

# Ione students take end-of-year field trips



Eighth graders from Ione Community School took a field trip to the Goldendale Observatory this past Saturday. The group left Ione at 5:30 p.m. and returned after midnight. Pictured top to bottom: Emily Holland, Larissa Jones, Dustin Lutz, Nicole Lutz, Gus Peterson, Joel Stillman, Kaid Peck and Jackie Juarez. -Contributed Photo



Pictured left: Seventh graders from Ione Community School experienced an extension from the classroom as they explored natural resources with a tour of the Portland General Electric Coal Fire Plant with Safety Officer, Mike Garrett. Pictured from top to bottom, left to right: Rita McElligott, Zac Irons, Cassidy Braun, Joe Doherty, Brandon Peck, Michaela Forester, Daniel Holts, Lauren Garrett and Oskar Peterson. This 7th grade group also toured the Willow Creek Wind Farm enjoying the opportunity to stand in the base of a new wind turbine (pictured above). -Contributed Photos



Left Photo: Rebecca Jepsen and Melanie Eldridge participate in high school pig dissection at Ione Community School. Center Photo: Horticulture student, Micah Stillman, helps 1st graders Hunter Padberg and Colt Rice plant vegetables in the Ione Community Garden. The garden is open for anyone to reap the benefits of throughout the summer. Photo Above: Seventh grader, Zac Irons, completes a field lab for science at Ione Community School. Students took samples of Willow Creek and dissected insects and tested water quality. -Contributed Photos

## Ione students participate in Shape Up Across Oregon



Ione Community Elementary School student recently participated in Shape Up Across Oregon. There were 59 students in grades K-5 that completed the 845 mile trek across the state. Students received a certificate from Governor Theodore Kulongoski and State Superintendent Susan Castillo. -Contributed Photo

## WSU President's Honor Roll List announced

Washington State University's President's Honor Roll for the spring 2010 term has been announced and Emily Katherine Rietmann of Ione is on that list. To be eligible for the WSU President's Honor Roll, an undergraduate student must earn a grade point average of 3.75 in at least nine graded hours in a single term at WSU or a GPA of 3.50 based on at least 15 cumulative hours of graded work.

## Main Street to close for Celebrate Heppner

Main Street in Heppner will be closed between Willow and May Streets, starting at 2 p.m. on Friday. Drivers are asked that all cars be removed from that part of Main Street by 1 p.m.

## NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged colder than normal during the month of May. The average temperature was 52.7 degrees which was 3.4 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 63.5 degrees, which was 5.6 degrees below normal. The highest was 81 degrees on the 16th. Low temperatures averaged 41.9 degrees, which was 1.2 degrees below normal. The lowest was 32 degrees, on the 7th. Precipitation totaled 2.04 inches during May, which was 0.37 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation -at least .01 inch- was received on 16 days with the heaviest, 0.59 inches reported on the 18th. Precipitation this year has reached 6.50 inches, which is 0.74 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 9.64 inches, which is 1.39 inches below normal. The outlook for June from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal temperatures and above normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during June are 77.0 degrees and normal lows are 48.5 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 1.08 inches. The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

## Oregon Trail Library District adopts Sage System Standardized Loan Rules

The Oregon Trail Library District, in cooperation with other Eastern Oregon libraries, has adopted the Sage Library System Standardized Loan Rules to better serve library users. Beginning July 1, the Oregon Trail Library District libraries in Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon will have two lending periods - 21 day and 7 days. Those items that previously could only be checked out for two weeks - books, audiobooks, magazines, etc. will be able to be checked out for three weeks. All other items - DVD's, telescopes, GPS units, Kill A Watt units, etcetera will have a one week check out period. Any item returned to and checked in at any online Sage Library by the end of the loan period will be considered to have been returned on time. All items will have a grace period of one day in which overdue fines will not accrue. After that, fines will accrue at 20 cents per day per item, up to a maximum of \$5 per item. Renewals can be made if there are no holds on the items by using the OTLD website at <http://www.oregontrail.plinkit.org>. Processing fees up to \$10 will be assessed in addition to the replacement cost on lost/destroyed materials. Library card holders will also be able to place up to six holds/interlibrary loan requests beginning July 1. A full description of the loan rules will be available at any OTLD library.

## Mustangs fall in state championship baseball game



Top Photo: The Heppner baseball team with their second place trophy. The Mustangs lost their state championship game 3-1 to Knappa. Right Photo: Wacy Coil slides safely into second base. -Photos by Sandy Matthews



## Morrow County Weed Advisory Board focuses on Whitetop

Cardaria draba, commonly called Whitetop or Hoary Cress was added to the Morrow County "A" Noxious Weed List by resolution in August of 1999. Weeds designated as such are required to be controlled and prevented from blooming or producing seed. Whitetop is a very aggressive perennial that competes with native vegetation and is a threat to alfalfa and wheat production. Whitetop likes a moist or irrigated area such as riparian areas, but will also infest the uplands. Staff of the Morrow SWCD will be contacting landowners and operators in person, by phone or mail where Whitetop is known to be growing to assist in identification of locations and control information. Submission of approved Weed Management Plans also became a requirement in 1999. All known "A" list noxious weeds on a property are to be covered by the approved plan. Plans filed in the past must be updated to include new weed infestations or when there are ownership changes. When a Weed Management Plan is approved and followed, landowners are protected from being found in violation of the Morrow County Weed Ordinance. Assistance is available to develop management plans by calling Morrow SWCD at 541-676-5452.