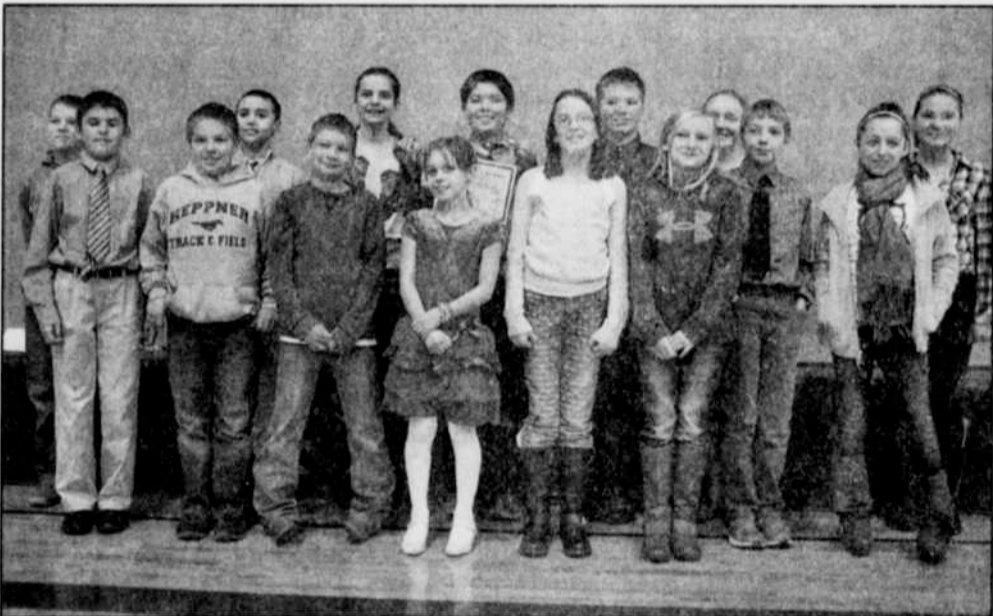


Ione school holds blood drive



The Ione High School hosted its annual blood drive last Tuesday, Jan. 21. Top: Students Emily Holland, August Peterson, Rachel Holland and T.J. Patton get ready for the blood drive last Tuesday. Bottom: Ione community member Virgil Morgan watches while a volunteer preps him to give blood during the Ione school's annual blood drive. —Contributed photos

Local schools announce geography bee winners



Heppner and Ione elementary schools recently held their annual school-level qualifying competitions for the National Geography Bee. Winners will take the state-level qualifying test before Jan. 31 for the chance to qualify to compete in the state-level competition April 4. Top: Ione geography bee finalists Eva Martin, Payton Miller, Emma Rietmann, Josalyn Nichols, Aaron Smythe, Daniel Eubanks, Austin Morter, Emily Taylor and Morgan Orem. Aaron Smythe was the school winner for Ione Community School. Bottom: The winner of the Heppner Elementary local competition was sixth-grader Kellen Grant, while sixth-grader Gavin Robinson was runner-up. Thirteen other fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders participated in the school competition, including Hannah Green, Blane Mahoney, Cody Fletcher, Casey Fletcher, Cami Van Arsdale, Jordan Sweeney, Kami Holtz, Serenity Rodriguez, Rylee Bray, Aimee Turrell, Tresslyn McCurry, Drew Coe and Jackson Lehman. —Contributed photos

BMCC offers classes for Morrow County

County offerings range from handguns to dance fitness

Blue Mountain Community College is offering several classes that might be of interest to local residents this winter, says Morrow County Coordinator Anne Morter.

Handgun Proficiency is being offered on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BMCC Boardman. A classroom session will be held in the morning followed by a session on the shooting range in

the afternoon. The class satisfies the proficiency requirements for those wishing to get a concealed weapons permit and, unlike many other classes, allows the participants time to get familiar with their firearm under the watchful eye of the instructor. Cost is \$49 and pre-registration is required.

Zumba class has started but more participants are welcome to join. The class

is set for Mondays and Thursdays at the Windy River Elementary gym from 4:15-5:15 p.m. The instructor is Joy Bittinger, who is a certified Zumba instructor. Students can sign up for a two-day-per week class or for just one.

Social Media for Small Business is a one-night seminar set for Feb. 10 at Heppner High School. This class is for that person wishing to promote their

business on Facebook. The class is from 6-7:30 p.m. and pre-registration is required. The cost is \$49.

Advising for spring term also has now begun. Students in Morrow County are reminded that advising appointments are available in both north and south Morrow County. Please call Anne Morter at 541-481-2099 or 541-422-7040 to set up a time or to register for the above classes.

Sew Fantastic 4-H Club news

The Ione Sew Fantastic 4-H Club had a busy afternoon at their meeting on Jan. 26 at the Ione Community Church.

They started with roll call and then showed off the pajamas and apron projects they had completed after their first two meetings.

Then members sewed up Ione Cardinal headbands using their choice of black, white or crimson polar fleece.

They cut out and ironed on "IONE" in contrasting glitter lettering to complete

the project.

Following a snack break, they started in on a new and more challenging project—a purse made from 12 pre-cut, 2-1/2 inch wide "jelly roll" strips of fabric or from fabric scraps.

The eight club members were assisted by leaders Nancy and Rebecca Jepsen and 4-H helpers Marlene Pointer, Bonnie Ball and Nancy Anderson.

They will continue working on their quilted purse projects at their next meeting on Feb. 9.



Sew Fantastic 4-H Club members show off their Ione headbands. Back (L-R): MaLinda Morter, Grace Ogden, Morgan Orem, Makenzie Heideman. Front (L-R): Madison Orem, Hailey Heideman, Kayla Rodriguez and Haylie Peterson. —Contributed photo

Public invited to 'Love Your Library' event

Sam Pambrun, a noted speaker on the Lewis and Clark Trail and many little-known facts about early pioneer adventures, will be guest speaker at the "Love Your Library" evening, Wednesday, Feb. 12, from 6:30-8 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center living room.

Sally Walker will follow with a brief overview, including map handouts, showing where people can see ruts made by the covered wagons as they passed through Morrow County.

There will be a question and answer time following the presentations.

The public is invited to attend this evening sponsored by The Friends of the Heppner Library. Refreshments will be served.

For additional information, call Pat Edmundson, 541-676-5177, or Sally Walker, 541-676-9112.

Saint Patrick's church to hold Valentine dinner

On Thursday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., St. Patrick's Parish will be serving couples a romantic dinner featuring steak, all the trimmings and dessert.

The dinner will be held in the church parish hall; the cost is \$35 per couple.

To reserve a spot or for more information, call

Kathy Fullmer at 541-676-5064 and leave a message. All money raised will go toward St. Patrick's parish hall maintenance.

Last Wednesday Game Night returns at Methodist church

After a brief holiday, the Heppner United Methodist Church Women will resume hosting their "Last Wednesday Game Night" at the Methodist

Church beginning this Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 7-9 p.m. Board and card games of all kind will be available to play. The event is free and open to the

public. Refreshments will be served.

The Heppner United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Church and Gale Streets in Heppner.

Time to renew dog licenses

The City of Heppner code requires that all dogs over the age of six months must be licensed, Heppner City Manager Kim Cutsforth reminded residents this week.

The licensing period covers Jan. 1 to Jan. 1; licenses issued for 2013 have expired. Licenses cost \$7 per year for spayed or

neutered animals and \$15 per year for those that are not.

Currently, the city is notifying all dog owners who have not renewed licenses for 2014, or who have been identified as having an unlicensed animal on their property. When applying for a license, a current rabies

immunization certificate is required.

This policy helps identify dogs that are picked up; in most cases, the owners can be notified and the pets returned. Unlicensed dogs reported at large are transported to Pet Rescue in Hermiston.

Questions, call Heppner City Hall, 541-676-9618.

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