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## Ione School experiences growing pains

By April Sykes

Ione School District Superintendent Mark Mulvihill told the Ione school board, at their regular meeting Aug. 20 that with the growth they are experiencing, they need to formulate a vision for the future.

As of the board meeting, the school had 29 students in the fifth and sixth grades, which was still one combined class,

and 32 in the ninth grade. The ninth-grade class is split, with the whole group together only once a day.

"As we grow, our class size is going to grow," commented newly-hired Principal Sarah Crane-Simpson. She said that the expectation of "high rigor" is one of the greatest concerns. "I think we may need one more teacher."

But, she added, "We're going to make it, whatever

it is." As of Aug. 20 Crane-Simpson reported 202 students enrolled at the school, with 10 kindergarteners.

"We're on a trajectory for larger numbers," added Mulvihill. The problem, he said, is that the large classrooms do not occur every year. He recommended starting school "as is."

"You have to wait

until you see the whites of their eyes," he cautioned, adding, "Registration doesn't necessarily mean anything."

"My concern with waiting till you see the whites of their eyes," countered board member Lisa Rietmann, "is that it might be hard to hire a teacher (at that late date)." Rietmann said that she

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## Sewing shop to continue under new management



Marlene Pointer (left) will hand over the reins of Sew On Et Cetera in Heppner to Julie DeLoach next month. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

By Andrea Di Salvo

Heppner's Sew On Et Cetera will close Aug. 30 through Sept. 10 and reopen

under new management.

Owner Marlene Pointer is stepping down from running the sewing shop

because she wants to spend more time with her family, especially her husband and grandkids. According to Pointer, though she enjoyed running the shop, the business became a little too popular, making it difficult for the 60-something seamstress to keep up.

"This business just grew and grew and grew," says Pointer. "It was just more than I was bargaining for, I guess."

Pointer says she's been thinking about making the move for some time, but she wanted to make sure she found a good replacement, someone, she says, who "wouldn't disappoint." She says she's found that person in Julie DeLoach.

DeLoach, 50, was

born in Caldwell, ID and raised in Molalla, OR, in a small logging town in the Willamette Valley that she says reminds her a lot of Heppner.

Her professional work background is in construction, housing and even heavy construction such as road building. She obtained her Associate of Science degree in building construction management from Clackamas Community College in 2005.

She spent the last 12 years working for Portland General Electric, building databases and managing construction projects for civil engineers. She spent

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## Ione welcomes new principal

By April Sykes

There's a new smiling face behind the principal's desk at the Ione Schools. Sarah Crane-Simpson, an Eastern Oregon native, was on the job in time for the first day of school Monday.

Crane-Simpson, 35, was born in Baker City, grew up in Enter City, but graduated from Baker City High School. She first attended Northwest Nazarene College, transferring to Eastern Oregon University and then graduating from the

University of Idaho at Moscow in 2001 with a degree in special education for kindergarten through 12th grade.

Her first teaching position was at a residential treatment facility in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she taught math for grades five through 12. The students, who had emotional and behavioral concerns, lived at the facility.

"It was very satisfying and challenging," said Crane-Simpson, who taught there for one year,



Ione Principal Sarah Crane-Simpson

moving to Alabama with her husband, who relocated quite often for his job.

In Alabama she taught -See IONE PRINCIPAL/PAGE TWO

## Olga Cline: A century of giving

By Andrea Di Salvo

The world has changed a lot in the last 100 years, as Olga Cline of Hermiston can attest. Cline will celebrate her 100th birthday this Thursday, Aug. 29.

Cline is still a vital, active member of her retirement community;

however, because her hearing isn't the best these days, the Gazette-Times instead talked with her daughter, Barb Huwe of Irrigon, who reminisced about her mother's life.

Cline was born in 1913 in Parkers Prairie, MN. One of 12 children, life early in

the 20th century wasn't easy for Cline, beginning with her mother's death.

"She was farmed out because her mama died when she was nine," says Huwe. Being farmed out was common in a day when

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## OTPR, MOCO rodeos announce 2013 winners



Russel Cardosa (left) went home with the OTPR All Around saddle this year, donated by Bank of Eastern Oregon. With Cardosa are John Qualls of BEO and Morrow County Fair and OTPR Queen Krysten Powell. -Contributed photo

By Sue Gibbs

From professional rodeo results to our local MOCO talents, this year's rodeos were filled with fast times and talented athletes. Slack started off on Thursday evening during the Murray's Drug wine and beer tasting. The NPRA performances followed both Friday and Saturday evening and our

local rodeo finished the weekend with Morrow County contestants.

Dickenson Chiropractic started each rodeo by sponsoring the Mutton Bustin'. Caden George was the lucky winner this year, with David Cribbs and Carson Angell close behind. The highlights for the NPRA show came from the Cardosa family. Out of

253 competitors, Russel Cardosa went home with the All-Around saddle this year, donated by Bank of Eastern Oregon. Placing in cow milking, tie down roping and team roping secured the title for this Terrebonne cowboy. His wife Sammy Jo Cardosa placed third in barrel racing. -See RODEO WINNERS ANNOUNCED/PAGE FOUR

## Smith named to Salem task force

SALEM, OR—House Speaker Tina Kotek announced recently that she had appointed Oregon State Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) to the Task Force on Capital Construction Process (SB 551, Chapter 716 2013 Laws).



Rep. Greg Smith

Smith is the only House member appointed to the task force and will join Fred Girod from the Senate as a part of the governor's team. The task force is charged with creating a current inventory of state-owned

buildings and reviewing existing statutory provisions governing the process of developing the capital construction portion of the state budget. The task force will also make recommendations for statutory changes that will allow the legislature to develop budgets for capital construction projects based on identified long-term goals for the state.

"I am pleased the speaker has appointed me -See SMITH NAMED TO TASK FORCE/PAGE FIVE

## Back to school for Heppner students



Children at Heppner Elementary School go inside for lunch after working up an appetite during recess their first day of school. School began throughout Morrow County last Monday, Aug. 26. -Photo by Megan Futter

## G-T closed for Labor Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 2.

The deadline for all news and advertising for the Sept. 4 issue will be Friday, Aug. 30, at 5 p.m.

The G-T wishes everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

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