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Pratt joins Ione staff as special ed teacher

Gale Pratt has been named the new special education teacher at Ione Community School.

Pratt, who lives in Stanfield, grew up in towns all over eastern Oregon. She decided to go into the special education field when one of her children went on an IEP (Individualized Education Plan). Pratt was struggling to understand the process that her child was going through and one of her college professors advised her that the best way to understand it was to learn by going into that field. So she did.

Pratt has taught special education for seven years in schools throughout Oregon. She also worked for four years at Two Rivers Correctional Institution where she taught adult education, English as a Second Language and special education classes. From there she went to Aniak, AK, for her first administrative job where she was director of special education for one year. She then went on to the Molalla River School District where she was the supportive education director for two years. And now, she is back working in eastern Oregon.

She received her bachelor's in science with an emphasis in history from Eastern Oregon University in 1993. She received her teaching license in 1995 from EOU as well. In 2003 Pratt received her master's in special education from Heritage University in Toppenish, WA. She also received a master's in administration degree in 2005 from Heritage University.

Pratt has four children, one of which, Robbie Shirley, is a senior at Stanfield High School. Her other three children are all currently on active duty with the military. Trey Shirley is in the Army and is stationed at Fort Richardson in Alaska. Shawn Shirley is in the Navy and is stationed in Mayport, FL. Charlene Patterson is a seabee in the Navy.

"It has been different working in Ione," said Pratt. "This is the smallest (school) I've worked in. It is a tight-knit community that stands behind their students. (This) is a very nice job.

Ione Booster Club to induct 51 people into Hall of Fame

On Saturday, October 24, 2009 the Ione Cardinal Booster Club will induct 51 people into the Hall of Fame.

The 1922 to 1960 year groups will be recognized for this first annual event. These outstanding individuals through their exceptional achievements have brought honor to themselves, Ione High School, and the Ione community.

The Induction Dinner will be at the Ione Legion Hall starting with a no host social hour at 4 p.m. by Taylor's Restaurant. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. The cost is $10 per person and includes barbecue mix grill, cheesy potatoes, several salads, homemade rolls and dessert. Everyone is invited to attend.

For dinner reservations call Betty Gray at 541-422-7335. If you are planning to attend the Hall of Fame dinner, please make reservations by October 20.

Inductees are listed by year and will be available on Ione Cardinal Booster Page on Ione School website http:www.ione.k12.or.us/Booster Club.

Morgan shoots 4x4 whitetail

Autumn Morgan of Heppner shot this 4x4 whitetail on Saturday, October 3. *–Contributed Photo*

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Heppner Booster Club Steak Feed/Auction to be held

Pictured are some of the items that will be available on Saturday night, October 10, at the Heppner Booster Club Auction. The auction will be held at the Heppner Elks Lodge beginning at 6 p.m. with a steak feed dinner. Tickets are only $12 and can be purchased at Heppner TV and Hollomon's. Raffle tickets will also be available. A partial list of auction and raffle items can be found on Page TWO. *–Photo by Autumn Morgan*

City planning commission tables partition request

By David Sykes

The Heppner City Planning Commission Monday tabled a request from Kyle Robinson that changes to be made a land partition approved by the city last year for property located above Rock Street.

The planning commission and city council approved a land partition in November of 2008 when Robinson was preparing land for possible construction of a secure residential treatment facility on land his family owns above Rock Street.

The facility eventually located elsewhere and the development never went through, and now Robinson is asking that the city change the conditions so that improvements such as road curbs and gutters, and water and sewer lines are required only when the property is developed. He indicated he wished to sell the three created parcels to a developer for home construction, and not develop them himself as was earlier planned.

City attorney Bill Kuhn told the planning commission they could approve Robinson's request to postpone the improvements, but only if he guaranteed the improvements with one of five financial security arrangements. The security could take the form of an escrow account with cash or other liquid assets, property escrow with another piece of land with enough value to guarantee performance, formation of a special improvement district, letter of credit obtained by a bank or a performance bond.

Kuhn explained that if an improvement district were used, Robinson would be required to form the district, which would then tax those who bought property in the new subdivision to pay for the required improvements. Kuhn said this would shift the cost of the improvements to the new property owners, but would require quite a bit of administrative expensive to complete.

In the end after debate the planning commission tabled the request to modify the existing subdivision and advised Robinson that he may want to resubmit his request as a simple three parcel land division. Robinson did not indicate what he planned to do.

Heppner Homecoming King, Queen crowned

Pictured is the 2009 Heppner High School Homecoming Court. Front row (L-R): Genevieve Smith (pennant bearer), Wacy Coil, Jared Huddleston, King Brent Eckman, Jorge Rugarcia Avendano, Donald Matthews, and Hunter Greenup (pennant bearer). Back row: Taigher and Cliff Dougherty, Brynna and Tim Rust, Jessica and Kevin Hughes, Queen Erin Price and Keith Price, Lindsay and Jeff Cutsforth. *–Photo by Sandy Matthews*

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