

## Former Paul Revere Raider Klamath First to visit local schools Federal honored

Jim Valley, singer, songwriter, educator and a Parents' Choice award winner children's artist, will visit Heppner and Lone schools on Wednesday, Feb. 18.

Valley, a former member of the band Paul Revere and the Raiders, has helped children put their words and feelings into music and "make them feel special about themselves" since 1980.

Valley reaches and interacts with 125 thousand-plus elementary school children every year. His work in schools began when he was invited by an administrator to conduct a friendship workshop in a troubled school. The workshop

was so successful that he was soon traveling to schools through Washington State. He now travels international presenting workshops and concerts to children, teachers and families. "Adults enjoy Jim's lively concerts, workshops, recordings and songbooks," said a news release, "as his music touches the child in most everyone."

Many people remember him as Harpo of the 60s rock group Paul Revere and the Raiders.

A program is scheduled for Feb. 18 from 7-8 p.m. Parents, children and families are invited to attend the evening "sock hop". Oregon Together is sponsoring the evening performance.

Klamath First Federal, Oregon's second largest thrift, was recently lauded for its commitment to small-town banking by a daily Central Oregon newspaper, The Bulletin. In recent years, many big banks and thrifts have taken steps to abandon rural communities in order to streamline their operations and cut costs. While these big banks and thrifts were closing or selling their branches in small Northwest towns, Klamath First Federal recognized that "these actions provided a unique opportunity for a thrift that was interested in offering these communities the traditional "hands on" personalized service that they desired," said a Klamath First Federal news release.

To underscore its belief that there is value in delivering banking services to small towns that are being under-served by the big banks, Klamath First purchased 25 branches offices last year from Wells Fargo that are located in rural communities throughout Oregon, including the branch in Heppner.

Founded in 1934, Klamath First Federal Savings Loan Association delivers a diversified line of loan and deposit services to individuals, families and small business owners through 33 offices in 22 counties across the state of Oregon. Headquartered in Klamath Falls, Klamath First Federal is a subsidiary of Klamath First Bancorp, Inc., a publicly held company that on Dec. 31, 1997 had assets totaling \$975.2 million.

For more information on Klamath First Federal, contact a local branch or call Penny Bacon at (541) 389-6344.

## Historical Society directors meet

By Delpha Jones

The directors of the Morrow County Historical Society met at Yaw's Restaurant for a luncheon and business meeting on Saturday.

A financial report was given. The Society has donated to the following groups: Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home; Boardman 4th of July Celebration; Irrigon Watermelon Festival; Pioneer Reunion; the Christmas lights in Lexington; and the Lone 4th of July Celebration.

Those attending discussed the stones in the cemeteries that need resetting and water faucets are needed. Pat Wright and Delpha Jones will check on this project.

Mildred Baker from the north end of the county was appointed to the board, replacing Barton Clark.

Don and Donna Eppenbaugh gave some pointers. The new Irrigon Post Office will have a display center, consisting of early interesting happenings in the area. They told the group of some bones unearthed when working on the marina park project. These proved to be of the early American Indians and were returned to the Indians for burial.

There was some discussion on the courthouse, preserving it in its original form. A committee will look into this.

Due to stormy weather, the Christmas party was not held. Christmas gifts were exchanged at this meeting.

Those present were: Pat Wright, Ruth McCabe, Kathryn Hoskins, Don and Donna Eppenbaugh, Betty Carlson, Sue Vinson, Barbara Bloodsworth and Delpha Jones.

Plans are being made for the annual bus trip, most probably to Butchart Gardens in Victoria, B.C. Anyone interested in the trip should contact Ruth McCabe, Barbara Bloodsworth or Delpha Jones.

The next society meeting will be held at the home of Ruth McCabe.

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## New owners take over at Penland House



Kristi and Dennis Hurt

By Nova Rietmann

Dennis and Kristi Hurt are the new owners of Penland House, the bed and breakfast in Heppner. They arrived at Penland on November 8 and started business right away.

Kristi fell in love with Heppner when she visited a friend here in 1984. Ever since then she wanted to move here from Waldport, their former home. They began staying at the bed and breakfast during their trips to Heppner and soon fell in love with the house too. They finally decided to take a big step and move to Eastern Oregon. Heppner was their first choice, so they decided to buy Penland House and run the bed and breakfast.

The Hurts are now very busy at Penland--they have 30 reservations this month, and are already booked for St. Patrick's Day.

Prior to taking over the bed and breakfast, Dennis had excavated septic systems for the past 30 years and Kristi drove dump truck for him. He plans to start repairing septic systems in the area.

Kristi likes to show horses and she owns nine: two horses are at the fairgrounds; four are at Bernie Damon's farm; and they have a paint stallion in Hood River they hope to find a place for her.

Dennis, who says he's "50-something", and Kristi, 39, have five children between the two of them. Dennis has a 20-year-old son, Ryan, and 17-year-old daughter, Danielle, in Portland. Kristi has a 20-year-old daughter, Katie, in Corvallis and her 17-year-old daughter Kari is a senior at Heppner High School. D.J. is Dennis and Kristi's six-year-old son who is a kindergartner at Heppner Elementary. Kristi says that Kari plans to get involved in high school rodeo.

"We love it here," says Kristi, "People are lucky, this town has a great community."

"One thing that impressed me was that people here can leave their doors unlocked," says Dennis. Both Dennis and Kristi are happy with their move, and they say that their children have adjusted very well. They want

to keep the house, which was built in 1885, basically the way it is now. They hope to put a shower in the upstairs' bathroom, put in a patio, fence the yard, and install a swim spa or hot tub. They have kept the rates the same.

The Hurts have the right

personality for the job. They are a happy, energetic, positive couple who really love what they do. The house is spotless and homey, and Kristi's specialty breakfast is blueberry pancakes. Penland house is a busy place, so make sure that you get your reservations in early.

## Beck named math teacher of the year for the region



Heppner High School principal Ron Anthony presents Heppner Junior High math teacher Karen Beck an award. Beck was named regional math teacher of the year.

## Walters to celebrate 50th anniversary



Kenneth and Muriel Walters, 1948

A reception in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Kenneth and Muriel Walters of Arlington will be held this Sunday, February 15, from 1-3 p.m. at the Arlington United Methodist Church.

Muriel (Prock) Austin and Kenneth Walters were married February 15, 1948, in Milton-Freewater. They have lived in the Arlington area for 41 years.

Kenneth has farmed most of his life except for three and a half years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He is a member of the Arlington United Methodist Church, Yorkshire Bodies of Oregon, Scottish Rites, the

Shrine Club, Elks Club and Lions Club. He is a past director of the Bank of Eastern Oregon. He also served on the Gilliam County Planning Committee, as a Emergency Medical Technician and with the Boy Scouts. He also served in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Muriel worked at Consolidated AirCraft in San Diego and at a grocery store at State Line before becoming a homemaker. She is a member of the Arlington United Methodist Church and is a volunteer at the Arlington Senior Mealsite.

The couple's son Donald and his wife, Sherry, live in Arlington. They have two grandchildren, Sandy and Trent, also of Arlington.

## Art classes to begin

By Nova Rietmann

The Heartworks House is starting art classes for adolescents 13-20 on Monday, February 16, from 7-10 p.m. Heartworks House is located at 220 'C' Street in Lone, and the class is taught by Mark and Astrid Bruno.

Class is free, but due to the problems created for the rec district by certain individuals, funding for the class has been cut. Any donations from the community will be gladly accepted. For more information, call 422-7305

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