

Ione FFA students to represent chapter



The Ione FFA Chapter earned three banners at the district FFA competition last week at Blue Mountain Community College. Morgan Orem and Ivy Sanford took first and second place respectively in the beginning public speaking contest, while Daniel Holtz took first in the extemporaneous public speaking contest. These three individuals will represent Ione at the sectional contest at Eastern Oregon University on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Pictured (L-R): Ivy Sanford, Morgan Orem and Daniel Holtz. —Photo by Erin Heideman

BMCC offers retirement planning, investment classes

A series of retirement planning and investment classes by local instructor Rita Van Schoiack will be offered in Heppner beginning Feb. 24.

The classes will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on three consecutive Tuesdays at the Pettyjohn Building, 430 West Linden Way, Heppner. Investment Basics will be Feb. 24, with Retirement Basics on March 3 and Retirement Income Planning on March 10.

The classes are designed to help attendees

gain the skills to estimate how much money they need to retire, learn how to create retirement goals, review investment basics, and more. Van Schoiack is a financial advisor and owner of Blue Mountain Investment Management LLC.

The classes are free and include a workbook. Advance registration is required; call Anne Morter at 541-422-7040 or e-mail her at amorter@bluecc.edu. Students may also register online at www.bluecc.edu.

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4) Review personnel manual and make changes as necessary.

5) Replace two fire hydrants at Cowins and Barratt.

6) Update Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Code and Inter Governmental Agreement with Morrow County for UGB.

7) Revise and establish an Emergency Action Plan. Involve the hospital, HVFD, MCSO, etc.

8) Establish a Nuisance Ordinance as suggested by Morrow County Undersheriff Steve Myron.

9) Establish a line item and start a reserve fund in

the budget for a GIS system to aid in the mapping and maintenance of our water system. (Z-5K/yr.)

10) Fence the perimeter of the city yard with 6' chain-link fence.

11) City Hall—Start planning for exterior and replacing failing windows, and install a ventilation fan.

12) Amphitheater—set up program for summer events: movies, music.

13) Install auto flushers in the restroom at the city park near the library and add automatic sprinkler timers.

14) Schedule city clean-up days for the spring and fall.

Water quality advisory committee to meet

The Local Advisory Committee for the Willow Creek Agriculture Water Quality Plan will be holding a biennial review meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ag Service Center Meeting Room.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and update the water quality management plan for the Willow Creek Watershed.

This area plan applies to all agricultural activities on non-federal and non-Tribal Trust land within the management area. The management area includes all Ag lands that drain into Willow Creek and from the west bank of the Umatilla River, including the area in northcentral Morrow County along the Columbia River.

Each individual landowner is required to comply with the regulations, but is only responsible for agricultural pollution limits on their property.

Meetings of the Willow Creek AgWQAP are open to the public.

Lady Cards split games in exciting weekend play

The Lady Cards travelled to Dufur last weekend but didn't bring home a win for their efforts, eventually falling to the Rangers 28-38.

The Lady Cardinals led for the first quarter 11-10, and held their own at halftime with a one-point difference, Ione 19 and Dufur 20.

The third quarter proved to be the Rangers' turning point to lengthen the lead, and Ione wasn't able to take it away from them.

"Even though we lost, we gained a lot of confidence after this game. The kids played very well and put together a full game, and that has been what we have been working towards. Each week they continue to improve, and I am excited to see where this will take us moving forward," said Coach Mike Garrett.

Ione Game Stats:
Final Score: Ione 28, Dufur 38

Jessie Flynn, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 turnovers, 4 personal fouls, 3 points; Katie Gilbert, 1 personal foul; Morgan Orem, 5 rebounds, 1 personal foul, 2 points; Hannah Padberg, 3 rebounds, 2 turnovers, 1 personal foul; Maggie Flynn 2 turnovers, 2 personal fouls, 3 points; Ivy Sandford, 1 rebound, 3 turnovers, 3 points; Rachel Holland, 2 rebounds, 4 turnovers, 2 personal fouls, 10



Lady Card varsity players (L-R) Kaitlin Garrett and Lauren Garrett run interference for Ivy Sandford as she steals the ball from a Ranger, while Hannah Padberg and Morgan Orem hustle to assist. —Contributed photo

points; Lauren Garrett, 4 rebounds, 2 assists, 2 turnovers, 3 personal fouls, 6 points; Kaitlin Garrett, 3 rebounds, 3 turnovers, 1 personal foul, 2 points.

Despite their loss to the Rangers, the Lady Cards regrouped to meet Arlington head-on the next day.

Arlington traveled to Ione Saturday for what seemed to be a rematch of sorts. Ione had played Arlington in one of their first league games of the season, ending with a loss.

Saturday's game proved to be an exciting challenge right up to the last few minutes of the game, but a true win for the Lady Cardinals.

"This was a big win for us as far as getting into the Big Sky district conversation. We started off slow and I believe were down

8-0, but the kids did a great job recovering and we were only down by three at the half. They came out and played a great second half and really took care of the ball and hit some big shots. We've come a long way

during this season, and to only have one turnover in the second half against an aggressive Arlington team is very impressive," said Coach Garrett.

Ione Game Stats:
Final score: Ione 49, Arlington 41

Jessie Flynn, 2 rebounds, 3 turnovers, 2 personal fouls; Morgan Orem, 5 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 turnover, 4 fouls, 1 point; Hannah Padberg, 5 rebounds, 2 personal fouls; Maggie Flynn, 2 rebounds, 1 assist, 4 personal fouls, 8 points; Ivy Sandford, 1 rebound, 2 assists, 5 points; Rachel Holland, 9 rebounds, 1 assist, 1 turnover, 3 fouls, 18 points; Lauren Garrett, 4 rebounds, 5 turnovers, 3 personal fouls, 6 points; Kaitlin Garrett, 6 rebounds, 1 turnover, 1 personal foul, 11 points.



L-R: Lady Cardinals Kaitlin Garrett, Lauren Garrett and Jessie Flynn try to prevent an Arlington player from making a basket in Saturday's game. —Contributed photo

Former Muslim to speak on Islam

Is Islam a peaceful religion? What is jihad? What does the Quran really say about women, non-Muslims, and peace/war? Is peace possible?

Pastor Mujahid El Masih will speak on those topics and more at Heppner Christian Church this Sunday, Feb. 15, from 6-8 p.m. A potluck will be held at 5 p.m. at the church for those who would like to meet Masih. The public is invited.

He also will be speaking during the normal morning Bible study from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and the worship service from 10:45-12 p.m. All are invited to come hear his story and learn the truth behind Islam.

For further information, contact Eric Schonbachler at 541-975-3161.

HUMC this week

The transfiguration of Jesus Christ, the last Sunday of Epiphany, holy baptism and Holy Communion.... There's a lot to celebrate this week at Heppner United Methodist Church. Rev. Steve Wolff will share his message, "Add Water and Stir." Rev. Wolff is pastor of the La Grande United Methodist Church. Liturgist Michael Reed will read from the books of Kings, Corinthians and Mark. Hymns will include "Christ Upon the Mountain Peak," "Come Away With Me," "Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters" and "Shine, Jesus Shine."

A fellowship time will be held in the community room following the service.

Service begins at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Heppner United Methodist Church is located at 175 West Church St. For more information call 541-676-9224 or e-mail heppneroregonmethodists@gmail.com.

Catholic men to hold Shrove Tuesday dinner and meeting

The men of St Patrick's and St William's Catholic Churches will hold their annual Shrove Tuesday dinner and meeting at Route 74 restaurant in Ione on Tuesday, Feb. 17. The evening will start with a social period at 6 p.m. For more information, call Jim Swanson at 541-422-7162 or Dan Van Schoiack at 541-676-9971.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper next week

Pancakes for supper? Of course! Especially when it's Shrove Tuesday (the day before Lent begins).

Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Shared Ministry of All Saints Episcopal and Hope Lutheran churches will be cooking up a supper of pancakes, ham, fruit, coffee, tea, juice and milk from 5-7 p.m. at All Saints parish hall, on the corner of Gale and Church streets in Heppner. The price for an adult is \$5; student, \$4; and family, \$15.

All proceeds will be used for mission and outreach needs in local communities.

Group that helps African families will speak at Baptist church

The public is invited to Willow Creek Baptist Church in Heppner on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. to hear a presentation by Dustin and Brittany Phillips of the Hope & Light Initiative.

Hope & Light Initiative is a group that travels back and forth to Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa, working directly with families there with the goal of achieving sustainable living for those families.

Along with information on the work they do, the couple will have for sale items made by the women they work with in Africa. The money raised by the items goes directly back to the families in Africa.

The public is welcome to this free event. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Mike Ehrsam at 541-701-5747.

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Corvallis City Council. He says his goals are to help rural communities survive and folks live where they want to live.

Lunch will be catered by Cornerstone Gallery. Anyone planning on attending the lunch is asked to RSVP no later than Tuesday, Feb. 17, to accommodate enough food. Respond to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@centurytel.net, or Marcia Kemp at 541-676-2100 or mmkemp@fs.fed.us.

HEPPNER ELKS MEMBERS VALENTINE'S DINNER

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH STARTING AT 6:00PM.

Menu will be Prime Rib, vegetable, potatoes, salad bar, bread and dessert. Also one glass of champagne per person!

The cost for dinner will be \$40.00 a couple.

Please call the lodge for reservations Wednesday-Saturday 676-9181 after 4:00 pm.

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