

Adopt-a-Teacher Foundation forms to raise funds for Heppner schools Children's art classes to be offered in Heppner



Jackie Adams (right) of Heppner won the quilt made by Gwen Healy and raffled by the Adopt-a-Teacher Foundation, represented by Kirsten Harrison (left).

The Heppner Adopt-a-Teacher Foundation is now a fully-formed board with a tax ID number and is now eligible for tax-exempt donations. The foundation, a spin-off of the now-disbanded Heppner Grass Roots Organization, was created to raise funds so that Heppner schools could afford to hire teachers or educational assistants not funded by the district because of state budget woes and the Morrow County School Board's policy of equity, whereby schools' expenditures are limited to the amount of state funding they bring in. The board, at their last meeting, voted make a one-year exception to its "equity" policy and give Heppner Elementary School \$190,000 to balance its budget "because it could not afford to live within its means," but the school is still left understaffed. According to projections, the upcoming fall classes at HES will have the following makeup: half-time kindergarten-17 students; first grade-24 students; second grade-23 students; third grade-33 students; fourth grade-33 students (a combined third/fourth grade will have an additional half-time teacher); and fifth/sixth grade-three classes of 22 students each.

The Adopt-a-Teacher Foundation, through brick sales for the new school building, membership fees, door to door campaigning, an annual fund-raising dinner planned in September, quilt raffles, drawings and other fund raisers, hopes to initially generate \$19,024 to hire an additional half-time third/fourth grade teacher, so that the position can be a full-time slot. Their second priority, if they can raise the funds, is to raise an additional \$25,133 for a half-time kindergarten teacher, so that the kindergarten teacher would be full-time, or an additional \$22,409 for an

educational assistant. As of April 30, the group had \$2,609, (including \$1,000 from a quilt raffle) but that amount is expected to increase rapidly with the brick sale. Heppner Principal Wade Smith says that he will send in an order after the first 100 bricks are sold at \$100 each. He said that "at least 600-700 bricks" could be available for sale. "It's a very attainable goal," said Smith. To buy a brick, which would be placed at the Heppner Elementary School construction site, contact Kirsten Harrison, Cara Osmin or Jeannie Collins, call Heppner Elementary, 676-9128, or Heppner Junior/Senior High School, 676-9138, or write to Adopt-a-Teacher, P.O. Box 367, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Those buying a brick should keep in mind that two lines are allowed for engraving with 20 characters per line, including spaces.

Membership in the organization is also available at \$50 for a one-year single membership; \$75 for a one-year family membership; \$200 for a five-year single membership; \$300 for a five-year family membership; or \$500 for a lifetime membership. Members will receive a certificate of membership and a quarterly newsletter. Members may also be polled as to which positions they would like to see filled.

Organizers stress that Morrow County School Superintendent Jack Crippen told the group that the funds generated by Adopt-a-Teacher will be used in Heppner schools and will not go into the school district's general fund. "It's Heppner money for Heppner schools," says the board, which consists of President Jeannie Collins, Vice President Mary Ann Elguezabal, Secretary Bill Kuhn, who provided much of the legal advice for organizing

the foundation, Treasurer Kirsten Harrison, board members Cara Osmin and Denise Riddle and advisor, Heppner Principal Wade Smith. The Adopt-a-Teacher

Orchestra to present concerts

The Inland Northwest Orchestra and R. Lee Friese, music director and conductor, will present a pair of concerts May 10 and 11 in Monument and Hermiston. The performances include Bach's Concerto for 2 Violins in d minor, with soloists W. Dan Pack of Fossil and Kathryn Unruh of Heppner, Scenes Alsaciennes by Massenet, Jeux D'Enfants (Kids Games) by Bizet and ending with a favorite, The William Tell Overture by Rossini.



Dan Pack

A reception will follow each concert. Everyone is invited to attend and visit with the director, soloists and musicians. Art work will be displayed at the reception. The art work is provided by Free Spirit Gallery of Pendleton.

W. Dan Pack began studying violin at the age of three. He received his Ph.D. with an emphasis in music from Brigham Young University in Utah. A major part of his teaching experience was 15 years in Europe. He is currently the music teacher at the Fossil School District.

Kathryn Unruh grew up in the Seattle area where she began playing the violin in the fourth grade school orchestra program. She graduated from WSU in Pullman, WA, in 1983 with a bachelor of science degree in bacteriology and public health, with a minor in chemistry, and was also a member of the Honors Program and Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating, Kathryn married Loren Unruh. His job took them to several small towns in eastern Washington, and in 1990, he was transferred to Heppner. Kathryn began studying violin with R. Lee Friese in 1995. She has played with the Inland Northwest Orchestra since its inception, and she currently serves as principal second violin. She is the mother of five children, whom she home schools. They were founding



Kathryn Unruh

organization can indicate which position they would like to fill, but the certified teacher or aide will be hired by the school district.

members of Willow Creek Symphony, and three of their children have also joined her in playing with the Inland Northwest Orchestra.

Performances are as follows: Saturday, May 10, 7 p.m., Monument School Gymnasium, Monument. Reception will be provided by the Monument Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; Sunday, May 11, 3:15 p.m., Hermiston High School Auditorium, Hermiston, concert sponsors are Banner Bank and Columbia Court Club. Reception will be provided by the Inland Northwest Musicians.

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Tickets at the door will be \$5 for seniors, \$7 for adults and students may attend all concerts free, as the group's commitment to its educational mission statement.

More information will be provided at a later date on the Inland Northwest Musicians' Patriotic Pops Concert to be held at the Union City Park and the Boardman Marina Park, June 21 and 22.

Sew Happy

By Kathryn Strouse, reporter

The meeting was called to order by Emily Thompson. Kathryn Strouse, Maggie Armato, Destiny George, Sherilyn Peck and Kaylee Helfrecht were also in attendance.



By Debbie Harper

Blue Mountain Community College is offering two children's art classes in May.

Instructor Rosemary Southworth is offering "By The Sea Art", a multimedia class for children in first through fourth grades beginning May 5. Students will draw sea life, make a stuffed fish, do fish prints and other activities.

Southworth is also offering a drawing and painting class for grades three through six, beginning May 8. Students will learn to draw people, everyday objects and landscapes using a variety of mediums. Parents are

WCCC Ladies' Play Day results

Nineteen women gathered, Tuesday, April 29 for the Willow Creek Country Club's Ladies' Play Day.

Pat Edmundson took low gross of the field; Loa Henderson took low net of the

welcome to take the classes with their children.

Southworth, who has lived in Heppner since November, taught art for years in Oregon City. At one time she had 17 art classes, including drawing, painting, calligraphy, and many more. She is also a substitute teacher in Morrow County schools.

Classes are one day a week for four weeks. They run from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. and are held at Heppner Elementary School. Cost for each class is \$15 plus a \$5 supply fee. For more information or to register, contact BMCC coordinator Anne Morter at 422-7040.

field; and Eva Kilkenny and Donna Morgan took least putts of the field.

In Flight A: Low Gross- Shari Stahl; Low Net- Luvilla Sonstegard; and Least Putts- Dana Reid. In Flight B: Low Gross- Lynnea Sargent; Low Net- Lois Hunt; and Least Putts- Carol Norris. In Flight C: Low Gross- Suzanne Jepsen; Low Net- Jackie Allstott and Betty Carlson; and Least Putts- Barbara Gilbert.

Kilkenny had a chip in on hole #18; Sargent had a chip in on hole #16; and Henderson had a chip in on hole #17.

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