

## Courthouse tree cut down, new memorial ODOT to hold videoconference discussing the STIP to go in its place

Photos by Bonnie Bennett



Tree at Courthouse before it was cut down



Site after the tree was cut down

Wednesday, Nov. 27, one of the big trees by the courthouse had to be cut down due to the fact that many parts of it were dead and it could not be saved.

The tree, almost 100 years old, is in old photographs of the Courthouse shortly after its construction. "Many of us were sad to see it go," said Andrea Denton, personnel director for the County at the Courthouse.

Once the stump is removed, the Centennial

committee would like to plant a new tree in its place and include a plaque commemorating 100 years since the flood. Pieces of the tree were also preserved and on a suggestion from Ed Struthers, it is hoped that benches can be made commemorating the tree.

The tree was cut down by a joint effort of the County and the City of Heppner. While, Roger Mortimore was instrumental in the cutting of the tree.

## Area students honored by Who's Who

The Who's Who Among American High School Students, 36<sup>th</sup> annual edition recognized a number of local and area students in their 2001-2002 edition.

Students honored from Heppner include: Jodie M. Carlson, Brian P. Haguewood, Shelley Rietmann, Darren T. VanCleave, Francisco H. Escalante, Rachel A. Howard, Emily M. Unruh, and Ashley D. Ward.

Lexington students honored include: Tyler J. Boyer, Joshua D. Lankford, and Emily R. Key.

Honored students in Ione include: Nicholas P. Christman, William C. Gates, Cayle H. Krebs, Salli McElligott, Kasie D. Peterson, Kayleen M. Vosberg, Sheena M. Christman, Barbara J. Holland, Janet A. McElligott, Karl L. Morgan, and Jamie E. VandenBrink.

Irrigon students honored include: Nic Armstrong, Rischelle D. Dagdag, Julie Gordanier, Victor Hurtado, Andrea Marlow, Sarah McNamee, Dalia Morales, Jamie J. Nailor, Alysun N. Burns, Molly E. Daniels, Jeff Grigsby, Juanita R. Leija, Rebecca McNamee, Melody Mickel, Carmelita Morrison, Steven Sands, Brice Studer, Valerie Swindeler, Andrew F. Wedding, Heather Suchy, Jodie Thomas, and Brandon Wedding.

Students honored from Boardman include: Zach Baker, Landi Busey, Scott M. Donovan, Josh Kegler, Jami Moore, Heather Rogelstad, Nathaniel Stice, Eunes Ward, Brendan Busey, Chris Carnine, Melany Hancock, Alexandra Kennedy, Savannah C. Nelson, Sara E. Russell, Christi VanGorder, and Jayde Zobel.

Who's Who is published by Educational Communications, Inc., of Austin, TX, and the 2001-2002 edition features over 850,000 students. The students are nominated by their high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based on the students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Who's Who students have a chance to compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, which annually polls teen attitudes.

To learn more about Who's Who Among American High School Students, visit [www.honoring.com](http://www.honoring.com).

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The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) currently is engaged in public outreach regarding the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Northeast Area Commission on Transportation (NEACT) and the Southeast Area Commission on Transportation (SEACT) will host these meetings.

Area Commissions on Transportation (ACTs) are advisory bodies chartered under authority of the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC). The NEACT and SEACT are expected to address all aspects of transportation with primary focus on the state transportation system.

A Video Service videoconference presentation has been scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. The ACTs will host the meeting. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will make a brief presentation regarding the 2004-2007 STIP. The meeting will be telecast from Eastern Oregon University, in La Grande. Seven remote locations in Baker City, Burns, Boardman, Enterprise, John Day, Ontario and Pendleton will be on-line to participate in the meeting. An ODOT representative and ACT members will be present at each location. Attendees will be given the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments, both on-line and off-line.

Those who would like to participate in the public involvement process associated with the 2004-2007 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), or for questions or comments regarding other community transportation needs, are encouraged to attend the videoconference, or contact the Oregon Department of Transportation Region 5 STIP Coordinator at (541) 963-1374.

## Heppner Chamber seeking annual awards nominations

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the annual awards of: man, woman, business, educator, and youth of the year. The people and entities are recognized for their community service through the years, which has added to the energy, authenticity, and progress of Heppner and the Willow Creek Valley.

"Many times people working quietly behind the scenes and making a huge difference are overlooked," said a community spokesperson. "This is an opportunity to honor them."

Nomination forms are available by calling the Chamber at (541) 676-5536. The deadline is Dec. 17. Awards will be presented at the Town and Country Banquet on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003.

## Willow Creek Symphony and Singers to perform holiday concert



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The Willow Creek Symphony and Singers will present a free holiday concert on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Catholic Parish Hall in Heppner. The symphony will perform several medleys of favorite Christmas carols including "A Bach Christmas," an arrangement of overlapping Bach minuets and Christmas music. They will also play "Fiddler's Day" by Ralph Matesky, and an arrangement of "March from Carmen" by Bizet. The singers will perform Christmas carols including "Still, Still, Still," "What Child is This?" and "Fum, Fum, Fum." The symphony and singers will wrap up the concert with a combined performance of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S. Bach, arranged by Merle Isaac.

Following the concert, the performers and audience will be encouraged to attend "Christmas at the Courthouse" at the Morrow County Courthouse. Several members of the symphony will provide chamber music while tours of the courthouse are given, decorated trees are auctioned off, and refreshments are served.

Conductor of the Willow Creek Symphony and Singers is

R. Lee Friese of Athena. Assistant conductor of the symphony is Wendy Appleton of Heppner. The symphony and singers are based in Heppner, and are comprised of children, youth, and adults from throughout Umatilla and Morrow

## CDCAC to hold open meeting with site project manager

The Chemical Demilitarization Citizens Advisory Commission will meet on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Health Care System, conference room 1, in Hermiston. The public is also invited to arrive early for an informal social gathering from 6:30-7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The Citizens Advisory Commission receives information and briefings, and provides input to the U.S. Army regarding the disposal of lethal agents and munitions at the Umatilla Chemical Depot.

The Commission will receive a briefing from Don Barclay, UMCDF, Site project manager on the project schedule. Commissioner Brown

will brief the Commission on CSEPP and Governing Board activities. Time has been allotted for public questions and comments. The Commission will discuss the agenda for the next regularly scheduled CAC meeting to be held Jan. 16.

## RCSC to hold December meeting

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours in advance. A Spanish interpreter can also be provided upon request. For more information call Laura Morgan at (541) 564-9309.

The Rhea Creek Social Club will be holding their Christmas meeting and gift exchange, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. in Marlene Peterson's home. Everyone is asked to bring a salad or dessert. Also remember to bring canned goods for the Neighborhood Center and lap rugs for the hospital.

## Les Schwab has annual toy drive

Les Schwab Tires in Heppner is holding its annual toy drive. If you have toys you would like to donate for needy local children drop them off at Les Schwab. The Heppner Fire Dept. will once again assist Santa in distributing the toys.

## ARTISAN VILLAGE HOLIDAY SALE!

All Fat Quarters - \$1.80 each • All Paints: Ceramic, Tole and Glass - 20% Off  
Gift Items - 25% Off (includes pincushions, cookbooks, plaques, mini irons, notecards, etc. (not baskets)  
Quilting and Basket Magazines - 25% Off • Kits: Basket and Quilting - 15% Off  
Christmas Fabric - 30% Off • PLUS MORE!

**HOLIDAY SALE HOURS: Thursday, Dec. 5th from 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 6th from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. • Sunday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.**



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(small material fee only, no instruction fee, 20-30 minute classes)

Thursday: Mini Grapeview Wreaths 11:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m., Cost \$2.50

Sunday: Fleece Scarves 2 p.m. or 5 p.m., Cost \$3.85-5.60

REGULAR HOURS: Mon-Wed 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. / Thurs 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Fri 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. / Saturday closed / Sunday 12-5 p.m.



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### Thursday, December 5th

**LADIES NIGHT.** Joyce Ward, Judy Buschke and crew will be serving Roast Pork, Dressing, Salad and more, with homemade Apple Dumplings for dessert. Dinner will start after the Light Parade.

A Memorial Service for Departed Members will start before Lodge at 8 p.m.

"The faults of our Members we write upon the sands;  
Their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."

Joe Anderson PER • David Baker EM  
Verne Bell • Loyd Burkenbine EM  
Charles Doherty EM • Jerry Dougherty  
R.E. Ferrell EM • Bill Nichols  
Jack Van Winkle PER, EM