

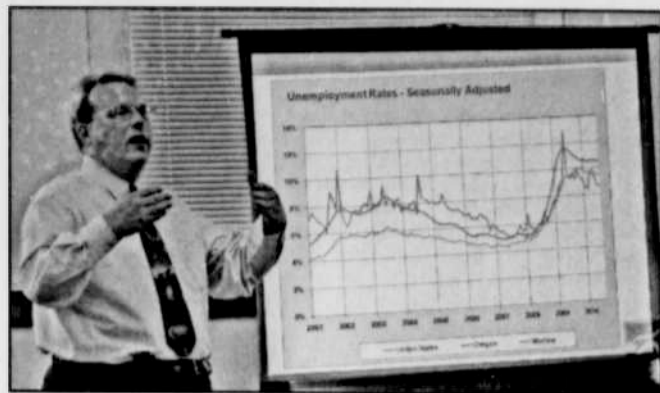
# Oregon 6<sup>th</sup> in nation in unemployment

## 'Not a good year,' says state official

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**By David Sykes**  
The state of Oregon has the sixth highest unemployment rate in the country, an official with the Oregon Employment Department told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce last week.

workforce Analyst with the State of Oregon, said Oregon lost 106,400 jobs, a 6.2 percent decline, between 2008 and '09. "It isn't very good. It was not a good year," he said.  
He said Oregon has an unemployment rate of 10.6 percent, while the nation as a whole has unemployment of 9.3 percent. He says the unemployment is "flat" and has not seen any improvement over the past 10 months.



Tony Wendel, Workforce Analyst with Oregon Employment Department, gave a presentation to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce last Thursday. -Photo by David Sykes

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### Martin begins job as counselor for Heppner schools

**By Autumn Morgan**  
Kristine Martin began the 2010-2011 school year as the counselor at Heppner High School and Heppner Elementary School.  
Born and raised in Salem, the 30 year old Martin received her undergraduate degree in social science from Western Oregon University. In 2003 she took a state job with the Marion County Circuit Court but decided that the job was not really what she wanted to do.  
In 2005 Martin began attending George Fox University part-time, working toward her degree



Kristine Martin

in counseling. In 2007 she began working at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn while completing her degree. In 2009 Martin graduated with her master's degree in school counseling.  
Martin's father has worked for the past 37 years with the Oregon Youth Authority, her mother is a real estate agent, and her sister has worked for 11 years with the Oregon Youth Authority.  
In the morning Martin works at Heppner High School. Her job there

includes various testing for the PSAT, SAT, and ACT; running the teaching assistance and school to work programs; and scheduling colleges to come and visit the school.  
In the afternoon Martin works at Heppner Elementary School, meeting with students individually, as well as going into classrooms each month to talk to students about specific character traits and how the students can best portray those traits.  
"Everyone has been so nice, so helpful," said Martin of her move to Heppner. "People drive by and just wave. You don't get that in Salem."

### G-T Trophy Corner



Pictured is Mark Wunderlich with a sturgeon he caught last week while on a fishing trip purchased at last year's Heppner Booster Club Auction. The trip was donated and hosted by Mike Proctor and Gary Frederickson. Pictured with Wunderlich are Lance Brown and Gary Frederickson. This year's Booster Club Auction will be held on Saturday, October 9, at the Elks Lodge beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. -Contributed Photo

### Bemrose joins Ione Community School as music instructor

**By Autumn Morgan**  
Twenty-three year old Jordan Bemrose has landed her first teaching job as the music teacher at Ione Community School. But music is not something new for her.  
Born in Salem, Bemrose grew up in Dallas with a family deeply entrenched in music. "Everyone in my family plays a musical instrument of some kind," said Bemrose. Her father, Jeff, is a drummer. Her mother, Wendy, is a vocalist who has been a music teacher for over 25 years and is currently an elementary music teacher in Monmouth. Her brother, Nick, is a drummer and a saxophonist. Her grandmother plays the clarinet



Jordan Bemrose

and her aunts play the flute and piano. Bemrose's parents met at Western Oregon University where they were music students.  
Originally, Bemrose thought she might go into some type of physical therapy work, but all of her scholarships were for music. And, since she had grown up teaching music lessons and working with her mother, Bemrose knew that "it (music) was what I needed to do with all those scholarships."  
In college at the University of Oregon Bemrose played the trumpet and sang. On scholarship

through the athletic band, she sang as her main instrument through the university. Bemrose received her bachelor's in music education from the University of Oregon.  
At Ione Bemrose is teaching one band and two choir classes. She sees K-5<sup>th</sup> graders every day for 30 minutes, and high school students for one hour every day. "I really do like it," said Bemrose. "At first I was a little stressed out trying to get the program ready. But now it is going really well. The choir has nine people in it. The first day only two students

could sing in tune and now all can sing in tune. The band is also doing very well."  
The choir will be performing for the first time this school year at the Ione Education Foundation Dinner on Saturday, September 25.  
Bemrose stated that the music program is in need of donations of instruments, especially keyboards. She wants every student to have an instrument if they cannot afford to rent one. She is especially requesting donations of keyboards because she would like to be able to give piano lessons to the elementary school students once a week during their classes.

### Eighth annual Ione Education Foundation dinner, auction to be held

The eighth annual Ione Education Foundation meeting, dinner, and auction will be Saturday, September 25, at the Ione American Legion Hall. The annual meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be

followed by a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.  
The dinner menu will consist of prime rib, salmon, salad, baked potato, bread, and dessert. The meal will also include two beverages of your choice. The cost is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children 7-12, and free for children six and under. Tickets are available at Bank of Eastern Oregon in

Ione and are limited to 250 adults. Tickets may be reserved by calling 541-422-7435. They will also be sold at the door, if available.  
Following the dinner, the Foundation will be auctioning Ione School memorabilia and items donated by community members and businesses. A Snake River jet boat fishing trip, donated and hosted

by Bill Mullins, will also be up for auction. Raffle tickets will be available on various items. The success of the auction and raffle items is important to the foundation as they continue to support the Ione Community School in funding a teaching position, most currently a music teacher for grades K-12.

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