

Track season begins for Ione

The Ione High School track team traveled to The Dalles last Saturday for the Mullin Leavitt Invite. Fourteen other regional teams attended the meet. Results are as follows:

- 100 M**
3rd, Steven Holland, 12.16a
4th, Evan Rietmann, 12.34a
Bailey Haguewood, 13.28a
Karina Rios, 15.74a
- 200M**
Emily Holland, 33.58a
- 1500M**
2nd, Charlette Burghard, 5:55.74a
- Shot Put**
Jeremy Coleman, 30'7"
Kaid Peck, 14'5"
Charlette Burghard, 22'3"
Dominka Senkerikova, 22'2"
Kaytee Burghard, 20'10"
- Discus**
7th, Jeremy Coleman (finals), 92'9"
5th, Kaytee Burghard (finals), 76'2"
Trent Cannon, 82'8"
Kaid Peck, 40'
- Javelin**
7th, Bailey Haguewood (finals), 136'
3rd, Dominika Senkerikova (finals), 85'5"
7th, Emily Holland (finals), 82'8"
Kaytee Burghard, 50'9"
- High Jump**
4th, Steven Holland, 5'6"



Top: Senior Kaytee Burghard winds up for the discus throw at the Mullin Leavitt Invite in The Dalles last Saturday. Bottom: Senior Steven Holland takes it high to seal fourth place in the high jump March 17. -Photo by Paula Emmel

COAL TERMINAL

-Continued from PAGE ONE therefore try to block shipping of coal on the Columbia River, even though the shipping poses no threat to the environment.

This project requires no water or air permits," Smith said, mainly because the coal will never be exposed to the atmosphere. He said the coal would be transported by covered trains to the Port of Morrow, unloaded through a vacuum system to eliminate dust escaping, and then loaded once again on covered barges.

"We have done everything we can to ensure that this is done correctly," Smith told the council.

Smith also said that the facility would employ 25 to 30 people with wages between \$60,000 and \$90,000 per year, and that Ambre is not asking for any

tax incentives. The company will pay over \$750,000 per year in property taxes to Morrow County, \$850,000 in fees annually to the Port of Morrow, and a 10-cent-per-ton fee dedicated to Morrow County Schools, which is expected to generate \$300,000 to \$350,000 in revenue to be shared with Morrow County and Ione school districts. If the tonnage increases from the current 3.5 million tons per year to a maximum of eight million tons, the amount of money going to the schools will increase dramatically.

A county group is presently in the process of setting up an education foundation similar to the one in Ione to distribute the money.

Smith passed out cards to be signed by those in support of the project,

and also asked the council to write a letter of support. The council voted to write the letter. Smith also presented the project to the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, which endorsed the project. Smith said he has support so far from the City of Boardman, Boardman Chamber of Commerce, Morrow County Commission, the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce and the Willow Creek Tea Party.

Representative Smith currently serves as the officer to the board for Morrow Development Corporation, a private partnership with the Port of Morrow, which provides financial management assistance for business development projects, as well as the Northeast Oregon Economic Development District.

Students attend EOU writing workshop

By Andrea Di Salvo

Twelve Heppner students attended a writing workshop at Eastern Oregon University recently.

Kids who attended the program were chosen based on short essays they wrote about why they wanted to go. Morrow County School District then gave scholarships to those that were felt to have the best essays. Heppner attendees included eight elementary school students and four from the high school.

Heppner Elementary School students were Hanna Palmer, Hailee Moist, Mason Lehman, Chance Jones, Cara Arbogast, Diana Healy, Sophie Grant and Olivia Schmidt. Heppner High School students were Tessa Gould, Kaden Lehman, Will Lutchter and Mallory Jones. Fourth-grade teacher Sue Gibbs led the group.

They were among 39 students county-wide and more than 200 total students who attended the day-long workshop on March 10.

It was a long day for participants, who left Heppner at 5:20 a.m. and didn't return until 7:30 that night.

Their writing experience started around 8 a.m. with registration and an opening ceremony. The children and teachers present were able to listen to a writer from Alaska, who showed slides of Alaska and had the kids brainstorm writing ideas from the slides.

The participants

Get ready to walk to defeat MS

"Walk MS: Eastern Oregon" will be in Heppner on Saturday, April 21, at 10 a.m.

All towns in Eastern Oregon are joining forces to walk a 5K to defeat MS. The registration/check-in begins on Saturday, April 21, at 9 a.m. at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 460 N Gale Street in Heppner.

The walk will start at 10 a.m., with brunch following the walk. Pre-registration is appreciated, but day-of registration is available. Pre-register at www.walkMSoregon.com or by phone at 1-503-445-8342.

There is no registration fee for Walk MS, but



Twelve students from Heppner schools attended a writing workshop at EOU recently. They were among more than 200 students total who attended the hands-on workshop. -Contributed photo

then broke into smaller groups with special workshops geared toward elementary students, older kids and even teachers.

High school students got the chance to work more with the Alaskan author, as well as other authors and writing professors. Elementary students got to take a more hands-on approach. A crime scene provided inspiration for a mystery, while a room full of planets opened the way for science-fiction creation. Students also worked on poetry, creative writing and other genres.

"I thought it was really fun; we got to do a lot of writing. That was really cool to me," said third-grader Hailey Moist. "My favorite was when we were writing about what planet we would go to. You got to use your imagination and make it up all your own. It's fun to use your imagination and make up a planet."

Moist said she always considered herself a bad writer but, after her experience, she knows she's a really good writer.

Mason Lehman, a fourth-grader at HES, agreed that it was fun, but said his favorite workshop

was session B, where the kids wrote fantasy stories.

"You could do whatever you wanted to do," he said.

Both kids said they want to keep writing.

Teacher participant Sue Gibbs said teachers, though mostly with their students, also got the chance to attend their own workshops. She said they worked with professors about writing from elementary to high school levels, and the training needed along the way.

The program ended with an open mic so the kids had the opportunity to read what they had written throughout the day before starting for home around four in the afternoon.

Many of the pieces written during the day will be submitted to an anthology for publication; the anthology will then be sent to the kids who participated.

The program was not only fun for the kids but also provided a boost to their scholastic goals.

"The kids really had a good time," said Gibbs. "One told me 'Wow, this is what college is like; I think I want to go to college now.'"



Last year's Walk MS participants proudly display their banner by Heppner's City Park. -Contributed photo

participants are requested to raise a minimum of \$100 per person. Walkers can earn prizes for outstanding fundraising, including a T-shirt prize at the \$100 level. Anyone who brings \$100 the day of the walk will be eligible for a T-shirt that day, while supplies last.

The 5K, marked

route is wheelchair accessible.

Walk MS brochures, with registration information, will be located in all local businesses. Anyone who has questions or who would like a poster or brochure can also contact Walk Chair, Merilee McDowell, at 541-571-5853.

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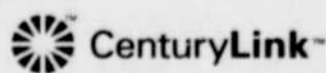
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E. George Koffler Farewell Retirement Reception



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Cake, coffee, and punch

Please join us in wishing
George the very best!



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