

From the North End

Sam Boardman Elementary invites public to Veterans' Day assembly

Invitations are in the mail for the annual Sam Boardman Elementary Veterans' Day Assembly. Sam Boardman Elementary School, located at 301 Wilson Lane, welcomes community attendance at the assembly. Students will be honoring local veterans during an assembly on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at

10:30 a.m. in the SBE gym. The program will include patriotic songs performed by students. First, second and third grade classes will perform "Patriotic Medley." The third graders will present a history of Veterans' Day and song to honor veterans and their families. Local veterans who are

present will be introduced and presented with thank-you cards made by students. If you know of a local veteran that has not received an invitation, please encourage them to come. The public also is invited to join this special assembly to express our gratitude to American's heroes.

Irrigon branch library to hold grand opening

Oregon Trail Library District is holding a Grand Opening of the Irrigon Branch Library Friday, Nov. 13, from 2-4 p.m. The OTLD board, Friends of the Irrigon Library and library director Kathy Street have planned an afternoon to celebrate the new library building. Special guests will include State Librarian MaryKay Dahlgren and Rep. Greg Smith.



Oregon Trail Library District will hold a grand opening for the long-awaited Irrigon library on Nov. 13 from 2-4 p.m. - Contributed photo

The celebration will begin at 2 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and will continue with speakers, food and tours of the library. Mrs. Eastern Oregon Lori McNeil will be reading children's books and having a craft for the kids. New patrons can sign up for an OTLD library card while attending.

Irrigon Branch Library is located at 490 NE Main St. in downtown Irrigon. Parking is available behind the building and in the

parking lot east of city hall. oregontrailploud.net or call For more information, visit 541-481-3365.

Oregon pharmacy association honors Boardman pharmacist

Raymond Michael of Boardman recently was honored by Oregon Veterans in Pharmacy for his 50-year commitment to the practice of pharmacy.



Jennifer Davis, Immediate Past President of Oregon State Pharmacy Association, recognizing Ray Michael for 50 years of commitment to pharmacy. -Contributed photo

Michael, a graduate of OSU School of Pharmacy, was licensed in 1965 and practiced at pharmacies in the Portland area for 14 years. He moved his family

to Eastern Oregon and built an independent pharmacy in Boardman in 1978.

At the October 2015 Oregon State Pharmacy Association Annual Convention, Ray was honored for 50 years in pharmacy. A fellow OSU School of Pharmacy graduate, Robert Mullay of Hermiston, licensed in 1980, was honored for 35 years in pharmacy.

OCTOBER WEATHER

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calls for near-normal temperatures and near-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner fall from 57 degrees at the start of November to 45 degrees at the

end of November. Normal lows fall from 35 degrees to 28 degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 1.60 inches.

Rapunzel plays for packed house in Ione



Local youth and Missoula Children's Theater staff performed Rapunzel for a packed house at the Ione Legion Hall last Friday. Pictured are MCT tour actor/director Mary Kate McLaurine (far left) with local cast members: Madame Gothel Sydney Qualls, tower Rapunzel Hannah Flynn, room Rapunzel Emma Rietmann, prince #1 Lewkus Burright, prince #2 Sarah Knop, wood elves Katelyn Thompson, Megan Doherty and MaLinda Morter, unicorns Katie Spivey and Kelly Doherty, ears of corn Carson Eynetich and Emily Ehrmantraut, potato Mason Orem, Billy Goats Gruff Grace Smith, Aubrey Smith and Daralynn Teeman, troll Madison Orem, ogres Kayla Rodriguez and Julie Teeman, and mushrooms Phegley Padberg (Fun Gus), Carter Eynetich, Olivia Ogden, Hadley Wright, Hannah Smith, Sam Smith, Isabel Ogden, Moira Di Salvo, Lizzie Doherty and Keltie Rietmann. Not pictured are MCT tour actor/director Alex Jenkins and accompanist Yvonne Morter. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

BUBONIC PLAGUE

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The teen reportedly fell ill on Oct. 21, cutting short the hunting trip. The teenager was hospitalized Oct. 24 at St. Charles Bend but is expected to recover completely after treatment with common antibiotics, said Emilio DeBess, DVM, state public health veterinarian in the Public Health Division's Acute and Communicable Disease Prevention Section. At last report, she was recovering in the hospital's intensive care unit, though no updated information was available as of early this week.

Oregon Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention epidemiologists are working with health officials in Crook, Deschutes and Morrow counties to investigate the illness. No other persons are believed to have been infected.

Plague is an infectious bacterial disease that is carried by squirrels, chipmunks, and other wild rodents and their fleas. When an infected rodent becomes sick and dies, its fleas can carry the infection to other warm-blooded animals or humans through bites.

"Many people think of the plague as a disease of the past, but it's still very much present in our environment, particularly among wildlife," said DeBess. "For-

tunately, plague remains a rare disease, but people need to take appropriate precautions with wildlife and their pets to keep it that way."

Plague is rare in Oregon and is treatable with antibiotics if caught early. DeBess recommends people avoid any contact with wild rodents. They should never feed squirrels, chipmunks or other rodents in picnic or campground areas, and never touch sick or dead rodents. Pets also should be protected from fleas and kept away from wild animals.

The girl interacted in some way with a dead chipmunk or other rodent while on the hunt, DeBess said, though he didn't know exactly whether she'd handled it.

"She did report an insect bite on her lower abdomen, and that was about three or four days before she started getting sick," DeBess said.

Plague symptoms typically develop in one to four days after exposure and include fever, chills, headache, weakness, and a bloody or watery cough.

There are three types of plague: bubonic, a lymph node infection; septicemic, a blood infection; and pneumonic, a lung infection.

Bubonic plague is the most common form and is characterized by high fever, lethargy and swollen lymph

nodes, most commonly in the neck and under the jaw. Infected lymph nodes may spontaneously abscess and drain.

People should contact their health care provider if plague is suspected and a veterinarian if pets or other animals exhibit symptoms consistent with the disease. Untreated plague can be fatal for animals and people.

Julia Burco, DVM, of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, reminds people who find or observe sick or dead rodents to contact the agency's veterinarians at 1-866-968-2600.

Health authorities offer these recommendations to prevent plague:

- Avoid sick or dead rodents, rabbits and squirrels, and their nests and burrows.
- Keep your pets from roaming and hunting.
- Talk to your veterinarian about using an appropriate flea control product on your pets.
- Clean up areas near the house where rodents could live, such as wood-piles, brush piles, junk and abandoned vehicles.
- Sick pets should be examined promptly by a veterinarian.
- See your doctor about any unexplained illness involving a sudden and severe fever.
- Put hay, wood, and compost piles as far as possible from your home.
- Don't leave your pet's food and water where mice can get to it.
- Veterinarians and their staff are at higher risk and should take precautions when seeing suspect animal plague cases.

For more information about plague, visit: www.cdc.gov/plague/.

Holly Rebekah plans card party, Bunco

Holly Rebekah Lodge will hold a pinochle card party this Saturday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Lodge in Lexington. Cost is \$5 for an evening of snacks, fun and visiting.

On Thursday, Nov. 12, the lodge will host a Bunco party at the lodge hall. Play starts at 7 p.m.; cost is \$5.

LES SCHWAB CONGRATULATES THE IONE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

THE IONE MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FINISHED ITS 2015 SEASON UNDEFEATED WITH A RECORD OF 5-0.



The 2015 undefeated Ione middle school football team. Back row: Coach Jim Raible, Cameron Jewett, Junior Roque, Jake Heideman, Matt Orem, Hunter Padberg, Paul Taylor and Coach Dale Holland. Front row: Morgan Alldritt, Colt Parker, Gary Walls, Taylor Rollins, Blake Carter and Tony Villegas. -Photo by Erin Heideman



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