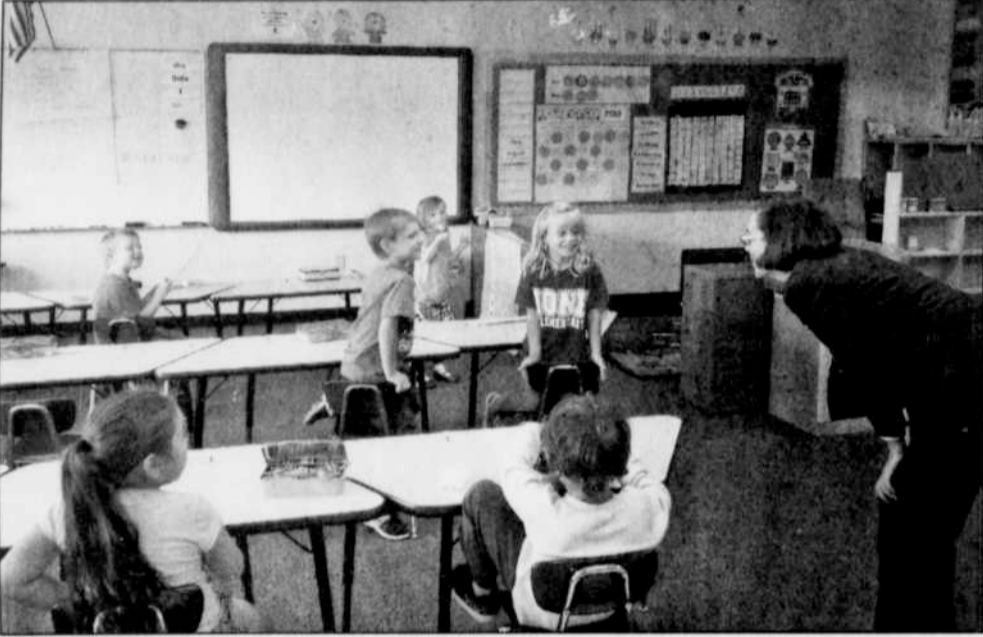


Ione Ed Foundation holds fundraiser



Dustin Padberg works the auction at Saturday night's Ione Education Foundation Annual Dinner and Auction. The event, which helps raise money for the foundation and provides funding assistance to the Ione School District throughout the year, raised more than \$45,000 this year. Guests enjoyed a meal of prime rib and salmon. —Photo by David Sykes

Oregon secretary of state visits Ione school



Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown paid a visit to South Morrow County last week. On her agenda was a visit to Ione Community School, where she visited with Ione Mayor Linda LaRue, Ione Principal Sarah Crane-Simpson, community members and students. Above: Brown shares a laugh with Ione students (L-R from top) Carter Eynetich, Carter Epperson, Lizzy Doherty, Delaney Stefani, Gus Cayce and Raquel Villegas. Right: Brown chats with Ione locals Tim Holtz (center) and Jerry Rietmann. —Contributed photos

Ione church to host hunger program speaker

Angela Boss, Associate Director of Program Development for Foods Resource Bank (FRB) will be visiting Ione Community Church on Sunday, Oct. 6, for worship and a potluck following. Worship is at 11 a.m. with the potluck around 12:15 p.m. All are welcome.

FRB raises resources to support the capability and desire of small farmers in developing countries to grow lasting solutions to

hunger. They have 50-60 programs at any given time, and the programs focus on developing small-holder agriculture, often in the most remote and poorest regions of the world. The organization says it sees agriculture as the solution to hunger experienced in much of the world.

The reason FRB focuses on agriculture is that, it says, much of the world's poor are farmers or have access to land.

Having enough to eat for the whole year is dependent on growing enough to last all year. Hunger is often a seasonal issue, as farmers run out of last year's food before the current year's harvest. If provided with training and basic inputs like seeds or small tools, FRB says farmers can increase their harvest and therefore their food security. FRB works to solve the problem of hunger systemically and with the help of the hungry.

Low-income home energy assistance program planned

An orientation addressing the needs of low-income families and providing energy education for a healthy and safe winter season is planned for Friday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Neighborhood Center in Heppner.

This orientation is mandatory in order for those seeking energy assistance to secure an energy

assistance appointment. This orientation will provide low cost ways to save energy, a checklist for required documents needed for LIHEAP appointments, and a presentation on health care coverage for Oregonians through Cover Oregon.

At the conclusion of the orientation, participants will be given the opportunity to

schedule an appointment for energy assistance and may schedule an appointment for assistance to enroll in Cover Oregon.

Residents of South Morrow County, call 541-276-1926 or 1-800-752-1139 to reserve a spot at an upcoming orientation. Residents of North Morrow County, call 541-289-7755 or 1-800-214-4776.

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benefits of locking doors, including preventing kids from wandering around and discouraging parents from interrupting class. They stressed, however, that "kids aren't being locked in." Crane-Simpson suggested that the school write a letter to each parent explaining the changes that will occur.

"Everyone's going through the same thing," added board member Joe McElligott. He and board Chair Bill Jepsen had recently toured a La Grande school that had surveillance installed and both commented that they were impressed by the system, reporting that even discipline had improved

at the schools with the addition of surveillance systems. The surveillance systems are activated by motion sensors.

Estimates on the cost of installing video cameras and rekeying locks are still pending. The board received one bid from Builders Hardware for \$25,000 to re-key the locks. McElligott said that the original bid to re-key was \$15,000, but he later learned that it would be an additional \$9,000 for labor. The district received a bid for \$10,000 from one company to install surveillance cameras, not including costs for cable. InterMountain ESD has also expressed interest in installing cameras, but has not submitted a firm figure.

No other response has been received with regard to re-keying.

Also at the meeting, the board voted to fund an additional teacher, who will be assisting with the second-graders and the fifth-graders, each a half day for the 2013-14 school year. The plan is that the children in those classes will stay with their original teachers and the new teacher will provide support. Those two classes had reported large enrollments. Mulvihill said the district will later evaluate employing an additional teacher on a permanent basis if need be and go through the budget process for next year if a permanent job is approved.

Crane-Simpson reported on the visit to the school from Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown planned for Sept. 26.

In other business, the board:

- learned from Mulvihill that he had nominated board member Anne Morter for a spot on a "prestigious task force" and she had made "the short list." He said he was prompted by Morter's "awareness and understanding of school funding."

- approved a resolution in favor of continuing athletic co-ops with Heppner for baseball, softball and wrestling.

- approved a resolution allowing helicopter training on the school football field in October for fire safety month.

- accepted the following financial update as of Aug. 31: the general fund collected \$132,106 in basic school support and \$2,430 in property taxes; other revenues collected include \$7,839 for food service, \$69,000 from Ione Community Agri-Business Organization (ICABO) and \$49,000 from the Ione Education Foundation for iPads.

- heard from Ione Student Body President Gus Peterson that homecoming is planned for October 18 and a blood drive has been planned for November.

- heard the following announcements: Oregon School Board Association fall regional meeting, Sept. 25, Blue Mountain Community College student union, Pendleton; October board meeting, Oct. 22; OSBA annual conference, Nov. 14-17, Portland.



First Friday Friends of Jesus this week

Community children ages four through 12 are invited to attend the next session of First Friday Friends of Jesus, to be held this Friday, Oct. 4, at All Saints Episcopal Church (corner of Church and Gale in Heppner).

This monthly program begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at noon.

The morning is filled with Bible stories, skits, music, crafts and games. A free lunch is served, and there is no cost to attend. Newcomers are always welcome.

More information is available by calling the Lutheran-Episcopal shared ministry office 541-676-9970.

Park district to meet

Willow Creek Park District will meet on Oct. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Heppner City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Methodist church will begin confirmation classes Oct. 6

Preparations are underway for a confirmation class at Heppner United Methodist Church.


According to Pastor Elke Sharma, the class, developed for youth ages 13 and up, will be held on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:20 a.m. beginning Oct.

6. These classes will help prepare youth for church membership.

Topics will include: "What it means to be part of a Christian community," "Wesleyan History in Europe and the United States" and "Spiritual Disciplines and Gifts." The

classes will conclude with the opportunity to join the Heppner United Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 3.

For more information, contact Pastor Elke Sharma at 541-676-9224 or by e-mail at pastorelke@yahoo.com.



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