

BEO donates \$1500 to Inland Northwest Musicians



Myrna VanCleave (left) with Willow Creek Symphony and Singers received a check from Sharon Harrison with the Bank of Eastern Oregon in the amount of \$1500 for Inland Northwest Musicians.

The Willow Creek Symphony and Singers will benefit from the \$1500 the Bank of Eastern Oregon donated to the Inland Northwest Musicians this week. The Inland Northwest Musicians is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to bring symphonic and choral music to the rural northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington communities.

The Willow Creek Symphony and Singers became part of the Inland Northwest Musicians in 1999. It is a preparatory group comprised of students and adults from around the region. The group practices in Heppner at the Heppner Elementary music room at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The Willow Creek Symphony and Singers has a set of concerts coming up this weekend. Saturday evening, Dec. 4, a concert is scheduled for Long Creek. The group will perform again Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m. in Ione at the high school. The concerts will feature a variety of symphonic and choral selections including pieces by Mozart and Grieg. A reception, hosted by the Valby Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will follow the concert in Ione. The reception will feature Ione High School student artwork. The Ione concert is sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

Heppner volleyball players make all-conference



Shanna Rietmann (left) was named first team Columbia Basin Conference volleyball all-conference and Madison Bailey was named second team. Linsey Mitchell (right) received an honorable mention.



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Heppner Booster Club donates monies for several projects

The Heppner Booster Club meeting was held on Nov. 10 at the high school with Ron Bowman, club president, presiding.

Treasurer's report listed \$6,175.39 as auction income but stated that this was not a final figure, as some bills hadn't been paid yet.

Club members listened to the following delegations:

Cheerleading-Advisor, Virginia Grant, requested money for uniforms and pom-poms for elementary and junior high cheerleaders for an upcoming clinic. The needed money (\$650) was funded to them with the stipulation that the Elementary Parent Club would reimburse Booster Club for half of the funds as soon as they could.

Accelerated Reading Program- Jeannie Collins requested Booster Club to help with incentives- gifts for prizes for those excelling in the Reading Program. Booster Club approved \$600 for this program. A new account will be set up for tracking these expenses.

Band- Bobby Rice, the band teacher, requested help for replacing worn out shirts. They would like the shirts to be school colors. The request was tabled until prices can be determined.

Track- Mr. Smith reported on the progress of the track. He would like to have the asphalt down by the end of winter. He requested \$5,000 to \$7,000 from Booster Club to help with these expenses. \$7,000 was approved for this project.

Shamrockettes- Only \$20 was raised on babysitting during the Steak Feed and Auction. It was approved to donate \$100 to the Shamrockettes for babysitting during the event.

In old business, it

was not known if there was any price for buttons done by Mrs. Bowman. The club decided to just count any expenses for this as a loss.

In new business:
-It was noted that many people were very appreciative of the tailgate parties put on by the Booster Club. A membership drive will be discussed in a future meeting.

-Flyers and Ads were sent to all parents and notices will be put in the paper and on TV.

-The minutes of the meetings will be given to the journalism class for them to write an article for the Gazette.

-Tax-ID update is inconclusive at this point.

-New by-laws are being written up.

-Veterans Day celebration at the school went very well with over 100 veterans in attendance. The club will make sure this event continues to happen annually.

Other business included a request from Greg Grant to see if Booster Club would put on a feed for the basketball team on Friday, Dec. 17. The teams will be in charge of breakfast and will also have hospitality (water, juice, muffins, fruit and cookies) Booster Club agreed to donate \$200 for the hospitality expenses and they will do a spaghetti dinner on Friday night.

The issue of using the snack shack to earn money during basketball was discussed. Cindi Doherty will be in charge of scheduling work times. Groups of athletes will do the clean up of the gym after the games.

The next Booster Club meeting will be on Dec. 8, 7 p.m. in Mrs. Gentry's room (home-ec) at the high school.

Ione to hold 7th annual Basketball Bonanza

The seventh annual Ione Basketball Bonanza Tournament will be held Dec. 3-4 at the Ione School gymnasiums. The teams competing this year for the title are Mac-Hi, Enterprise, Umatilla and Ione.

The Umatilla Vikings and Mac-Hi Pioneer girls start the JV tournament at 1 p.m. on Dec. 3. Enterprise and Ione play at 4 p.m. The JV Boys start off with Umatilla and Mac-Hi at 2:30 p.m. The last JV game of the day is Enterprise and Ione at 5:30 p.m.

The next day will begin with the girls'

consolation game at 10 a.m., and the boys' consolation at 11:30 a.m. The girls' championship match is scheduled for 1 p.m., followed by the boys' championship game at 2:30 p.m.

A girls' match up between the Mac-Hi Pioneers and the Umatilla Vikings will kick off the Varsity tournament at 3 p.m. on Dec. 3. Later to finish out the girls' round, Ione will be taking on Enterprise at 6 p.m. The first boys' game will be at 4:30 p.m. with Mac-Hi battling the Umatilla Vikings. The final game of the night has the Ione boys matched up against Enterprise at 7:30 p.m.

The next day will begin with the girls' consolation game at 1 p.m., and the boys' consolation at 2:30 p.m. The girls' championship match is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., followed by the boys' championship game at 5:30 p.m.

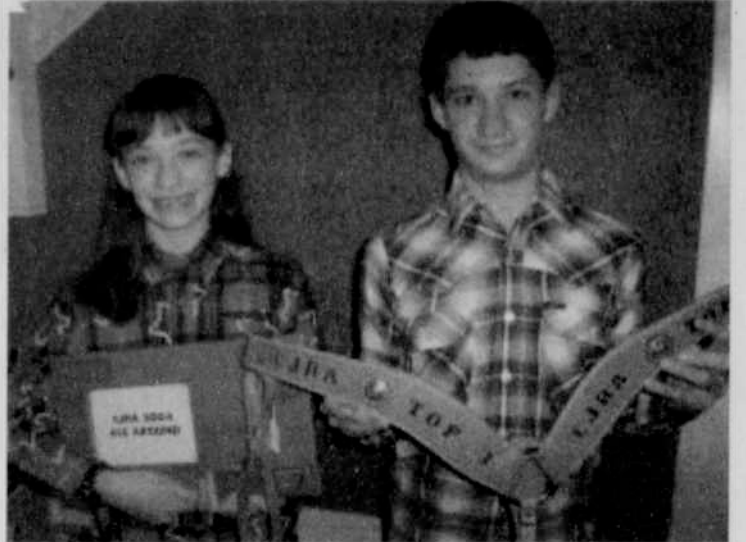
Trophies will be awarded for the top teams in each division. Ticket prices for the tournament will be \$3 for adults and \$1 for students with ASB cards. Please remember that only water is allowed in Ione School Gyms. The Ione Booster Club sponsors the tournament.

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CJRA Rodeo year-end awards given



Jenny Griffith and Amy Jepsen



Rebecca and Eric Jepsen



Taighler Dougherty and Devin Robinson

Six local members of the Cayuse Junior Rodeo Association were recently given awards at the CJRA annual dinner, which was held at the Grange Hall in Goldendale, WA on Nov. 21.

The CJRA sponsored eight different rodeos in eastern Oregon and eastern Washington from May through September of 2004. These rodeos were held in Prosser, Arlington, Goldendale, Umatilla, Milton-Freewater, Glenwood, Union and La Grande. There were three age divisions for both boys and girls: Pee wee, ages 8-11; Juniors, age 12-14; and Seniors, age 15-18. Prizes and money were paid out for winners at each of the individual rodeos. Members also accumulated points in the overall standings for year-end awards.

In the Pee wee Boys division, Devin Robinson finished second for the season in goat tying and fourth in barrel racing. In Pee wee Girls, Taighler Dougherty tied for first in

breakaway roping, was third in barrel racing, fourth in goat tying and fourth in pole bending. Rebecca Jepsen also tied for first place in breakaway roping.

In the Junior Boys division, Eric Jepsen finished third in team roping as a header.

Senior Girls division winners included Ione High School students Jenny Griffith and Amy Jepsen, who tied for first place in ribbon roping. Jepsen also earned fourth place honors in breakaway roping as well.

The Cayuse Junior Rodeo Association is open to anyone who wants to join. There were about 150 members in 2004. Next year they are adding a new 5-7 year old division. To compete, contestants have to be 5 years old by Jan. 1, 2005 and not older than 18 on the same date. There is a \$50 family membership fee. Contestants can compete in any CJRA rodeo as a "guest," but are not eligible for year-end awards unless they are CJRA members.

HHS to present two-act comedy

The Heppner High School drama department is presenting a two-act "tropical laff spoof" by Tim Kelly called "Lagooned." The play will be held Dec. 1 and Dec 8 at 7 p.m. in the Heppner High School cafeteria. Jodi Chapa, of Heppner, will be directing the play.

Cost for admission is \$1 per person at the door. The funds raised will go towards repairing the stage floor.

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