class at both the high school and middle school level, received the \$300 award to enhance his classroom projects. He was honored in the spirit of former Lone High School teacher Grant Rigby for going the extra mile in helping Lone students.

Grant Rigby taught at Lone High School in the 1950's. He quietly went to extraordinary lengths to provide assistance to Lone student, Dennis Swanson,



Jim Swanson (left) and Eric Jepsen (right) presented Steve Schaber (center) with the Grant Rigby Memorial Award. -Contributed Photo

who needed a certain math class to be accepted to an engineering program. Not only did Mr. Rigby get certified to teach the math class but he spent almost every morning tutoring Dennis so that he would succeed in the class. Years later, Dennis Swanson real-

ized just what a sacrifice that effort had been and set up the Grant Rigby Memorial award to recognize lone staff for efforts above and beyond the norm.

Steve Schaber is a teacher who routinely arrives at school each morning between 6 and 6:30

a.m. He provides students with assistance in math before and after school and his room buzzes with activity every lunch break as well as before school. Mr. Schaber is willing to visit with any student about their concerns beyond math homework and his room has become one of the best spots to "hang out" in the school. Mr. Schaber has a genuine concern for all students and he quietly goes about his day doing his best to see that they succeed.

Student Body President, Eric Jepsen presented the award with the assistance of Jim Swanson, brother of Dennis Swanson.

Valby Lutheran Church to host ice cream social

The members of Valby Lutheran Church invite the community to an old-fashioned ice cream social on Sunday, June 14, beginning at 2 p.m. Come out for a Sunday drive and enjoy home-made ice cream, great music, games for all ages, a horseshoe tournament, and spectacu-

lar views that sometimes stretch as far as Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams.

All are always welcome to attend worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. For directions, or for more information, call Pastor Katy Anderson at 989-8174.

Ladies Play Day results

Ladies Play Day was held on Tuesday, May 26, at the Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

May 26
Low gross of the field was Carol Mitchell (36). Low net of the field was Pat Edmundson. Least putts of the field was Nancy Prophet.

Flight A winners were: low gross was Loa Henderson; low net was Karen Thompson (31); least putts were Virginia Grant and Eva Kilkenny; and long drive was Pat Edmundson.

Flight B winners were: low gross were Lorene Montgomery; low net was Pat Dougherty; and long drive was Lorrene Montgomery.

Flight C winners were: low gross was Ann Elgin and Luvilla Sonstegard; low net was Suzanne Jepsen; least putts was Burul DeBoer; and long drive was Sherron Woodside.

KP: Pat Edmundson, Lorrene Montgomery, and Laura Rogers

Chip-ins: Burul DeBoer and Karen Thompson on #6.

Heppner High School track dedication held

On May 3, the Heppner Junior/Senior High School track was dedicated to past coaches and a past administrator who were instrumental in building the track tradition at Heppner High School. Chuck Starr, Steve Brownfield, Don McClure, Dale Conklin, Dean Naffziger, Dorothy Agee, Clint Agee, Phyllis Payne, Wade Smith, and Susan Hisler were honored with signs that will hang along the track at the high school.

Chuck Starr came to Heppner in 1972. He was the head track coach from 1972 to 1976. He was also the head football coach. As the track coach, he coached 12 state medalists and the 1974 Boys' District Championship team. He was later a principal in Lone and was also Assistant Superintendent (1985-1989) and Superintendent (1993-1998) of the Morrow County School District. Mr. Starr spent a total of 23 years in the Morrow County School District as a teacher and as an administrator.

Steve Brownfield taught biology at Heppner High School for 32 years. He was the high school assistant track coach for 15 years - from 1987 to 2002. He coached the 800-meter, 1500-meter, and 3000-meter runners. He was an assistant for the 1988 2A State Champion Boys' team. He was also an assistant for numerous state medalists and state team finishes - including the 1994 boys team that finished fifth and the 1999 girls' team that finished third.

Don McClure went to the University of Oregon on a track scholarship. He came to Heppner in 1961. He taught math, and when the new Heppner High School was built he took



Pictured are: Back row (L to R) - Dale Conklin, Wade Smith, Doug Dubuque, Archie Ball, and Steve Brownfield; Front row (L to R) - Deana Starr, Phyllis Armitage, and Susan Hisler. -Contributed Photo

over P.E. and health. He coached track at Heppner High School from 1961 to 1966. Past athletes say that Mr. McClure was a coach that really knew track. He worked with all of his athletes and helped to build Heppner's program from the dirt up. Before Mr. McClure left, farmers in Heppner promised him that they would level and build a track for him. He is still coaching track in the Seattle area. He has been coaching track for over 50 years.

Dale Conklin spent a total of 36 years coaching track in Heppner, and he taught social studies for 29 years. He was an assistant coach or head track coach from 1976 to 2006. He coached 25 state medalists - including the 1988 2A State Champion Boys' team. He was the 2A Track Coach of the Year in 1988. He coached the HHS girls' team to district titles in 1983 and 1985, and he also coached the HHS boys' team to district titles in 1978 and 1987. He took a group of 3A, 2A, and 1A kids to China in 1987 to compete in track, and he was a Robin Marks Track Camp Coach. Mr. Conklin continues to volunteer at Heppner track meets.

Dean Naffziger was a teacher in Heppner

from 1967 to 1976, and he was the track coach from 1967 to 1971. He was the Heppner High School and Junior High P.E. and health teacher. He was also the athletic director at Heppner for five years. He coached the boys' track team from 1967 to 1971 and also coached the girls in 1974. Mr. Naffziger coached one 2A state girl champion and many other state medalists.

Dorothy Agee taught P.E. in 1965 and took on track in 1971. She coached track from 1971 to 1974. As the P.E. teacher, she also had to coach all girls' sports and did the junior high girls' and boys' track team. She and her husband often took athletes to meets in their motor home. She took athletes to Junior Olympic Meets. She was also the high school gymnastics coach. She coached five 2A state track medalists from 1972 to 1973.

Clint Agee attended Pacific University from 1950 to 1954 on football, basketball and track scholarships. He taught at Heppner Junior and Senior High School from 1957 to 1974. He was the first coach in the Heppner Junior High program in 1960. He coached junior high

track from 1960 to 1964. He was a Heppner Junior High All-Sports Pioneer from 1960 to 1974.

Phyllis Payne Armitage worked as an elementary teacher at Heppner Elementary School from 1977 to 1989. She coached junior high track from 1980 to 1989, and she also coached some non-competitive sports throughout her years in Heppner. Phyllis started a track club in Heppner in the 1980's that saw many youngsters compete in state-wide meets. She organized for area kids to go to Junior Olympic meets around the Northwest.

While in high school, Susan Healy Hisler was a seven time state track medalist and was Oregon all-state in the 220-yard dash. She was a national junior college volleyball and basketball player. She was a junior high track coach for 12 years - for most of the years from 1991 to 2007. She coached many individual district champions and team champions. Her greatest accomplishment was spearheading the track project in 2005. Susan singlehandedly solicited money for the building of the track through the lane project. The project would not have been completed without her efforts and her hard work.

Wade Smith was hired as the Heppner High School principal in 2002. He was HHS principal from 2002-2005, and was Morrow County School District Assistant Superintendent from 2005-2007. Mr. Smith applied for grants and secured school district money to begin the track renovation project. There would not be a rubberized track in Heppner without Mr. Smith's vision and determination.

Ione High School Class of 1955 reunion held



Top photo (L-R) are Malcolm McKinney, Jerald Rea, Dorothy (Dobyns) Generaux, Bob Hubbard, Sam Barnett, Lawrence Jones, and Shirley (McCabe) Harris. The bottom photo was from 1951 when the class members were freshmen. -Contributed Photos

On May 13 and 14, the Ione School Class of 1955 held a reunion at the Best Western Hotel in Cascade Locks. Activities included a cruise on the sternwheeler, "Columbia Gorge" on Wednesday afternoon, and a social hour before dinner at Multnomah Falls Inn. On Thursday the group enjoyed the vintage Mt. Hood Railroad excursion train to Parkdale.

Those attending were Sam and Earlene Barnett, Lawrence and

Judy Jones, Jerald and Leann Rea, Bob Hubbard, Shirley McCabe Harris, Malcolm McKinney, Dorothy Dobyns Generaux, and Asa Way.

Classmates unable to attend were Dick Ekstrom and Denny Swanson, whose presence was missed, but were sent photos and memorabilia of the event, including special "Cardinal" hats furnished to everyone by Bob Hubbard.

St. William's Youth Group paints church basement



St. William's Youth Group from Ione recently painted the church basement as a service project. The reason for the project was two-fold: to spruce up their weekly meeting space and to say "thanks" to the parish for their support throughout the year. The group chose a sunny yellow for the walls. Over the course of three Wednesday night meetings, they prepped, then painted and then finally reassembled the basement. Along the way, some of the paint ended up on the kids as well as the walls. Most of the painters ended up with shirts autographed with handprints and names. Participants in the painting project included: Clay Morter, Toon Junnoi, Tyree Svetich, Dennis Schmidt, Beth Morter, Alex Rietmann, Stephanie Medina, Kylie McElligott, Steven Holland and Mary McElligott and Zac Orem. Leaders, Debbie Campbell and Anne Morter provided direction, motivation, focus and most importantly, food, for the workers. -Contributed Photo

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Ladies Night
Ribs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,
Peach Crisp w/ Ice Creme
JUNE 4
Starting Friday, June 12th kitchen will be open
Friday & Saturday

Flag Day
YOUTH NIGHT-
Heppner Elks Club
Games and Prizes
JUNE 11 AT 6:00 P.M.