

HHS students participate in band and choir honor clinic



Local Heppner High students recently participated in a two day Oregon Music Educators Association District VI band and choir honor clinic held in Pendleton. Students from all of Eastern Oregon come together to learn difficult music pieces in a two day session and then hold a concert exhibiting their talents. Left Photo: Honor Band members John Nelson, Donald Matthews and Shane Smith. Right Photo: Honor Choir members Cherissa Lemon, Zech Hintz and Kolleen Chappa. -Contributed Photos

STRATEGIC PLAN

that could be used to pay with community members from each community over a period of months to gather input. Funding to complete the three plans was provided by Morrow County, with organizational help from the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group. It has been a number of years since any of the three communities had updated their strategic plans.

The Town of Lexington's Strategic Plan, also presented to the public Monday night, ranged from developing a water system expansion and upgrade, determining the next steps for a waste water system, improving residential lot availability, establishing a community recreational area, developing a web site for the town, upgrading and maintaining the road system, and promoting housing rehabilitation in Lexington.

For the City of Lone, goal number one was a wastewater treatment facility. From there the goals included: improving road access to and from Lone and surrounding areas, including Boardman; providing adequate and affordable housing; marketing of schools and livability of Lone to encourage growth; continuing efforts to resolve flood issues; improving parts of the city; and installing curb sidewalks and pave city roads.

Karen Kendall of the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Commission of Pendleton did most of the work on the plans, meeting

One advantage to having the updated plans, in addition to providing a vision for communities, is aiding in receiving possible grant money associated with completing the goals. How the goals are to be funded is not directly addressed in the strategic plan.

The strategic plan also came up with "common threads" all three communities share. Those included: providing adequate, affordable housing, improving or creating websites for each community, being proactive in developing green energy such as wind farms and bio fuels in the Willow Creek Valley, promoting and supporting the local medical services, working together to promote increased tourism.

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

-learned from Ostheller that the district's financial audit has been completed. "For the most part, they were very pleased," commented Ostheller. He said that the auditors did comment that not all reimbursements have the superintendent's approval, but he said that issue had already been taken care of.

-reviewed the 2009-10 district goals.

-approved Oregon School Board Association resolutions.

-decided to further research a request to grant an honorary diploma to the family of a student who is deceased. The board indicated they were sympathetic to the request, but needed to research the possibility of granting such a request. Ostheller said he would report back to the board at the next meeting.

-remarked that the football team, for the first time in 29 years, got to host a home playoff game and the girls volleyball team

traveled to Crane for the first round of the volleyball playoffs.

-discussed a possible contribution from Willow Creek Park District for \$5,000 for improvements to the lone pool. The board noted an upcoming WCPD meeting and planned to send a representative there.

-discussed a \$200,000 wind project grant that is expected to be disbursed to the district at \$40,000 per year for five years. The board believed it to be a direct grant, but learned that it may come through the county.

-noted that the next board meeting will be held on December 14 and scheduled a work session for 5:30 p.m. prior to the 7 p.m. meeting.

-received the following superintendent's report:

*enrollment is unchanged with 170 students in kindergarten through 12th grade; 78 students K-grade five; 29 students

grades six-eight; and 63 students grades nine-12.

*absences due to illness were around 10 percent for the last month and the school was seeing a decrease in absences, however he noted that there was a recent increase. He said that the Morrow County Health Department provided H1N1 vaccinations to students, but did not have enough vaccine to inoculate staff. He said that they planned to return in December.

*the state has changed the format of the school report cards. Instead of five levels of performance (exceptional, strong, satisfactory, low and unacceptable), there are now only three levels- Outstanding, Satisfactory and Need of Improvement. Lone was rated Outstanding in the overall school rating as well as in all of the sub-categories: Achievement Index, Graduation Rate, Participation Rate and Meeting Average Yearly Progress.

*credited Erin Heideman and the Lone Associated Student Body with a "wonderful Veteran's Day assembly" on November 10 that honored local veterans. ASB officers acted as ushers; Mikie Raible was the master of ceremonies; the primary grades sang; Maureen McElligott provided an explanation of flag etiquette with the help of students Emily Holland and Jason Thompson; Eric and Rebecca Jepsen played "Amazing Grace"; and the Ladies Legion Auxiliary provided refreshments.

*the gym floor is completed with the "punch walk" left to do; windows have been installed in the new double doors for the high school; the high school roof appears to be holding up and as leaks are found they are being taken care of quickly; new cafeteria tables were installed November 11 and the UMESD purchasing cooperative took the old tables.

Family Game Night to be held at HES

Heppner Elementary Family Game Night and Title programs meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the HES

cafeteria. Those attending are asked to bring a board game to share. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given out.

HHS Girls Jr. High Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 14 - at Irrigon, 8 a.m.
- Jan. 16 - in Umatilla, 8 a.m.
- Jan. 23 - Heppner at home, 8 a.m.
- Jan. 30 - at home, 8 a.m.

HHS Boys Jr. High Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 21 - at home, 8 a.m.
- Dec. 5 - in Boardman 8 a.m.
- Dec. 12 - at home, 8 a.m.

HHS Boys JV Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 4 - at Imbler, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8 - Condon at home, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 - Col. River Classic in Umatilla, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - at Stanfield, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 5 - Baker at Hermiston, 5 p.m.
- Jan. 8 - Union at home, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 9 - at Weston McEwen, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 15 - Enterprise at home, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 16 - Elgin at home, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 22 - at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 23 - Weston McEwen at home, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 29 - Stanfield at home, 4:30 p.m.
- Jan. 30 - Irrigon at home, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 - at Enterprise, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6 - at Elgin, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9 - Pilot Rock at home, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - at Union, 4:30 p.m.

Ione High School Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 1 - at Irrigon (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Dec. 4-5 - Ione Basketball Bonanza (JV & V), 1 & 3 p.m.
- Dec. 8 - in Pilot Rock (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Dec. 11-12 - Enterprise Winter Classic, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Horizon Christian at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - at Boardman (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
- Dec. 22 - at Helix (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Dec. 28 - Irrigon at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Dec. 29 - Pilot Rock at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
- Jan. 2 - Stanfield at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
- Jan. 8 - Nixyaawii at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Jan. 9 - at Arlington (BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
- Jan. 15 - Condon/Wheeler at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Jan. 16 - at Moro (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
- Jan. 22 - at Echo (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Jan. 26 - Central Christian at Ione (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Jan. 29 - at Mission (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Jan. 30 - South Wasco at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
- Feb. 5 - Echo at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Feb. 6 - at Condon (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - Helix at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.
- Feb. 13 - at Dufur (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.
- Feb. 18-20 - District Tournament at Umatilla

Annual Artifactory held at Senior Center



Artifactory goes browse through items for sale at the annual Artifactory held at the St. Patrick's Senior Center last Saturday. -Photo by April Sykes

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- Dec. 4 - at Imbler, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 8 - Condon at home, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 10 - Col. River Classic in Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - at Irrigon, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - at Stanfield, 1 p.m.
- Dec. 28 - at Hermiston (JV Tourney), 1 p.m.
- Dec. 29 - at Hermiston, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 8 - Union at Home, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 9 - at Weston McEwen, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 15 - Enterprise at home, 3 p.m.
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- Feb. 5 - at Enterprise, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 6 - at Elgin, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 9 - Pilot Rock at home, 3 p.m.

HHS Girls JV Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 4 - at Imbler, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 8 - Condon at home, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 10 - Col. River Classic in Umatilla, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 11 - Col. River Classic in Umatilla, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - at Irrigon, 3 p.m.
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