

HES Students of the Month announced



Heppner Elementary School recently announced their students of the month. The monthly character trait was diligence. Pictured are: Back Row (L-R) - Morgan Burch, Morgan Correa, Logan Grieb, Weston Putman, Skyler Palmer, Rylee Kollman, Rian Wizner, and Gibson McCurry. Front Row (L-R) - Christian Simmons, Savannah Morlan, Kenneth Troxell, Jace Coe, Drew Coe, Leo Waite, Hannah Green, and Naleah Stone. Not pictured are Rylee Bray and Vanessa Ramirez. -Contributed Photo

HES Parent Teacher Club to host spring luau

The Heppner Elementary School Parent Teacher Club is hosting a spring luau in the HES gym from 7-9 p.m. on March 18. All HES families are invited to this free event.

Desert Sounds will be providing music sponsored by Wheatland Insurance and Bank of Eastern Oregon. The PE classes headed up by Mrs. Gentry have been working on hula dances for the occasion. There will be a make your own lei craft, HES top



Mrs. Gentry instructs Mrs. Clough's homeroom on a hula dance for the Spring Luau. -Contributed Photo

ten countdown, appetizers and raffle baskets. office at 541-676-9128 for more information. Contact the school

Wheeler completes humanitarian aid in Haiti

Navy Airman Brandon R. Wheeler, whose wife, Sandra, is the daughter of Maria Del Carmen Medina of Boardman, assigned to Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) recently departed Haiti after completing humanitarian assistance operations to victims of the massive 7.0 earthquake that struck the Caribbean nation January 12.

Carl Vinson arrived in the region less than 72 hours after the quake and immediately began rendering assistance to approximately 300,000 injured and an estimate of one million homeless Haitians. For nearly two weeks, Vinson's personnel and its embarked 19 helicopters flew more than 2,200 sorties, delivering more than 166 tons of food, 89,000 gallons of water and 38,700 pounds of medical sup-

plies to earthquake victims. In addition, Carl Vinson's helicopters evacuated more than 450 patients to different evacuation sites and the ship's doctors and corpsmen treated 60 patients in the ship's medical ward.

Carl Vinson's primary role in the humanitarian mission was as a first responder, providing critical airlift and command and control capabilities as the flagship of Task Force 41, the Navy's sea base supporting Joint Task Force (JTF) Haiti.

Prior to departing the devastated region, the Vinson transferred much of its airlift capability, including 10 helicopters, to other units in JTF-Haiti.

USS Carl Vinson is currently taking part in Southern Seas 2010 as part of a scheduled homeport shift to San Diego, CA.

Gilliam Building gets new sign



With the help of Columbia Basin Electric and Rod Wilson, members of the Farm Foundation replaced the dilapidated sign on the front of the Gilliam Building in Heppner on Friday, March 5. Bob Harrison and Butch Laughlin put together the new gilded letters for the new sign going up on the national historic building. -Photo by David Sykes

Lexington Odd Fellows & Rebekah's to hold evening of BINGO

Lexington Odd Fellows and Rebekah's will hold an evening of BINGO on Friday, March 12. Numbers will start being called at 6 p.m. The cost is 25 cents per card.

"Put on your green, bring some snacks and be ready to say BINGO," said a spokesperson. Coffee will be provided.

Thursday afternoon BINGO will still be held.

CAPECO meal programs providing meals for seniors

CAPECO provides hot and frozen meals to homebound persons, age 60 and older, through the Meals on Wheels program. If a person is qualified, they are eligible to receive hot and frozen meals delivered to their home each week. These meals are prepared locally each week at the St. Patrick Senior Center kitchen.

To be eligible for Home Delivered Meals, a person must be 60 years of age or older and homebound by reason of injury, illness or an incapacitating disability. Contact Barbara Thomson, Site Coordinator, at 1-800-758-1139 ext. 130 or Judy Buschke at

541-676-9030 and someone will contact you to help determine their eligibility for the program.

There is also a hot meal served each Wednesday at 11:30 at the St. Patrick Senior Center. This meal is served in a congregate setting with plenty of time both before and after the meal to visit with your friends. Cost for the meal is a suggested donation of \$3.50 and those under age 60 are asked to pay \$6 for their meal. Menus for each month are published in the Heppner Gazette-Times or can be obtained by stopping by the Senior Center and picking one up.

Wee' Hours O' The Mornin' Breakfast to be held Saturday

The Wee Hours O' The Mornin' Breakfast will be held at the fire hall on Saturday, March 13, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The Heppner High School baseball team will be putting it on.

BEO celebrates 65 years



Bank of Eastern Oregon employees celebrated the bank's 65th anniversary on Friday, February 26, at an open house. -Photo by Andrew Sykes

Ione students win at district music competition

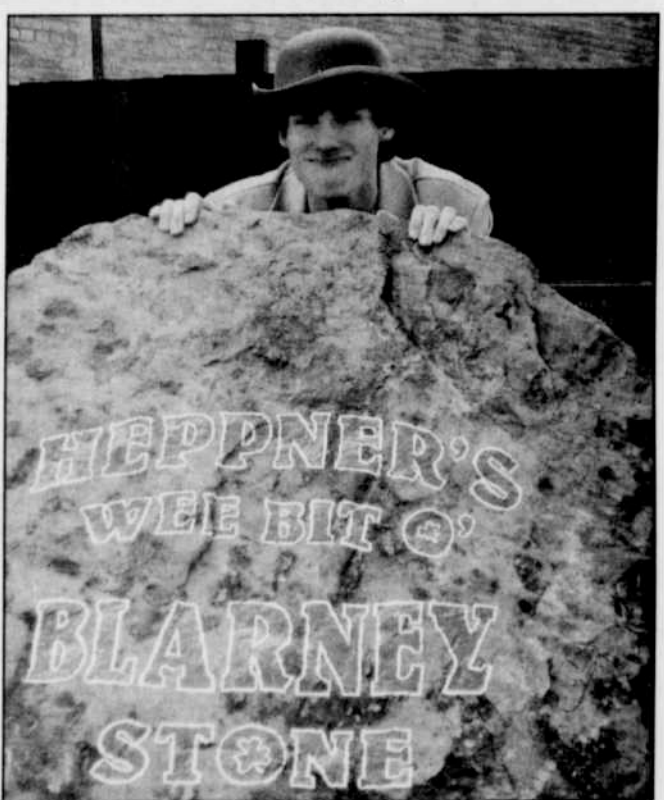
Two Ione students, Eric and Rebecca Jepsen, competed in the District 6 Solo and Ensemble Music Competition held at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande this past weekend on March 6.

Eric, a senior, received the top rating in violin for his performance of the Bruch Violin "Concerto in G minor." Rebecca,

a sophomore received the highest rating in harp. She played the "Sacred Dance" Debussy for harp. They were accompanied on piano by Myrna Van Cleave.

In addition, both musicians were selected to advance to the OSAA State Solo Music Championships. That contest will take place May 1 at Linfield College.

Kiss Heppner's Wee Bit of Blarney Stone



Heppner High School exchange student from Amsterdam, Job Dejong will be on Main Street Saturday helping those who dare "Kiss Heppner's Wee Bit of Blarney Stone" for a donation to raise funds for the St. Patrick's Celebration Committee. -Photo by Kay Proctor

Alderman graduates from wind turbine school

Timothy Alderman of Pendleton graduated from IAHA wind turbine school on Friday, March 5. He is the son of Duane Alderman of Pendleton and the grandson of Gladys Alderman.

Senior Center Menu

Hope/Valby/All Saints members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, March 17. The menu will include corned beef, potatoes, cabbage, onions, and carrots, fruit juice, black bread, and carrot cake.

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March 13, 2010
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