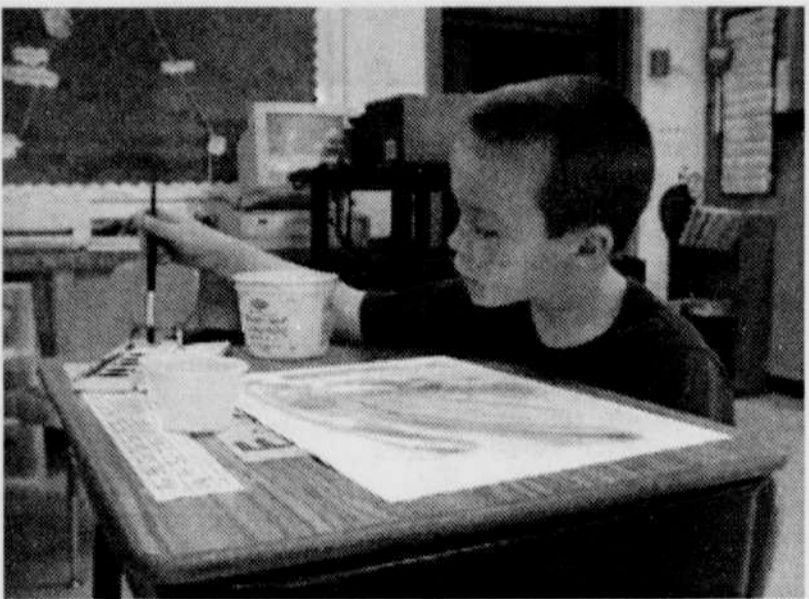


## Heppner Elementary School hosts artist in education



Artist-in-education Linda Peterson with students Kylie Sieler, Devin Robinson and Shae-lee Arbogast in teacher Sherry Matteson's second/third grade class at Heppner Elementary School.



Heppner Elementary School student Eric Chick paints in watercolors as a part of the artist-in-education program at the school.

Heppner Elementary School recently hosted an artist in education, Linda Peterson, from LaGrande. Peterson lead students in kindergarten through sixth grade in the exploration of watercolor possibilities.

Students at Heppner Elementary each had four sessions of watercolor instruction from Peterson. Using watercolor paint and a paint brush, students created seascapes. They used salt and plastic wrap to create different affects in their works of art.

These works of art will be displayed for public viewing during Oregon-Goes-Back-To-School at HES's May Day Art Mart scheduled for Tuesday, May 1.

Peterson has worked as an artist in education for 15 years, teaching watercolor, weaving and mono-printing, and taught art at Union High School and at Ackerman School at Eastern Oregon University.

"I loved the process of making art when I was a child," said Peterson. "It was then that I felt the best about myself."

## St. Pat's parade winners



Richard Simpson, Ione, with his first-place entry in the Heppner St. Patrick's Day Parade. Simpson bought the 1947 International Farmall tractor at an auction and did all the body work and painting himself. The tractor has taken first place in the parade two years in a row.

The winners for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, held in Heppner on March 17, have been announced.

Dale Holland won the Leprechaun's Choice award.

First place winners in the parade are as follows: Non-profit-Army National Guard HUMMV; Irish Float Non-profit-St. Patrick's Antiques; Irish Open Class-Richard H. Simpson; Dance and Drill Groups-Round-Up City Cloggers; Irish Float Commercial-Murray's Drug/Country Rose; Bands-Heppner Middle School Band; Irish Bicycle-Kylie Sieler and Josie Miller; Irish Character 12

years and older-Mike Shay; Irish Character under 12-Amy Shay and Brit Clark; Irish Group Commercial-Klamath First Federal.

Second place winners are: Non-profit-Lexington Fire Department Auxiliary; Irish Open Class-Arlington Saddle Club Rodeo; Irish Float Commercial-Hermiston Glass; Irish Bicycle-Sand Hollow Sweeties (Ryan Dougherty and Maddie Lindsay); Irish Group Non-profit-Heppner Volunteer Fire and Rescue; Irish Character (12 and older)-Heppner High School Drama Dept. "Wizard of Oz" cast; Bands-Ione Middle School.

## Rec district to meet

A meeting of the Morrow County Recreation District will be held this Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner.

The agenda will include

contract updates, an update on the Music in the Park program and the budget schedule, in addition to past and current bills, correspondence and treasurer's report.

A budget meeting will be held on April 19.

## OZ T-shirt support HHS drama



The Wicked Witch (Kelli Bates), Dorothy (Julie Proctor) and Glinda (Krista Adams) model T-shirts now on sale to support Heppner High School's upcoming production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Kelly green, long-sleeved T-shirts advertising "The Wizard of Oz" are now on sale at Heppner High School to support their production of the musical on May 4 and 6.

Over 70 students are included among the cast and crew, including kindergartners as Munchkins.

"A show this size is a lot of fun, but it's also very expensive," explained Lea Mathieu, HHS drama advisor. "The royalty and script rental alone is over \$500; total production costs will be over \$1,000." Drama is a self-supporting extracurricular activity; the school district pays only for Mathieu's honorarium.

"When students approached me last year about doing a large musical, my first thought was, 'That's

impossible for a small school,'" admits Mathieu. "But the more I thought about it, the more I wanted to do it. After last year's Shakespeare performance, I feel like we can do anything. And I'm thrilled with the cast we've assembled for 'The Wizard.'"

Leads include Julie Proctor as Dorothy, Nick Anthony as the Scarecrow, Whitney Sherritt as the Tin Man, and Kelly Paullus as the Lion.

The T-shirts, which Mathieu designed, are one way to make the show possible. They are available in adult sizes XL and medium for \$15, and in youth medium (kindergarten size) for \$12.50. To order, call Mathieu at 676-9138, or send a check payable to HHS Drama to the school.

## M.S. Walk and Roll planned



Aloha and Bob DeSpain

The fourth annual M.S. Walk and Roll 2001 is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, in Heppner.

Registration forms are available at most local businesses and banks. Pre-registration is helpful but walkers may register the day of the walk at All Saints' Episcopal church at 8 a.m. The walk begins at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be cooked and served by volunteers at All Saints' after walkers are finished with the walk.

"Each year has seen an improvement in numbers of walkers, in the amount of money donated and in the number of volunteers helping to make the walk a success," said Aloha DeSpain, Heppner.

DeSpain and her husband, Bob, will be among the volunteers. Multiple Sclerosis has touched their families: Aloha had an aunt, an uncle and a cousin who had M.S. and Bob had a sister, an aunt and a cousin who also developed M.S. Because of such a shared history of the disease, they experienced a great

deal of concern for their children's health. One of their three children, Chris, was diagnosed with M.S. about eight years ago. So far, Chris has not experienced lasting disabilities. His symptoms come and go.

Each person's progress with M.S. is unpredictable. Severity and specific symptoms vary from mild to severe.

The DeSpains urge everyone to consider walking the "Walk" or pledging funds to those who are walking. Money raised by the M.S. Walk and Roll will go to the National M.S. Society with much of it going to local programs as well as to research and education.

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## Good to perform at IUCC



Linnea Good

Christian singer/songwriter Linnea Good and her band, Good Company, will perform at the new Ione United Church of Christ on Saturday evening, April 21, at 7 p.m. as part of her "Crazy Faith" tour.

During the concert, "Good will present her combination of wisdom and wisecracks in a contemporary folk style," according to a news release.

A reception will follow the concert so that members of the audience can meet Good.

Tickets will be on sale starting Sunday, April 1, at Murray's Drug, Twice upon a time... bookstore and the Heppner United Methodist Church, as well as the Ione Market and the Ione UCC Church. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Cost is \$5 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$25 for families - small children that will sit on an adult's lap are free. Also, child care will be provided

free for young children.

A concert will also be presented the night before, on April 20, at the Hermiston United Methodist Church at 191 E. Gale Street in Hermiston. Ticket prices are the same.

Good has been writing music since age nine and tours Canada and parts of the U.S. with her trio, which includes husband David Jonsson on drums.

Five of her songs are published in the recent United Church hymnbook, "Voices United". This tour celebrates her eighth album.

For more information, contact Paul Clay, 422-2504, or Monika Hunter, 676-9224.

## Heppner to play in band festival

The annual Tri-County High School Band Festival will be held on Wednesday, April 4, at Weston-McEwen High School in Athena.

A public concert featuring individual bands and a combined band will be held at the school's gymnasium beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The combined band will perform four pieces under the direction of Dr. Patrick Winters, director of instrumental studies at Eastern Washington University in Cheney. Cost for admission is \$1.

Band students from eight area schools including Heppner, Weston-McEwen, Helix, Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Sherman, Fossil-Condon and Grant Union will be in attendance.

## AGLOW plans spring retreat

AGLOW will hold a spring retreat March 30 to April 1 at the Pendleton Red Lion.

The theme for the retreat is "Friendship. . . God loving you through another." The event is designed to draw women of faith to join together to renew old friendships and make new ones.

June Evans from Gadsden, Alabama, will be the featured speaker. She and her husband have a joint ministry, "Meet the Believers," a non-profit organization designed to help people mature through basic Bible teaching." She combines "humor and insight to impart the Holy spirit's wisdom and power."

The retreat begins with registration at 4 p.m. and an evening service with Evans at 7 p.m. Friday, March 30. Additional sessions will be held Saturday, March 31, at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The final session will be held Sunday, April 1, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

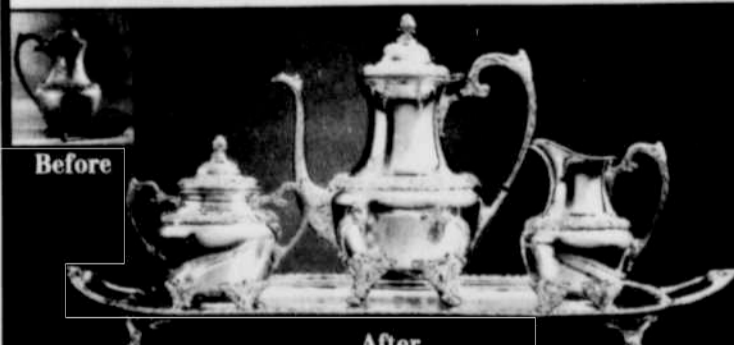
The registration fee for the weekend is \$85 for adults and \$65 for teens. Registration fees include all meetings and three meals.

Reservations must have been made by March 26 to receive meals and a name tag. A per session charge of \$15, which does not include meals, is also available. The Saturday evening session is free.

To register, call Claudia at 208-1579 or Jan Wheelhouse at 567-3949. Motel reservations must be made separately.

For more information, call Peggy Connor, 676-9408, or Corinne Miles, 676-5016.

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