

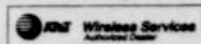
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Ducks Unlimited banquet planned this Friday



Ducks Unlimited Chairman Steve Rhea shows print and decoy to be auctioned at banquet.

The ninth annual Ducks Unlimited Banquet will get underway this Friday, April 4, at the Heppner Elks Club with a prime rib dinner, auction, door prizes, games and over \$2,000 worth of items to be raffled off.

Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., with the banquet, including the prime rib dinner and refreshments, at 7 p.m. and the auction at 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This Ducks Unlimited Banquet will commemorate the 60th anniversary of Ducks Unlimited's conservation of wetlands. So far the group has raised over \$1 billion and helped conserve around eight million acres in habitat, which over 600 different species have utilized in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, said Steve Rhea, who has chaired the local banquet for the past seven years. Rhea says that the dinner and auction will feature something for everyone. Shotguns will be given as the door prize and the

adult membership prize. The kids' membership prize will be a .22. A 30.06 Ruger rifle, worth around \$700 will be included in the penny raffle.

The high point of the oral auction will be an A-5 Browning 60th anniversary commemorative shotgun, valued at \$1,400. The auction will feature 20-25 items, including prints valued around \$200, decoys, hats and other items. Around 40 items will be available in the silent auction.

A special sponsorship program will entitle the donor of \$300 or more to a special Ducks Unlimited print, dinner for all family members, membership in Ducks Unlimited and a Ducks Unlimited hat. Anyone interested in the program should contact Rhea.

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Ione Middle School girls choir sings



Left to right: front-music teacher Ron Neighorn, Charissa Gates, Adrienne Swanson; back-Katie Bacon, Jennifer Thompson, Allison Halvorsen, Shelby Krebs, Salli McElligott.

By Shelby Krebs

The Ione Middle School Girls Choir sang March 20 at the Heppner Senior Center. The choir, directed by teacher Ron Neighorn, sang an assortment of 50s songs for the audience and for an encore, sang three additional songs.

Songs included "Come and Go With Me", "Lollipop", "Lean on Me", "Amazing Grace" and

"Close to You".

The Ione choir consists of eighth graders, Charissa Gates, Allison Halvorsen, Shelby Krebs, Adrienne Swanson, Jennifer Thompson and Katie Bacon, and seventh grader Salli McElligott.

The choir is planning several performances for April and May including singing at the community play and the spring concert at Ione High School.

Chemical weapons meeting planned

The environmental permits for the chemical weapons incineration facility at the Umatilla Chemical Depot were approved in early February. Permits are operating documents, and are expected to be modified many times during the life of a facility, said a DEQ news release. This meeting will provide information on the permit modification process. The presentation will describe the three different classes of modifications, and how you can

provide comments to the DEQ about proposed modifications.

The first modification to the Umatilla permit is expected to be the addition of the Raytheon Demilitarization Company, the contractor that the Army selected to build and operate the facility) as a co-permittee" to the permit. This is considered a significant ("Class 3") modification to the permit, and will require a public notification and public comment process, as well as the direct involvement of the Environmental Quality

Commissioner, said DEQ. For more information call Sue Oliver at the DEQ office in Hermiston at (541) 567-8297 (toll-free in Oregon 1-800-452-4011) or e-mail to sue.oliver@state.or.us.

Mustang JVs open season with win

By Lonnie Rill

Heppner opened their JV season with a 15-14 win over Echo Varsity Monday night, March 31, in Heppner.

Echo started with a 5-1 lead after the third inning, off of an Echo home run. Heppner came back in the bottom of the seventh inning to spark a comeback win.

Derek Gunderson hit the winning fly ball out to left-center field, which was recorded as an error after two Echo players ran into each other.

Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:

Thursday, April 3-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 8-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman office, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, April 10-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, April 14-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon annex, 1-4 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 15-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman office, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Thursday, April 17-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;

Monday, April 21-blood pressures and free immunization clinic, Irrigon annex, 1-6 p.m.;

Tuesday, April 22-blood pressures and immunizations, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., free immunization clinic, 12-6 p.m., Boardman office;

Wednesday, April 23-blood pressures and free immunization clinic, Ione, 3-6 p.m.;

Thursday, April 24-blood pressures and immunizations, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., free immunization clinic, 12-6 p.m., Heppner office;

Tuesday, April 29-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman office, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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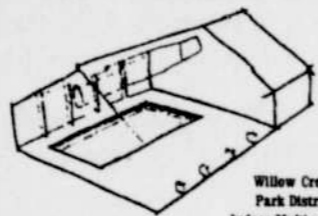
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