

Heppner FFA holds annual banquet



Chapter Farmers L-R: back row- Stanley Cutsforth, Corey Miller, Josh Hill, Jeff Currin; front-Josie

Proctor, Tracy Rankin, Kristi Worden.

The Heppner High School FFA Chapter held its annual banquet May 17 at the high school.

HHS counselor Barbara Hayes and HHS secretary Darcy Robinson were honored by the chapter members who presented them Honorary Chapter Farmer awards.

Maci Childers, Rachel Faber, Heidi Turrell and Scott VanWinkle received Greenhands awards.

The following members were named Chapter Farmers: Jeff Currin, Stanley Cutsforth, Josh

Hill, Corey Miller, Josie Proctor, Tracy Rankin and Kristi Worden.

Worden delivered the invocation and conducted the closing ceremonies. Currin gave the welcome address, chapter report and presented the Honorary Chapter Farmers awards. Rankin introduced guests. Heidi Turrell was in charge of Creed Speaking. Advisor Lynn Harmonson and Proctor presented the Greenhands and chapter awards and Proctor installed the new officers.



L-R: Heidi Turrell, Maci Childers, Scott VanWinkle



Lynn Harmonson and Barbara Hayes



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Choir, symphony to hold concert



The Willow Creek Symphony

The South Morrow Community Choir and the Willow Creek Symphony will hold a joint spring concert on Sunday afternoon, June 7, at 3 p.m. at the Heppner Middle School Gym.

A variety of music will be performed-from religious songs and classical music to popular movie themes and a big band number.

A few of the choir's featured songs include: "Let Beauty Awake", by Sherrie Porterfield (words of this piece were written by poet Robert Louis Stevenson); "Dry Your Tears, Africa" from the recent movie, "Amistad"; and "Pie Jesu" by Greg Gilpin. "Pie Jesu" is part of the "Sequence" of the Requiem Mass celebrated upon the death or burial of a Christian.

The community choir is directed by Deborah Wryn and accompanied by Debbie Basile on the piano.

The Willow Creek Symphony will perform part of "The New World Symphony" by Antonin Dvorak; "Finlandia", the theme

song from the movie "Star Wars"; and Duke Ellington's hit song, "It Don't Mean A Thing."

The symphony group is directed by local music teacher, Ron Neighorn, and includes some 30 local musicians.

The choir and symphony will perform one song together, Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

The concert is free and everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Both the South Morrow Community Choir and the Willow Creek Symphony are sponsored by the Morrow County Arts Council and funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Klamath First finishes stock repurchase

Marshall Alexander, vice president and chief financial officer of Klamath First Bancorp Inc. has announced the completion of its recently announced stock repurchase program. Earlier the company announced its intention to repurchase five percent of its common stock.

The company is the holding company for Klamath First Federal Saving and Loan Association, which has a local branch in Heppner.

Wheat Growers League asks for no sanctions

The Oregon Wheat Growers League have asked President Clinton to forego food-related sanctions on Pakistan.

The Pakistani government has conducted nuclear tests.

The request was prompted by unilateral sanctions proposed last week against India following their nuclear test. OWGL President Mac Kerns, Haines, pointed out in a May 22 letter to Clinton that, while India is only a sporadic customer for US wheat, Pakistan is a leading buyer of the northwest white wheat.

As of May 7, Pakistan had purchased more than 2.2 million metric tons of US white wheat in the current marketing year, representing 43 percent of all US exports of white wheat, according to the OWGL.

Kerns advised the president that the American wheat grower "simply cannot forfeit this market to sanctions when wheat prices are below production cost, and when our political allies and export competitors refuse to participate in the sanctions." Russia, France, and Britain have refused to join the US-led sanctions against India's nuclear detonation.

Kerns pointed out, 11 percent of the world's wheat market is currently closed to US wheat exports through government-imposed sanctions, according to OWGL.

"If India were a wheat importer this year, our competitors would happily sell India wheat while the US punishes no one but its own producers and exporters by imposing sanctions," wrote Kerns. He contended that such conduct by a private sector marketing representative would get the representative "fired on the spot."

The letter acknowledged that US law provides for mandatory sanctions against countries who test nuclear devices, but pointed out that the law also provides for some implementation flexibility. It asked that President Clinton "use maximum discretion, up to and including waiver authority, if possible, in selecting and imposing sanctions on this vital market for US wheat."

Kerns said, "The United States must get out of the business of

unilateral export sanctions. The only parties harmed by such sanctions are US producers and exporters." He urged participation only in multilateral sanctions, saying the government "must not punish US farmers for the nuclear escalation on the Indian subcontinent."

Unilateral sanctions, such those in effect against India and Cuba, Kerns said, are "no way to win international friends, grow the US economy, or expand US exports."

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