

School shooting threat in Irrigon suspect arrested

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to the public, Sheriff Bowles said, "I want everyone to know that we take these situations very seriously and will investigate fully. Incidents like these will be investigated, and perpetrators will be arrested. Safety is our primary objective."

Sheriff Bowles assured the community that law enforcement is taking the matter seriously, and further details will be shared as the investigation progresses.

School District's Response

In a concurrent update from the Morrow County School District, the administration confirmed receiving the report at approximately 10:20 p.m. Sunday night. The threat involved a student planning to bring a firearm to school. School officials are working closely with law enforcement, who acted quickly to identify, contact, and arrest the student.

To ensure the safety of students and staff, there will be an increased presence of Morrow County Sheriff's deputies at the school on Monday.

The district reiterated its commitment to student

safety and urged the community to remain vigilant. "This serves as an important reminder that if you see or hear something that could pose a safety risk, it is critical to speak up. Your vigilance helps keep our schools safe."

Community Reassured

Both the Morrow County Sheriff's Office and the Morrow County School District expressed gratitude for the community's support and cooperation. Sheriff Bowles and the school district have reassured parents, students, and staff that all necessary precautions are being taken to ensure a safe learning environment.

Further information will be provided as the investigation continues. However, at this time, there are no ongoing threats, and the suspect will not be attending school.

IEF to host auction & dinner Sept. 28th

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after bringing an exciting energy to last year's event. For those unable to attend in person, online bidding will be available for the silent auction, allowing everyone to participate and support the cause.

The funds raised through this event have made a significant impact on the Ione School District in the past, thanks to the generosity of donors and attendees. Contributions have helped fund teaching positions, field trips, monthly Scholastic books for every student, curriculum for SPED (special education), and educational tools like tape measures and suture kits for health classes. The foundation has also sponsored visiting artists in residence, providing students with enriching experiences and resources they might not otherwise have access to.

Tickets for the dinner and auction can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Bank of East-

ern Oregon, Ione Branch. For those looking to elevate their experience, premium seating at reserved round tables for eight is available for pre-purchase. Interested guests or donors can contact Shelley McCabe at 541-980-3205 or via email at smccabe3205@gmail.com to secure their premium seating or to donate items for the auction.

As the date approaches, keep an eye out for announcements about the exciting auction items up for bid. Whether you're attending for the great food, the lively auction, or simply to support the Ione Education Foundation's mission, this event is sure to be an unforgettable evening of fun and community spirit.

The Ione Education Foundation is looking forward to another successful year of supporting local education through this event. Mark your calendars for September 28, 2024, and join in making a positive difference in the lives of students!

Smith loses pay raise

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were deeded to the agency for industrial development and wildlife conservation.

Smith has also held various other public roles in Eastern Oregon, includ-

ing contracts with Eastern Oregon University and Umatilla Electric Cooperative. Despite the board's decision, Smith disputed the allegations made against him.

OTLD to meet Sept. 25th

Public notice Oregon Trail Library District board meeting Wednesday, September 25th, 6:30pm Board-

man branch. For anybody wanting to attend via zoom the link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85153190405>.

AWANA has sweet start to club year

Heppner AWANA Club began its 2024-25 club year Tuesday, Sept. 17th, at the Heppner Christian Life Center. Nineteen registered club members and several adults attended the first meeting, which included games, songs, Bible lessons, and an ice cream social for club members and their parents.

New members are welcome at any time. Meetings will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays throughout the club year. Every week includes a different theme; Sept. 24th, was "Cowboy Night," and club members can start planning now for "Bring a Friend"

night on Oct. 1st, and a "Pirate Night" on Oct. 8th. The Heppner AWANA program is the combined effort of local churches to teach children what the Bible is all about. AWANA stands for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," based on II Timothy 2:15. Games, songs and a Bible lesson are included during a typical club meeting.

The Christian Life Center is located at 535 W. Morgan St. in Heppner. For more information, contact AWANA Secretary Andrea Di Salvo at awana.heppner@gmail.com, 757-285-5792, or via Facebook Messenger.

Ione-Arlington Football schedule

Sept. 27th vs. Wheeler County at 7pm in Fossil, Arlington and Ione to depart at 4pm. Ione will meet the Arlington bus at Vaseline Road & HWY 19.

Oct. 4th vs. Prairie City at 7pm in Arlington, Ione departs at 4pm.

Oct. 11th vs. South Was-

co at 7pm in Maupin, Ione departs at 1:45pm, Arlington departs at 2:30pm. Ione will meet the Arlington bus in Arlington.

Oct. 18th vs. Dayville/Monument at 7pm in Arlington, Ione departs at 4pm.

Ione Arlington middle school football schedule

Sept. 23rd vs. Lyle/Wishram in Arlington at 4pm. Ione departs at 2:15pm.

Sept. 30th vs. South Wasco in Arlington at 4pm. Ione departs at 2:15pm.

Oct. 14th vs. Sherman

County in Moro at 4pm. Ione departs at 1pm, Arlington departs at 2pm.

Oct 22nd vs. Dufur in Ione at 4pm. Ione departs at 1pm, Arlington departs at 2pm.

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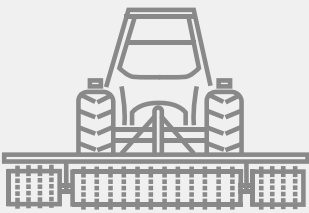
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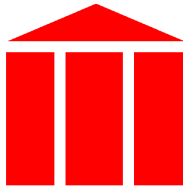


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