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Ione High celebrates homecoming

Ione High School held their homecoming event on March 12 despite the home game being cancelled. Gennell Blakely was crowned queen and Hunter Padberg, king. Ione kindergarten students, Bella Rodriguez and Waylon Jewell, were the crown bearers for the event.



Pictured (L-R): Freshmen, John McElligott and Leelyn Vandever; Sophomores, Fernando Ramirez and Madison Orem; Juniors, Aubrey Blakely and Felix Mathew and Seniors, Gennell Blakely and Angel Velasco, Ola Rietmann and Cameron Jewett, Laryssa Burrigott and Hunter Padberg and Carson Eynetich and Eva Martin. Front row: Crown bearers, Bella Rodriguez and Waylon Jewell (kindergarten). -Contributed photo.

Annual Chamber luncheon scheduled

The annual meeting and luncheon for the Heppner Chamber is scheduled for April 1 at the Gilliam and Bisbee building. RSVPs are required by Friday, March 26.

Lunch will be provided by Heppner Market Fresh, serving a French dip with au jus, a green salad with a choice of ranch or Italian dressing and a cookie for just \$10.

Murray named as headmaster

The board of directors at Chesterton Academy of St. Philip Neri has announced the hiring of Dr. Luke Murray as Headmaster.



Dr. Luke Murray

Dr. Murray is passionate about reaching young people with the truth and joy of the Gospel and forming well-rounded servant leaders able to flourish wherever the Lord leads them. He comes to Chesterton Academy after having served most recently as the Berkel Chair of Theology and leading the Institute for Faith and Culture in Lawrence, Kansas, based out of the Saint Lawrence Center serving the University of Kansas.

Dr. Murray received a Ph.D. in Historical Theology and went on to post-doctoral work at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium). He also has earned a Ph.D. in systematic theology from Ave Maria University, a master's degree in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville, and an undergraduate degree in philosophy from his time discerning the priesthood at Mt. Angel Seminary.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Murray as the first headmaster of Chesterton Academy of St. Philip Neri," Chairman of the Board Devin Winter remarked. "His deep and genuine faith, his impressive academic credentials, his sturdy leadership, and his sincere passion for teaching make him the ideal headmaster. Dr. Murray isn't content standing behind the podium in a classroom. He is eager to engage with students and families, meet with friends and supporters of the academy and welcome his fellow teachers. We couldn't be happier to have him."

"I am humbled and honored to serve as head-

master at the Chesterton Academy of St. Philip Neri," Dr. Murray said. "The classical approach to education, grounded in grammar, logic, and rhetoric, has never been more needed. Forming young men and women who listen well, think clearly and communicate effectively is crucial for the functioning of society and for preparing students to thrive wherever the Lord leads them in the future. I look forward to meeting the community and building something special here at the Chesterton Academy of St. Philip Neri."

Dr. Murray brings a wealth of experience in academia, but his experience with many college students has stirred an awareness of the need to lay firmer foundations in the souls of students at a younger age. The chance to do this in the context of a joyful Catholic school has drawn him into this new chapter in his life's work.

Dr. Murray enjoys spending time with his wife Katie, and their daughters Juliette (6) and Alice (4), playing board games, guitar, piano, and watching the Chiefs and Jayhawks. "They are eager to move to Kansas City to take the helm of the Chesterton Academy of St. Philip Neri, and build a school worthy of our namesakes."

Students take Time Out for Reading

The fifth and sixth graders of Heppner Elementary just finished their yearly basketball-themed, reading incentive program, Time Out for Reading. During this four-week program, students keep track of minutes they read each day. At the end of every week (quarter), the minutes are added. Each student is on a team, and they work towards earning individual and team prizes. The goal of the program is to encourage reading for fun and teamwork. The fifth and sixth graders read a total of 117,207 minutes in four weeks this year.

The top reader this year was sixth grader Rebecca Ellsworth with 11,133 minutes read. McKenzie Maben, also a sixth grader, was second with 7,703 minutes. The students culminated Time Out for Reading with their prize party on



The top ten readers were front row (L-R): Rebecca Ellsworth, McKenzie Maben, Darby Spivey. **Second row (L-R):** Lita Nelson, Hailey McDaniel. **Third row (L-R):** Keaton Coiner, Claire Lindsay, Caylan Proudfoot. **Back row (L-R):** Lincoln Ellsworth, Logan Turner.

Wednesday, March 17. Students chose prizes, many of which were basketball themed, in the order in which they finished with

their total minutes read. Each student received a prize and a book.

Prizes and books are purchased from generous

donations from community members, local organizations, and the H.E.S. Parent Teacher Club.

Heppner girls' volleyball takes all three opponents last week

The Heppner Mustang volleyball team took on three opponents last week, winning against all three. On March 16 they played Stanfield, March 18 was Irrigon and March 19, they took on Grant Union.

In the game against Stanfield, the girls won in three (25-19, 25-14, 25-14). Sydney Wilson had 22 digs, 15 kills, four Aces; Marlee Mitchell had 13 Assists, six digs; Alexis Cutsforth had 18 digs, 2 Aces and Sage Ferguson had 8 Digs, 2 Aces. Coach Mindy Wilson said it was a good game with good effort and she was able to move the girls around to see what would work best for the team.

In the game played vs. Irrigon, Heppner won in three (25-12, 25-9, 25-15). Wilson reported, "The girls played well. Irrigon was



Zabrena Masterson and Kennisyn Wilkins keep the ball in the air in the game vs. Grant Union last week. -Contributed photo.

missing two key players, which was disappointing, as we had prepped to compete with them. We still came out and played hard." Stats for the game included Sydney Wilson with 12 Kills, Sage Ferguson with 8 Digs, 6 Aces, Marlee Mitchell with 14 Assists and Kennisyn Wilkins with 6 kills,

3 Digs.

At the Grant Union game, Wilson noted, "This was the game I had been waiting for all week. I knew we were going to be in for a battle and a battle was what we got. Grant Union is tall across the front and they swing hard. We had to be on our game defensively to

compete and we did. I am very proud of all the girls and their effort; it was a great team win." Heppner won in 5 (25-18, 25-23, 17-25, 23-25, 17-15) against GU with Sydney Wilson making 28 digs, 15 kills, 2 blocks, Alexis Cutsforth had 38 digs, Marlee Mitchell had 14 digs, 8 assists, Genevieve Smith had 19 Assists, Aimee Turrell had 5 digs, 5 kiss and Sage Ferguson made 12 digs, 3 Aces.

The team has no games scheduled this week but will be back playing Weston-McEwen on March 30.

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