

Ione Education Foundation receives land gift



Howard (right) and Dianne Mullins (middle) presented the deed for 320 acres of farm land gifted to the Ione Education Foundation to President Joe Rietmann (left).

Howard and Dianne Mullins moved to Ione in June of 1999. The community immediately became their home. Dianne is more the homebody and Howard is the type who keeps busy on community projects.

Dianne is involved in local Bunko parties, the Ione United Church of Christ auction and is very involved with their own Tweeners party held every fall at their home. Howard has been, or is still involved with, the Morrow County Museum and the Willow Creek

Economic Development Committee, but his real love is school activities. He is on the Ione School Budget Committee and participates in just about any school activity that he feels he can offer a helping hand. They are both members of the Ione Education Foundation.

During the last six months, they have spent much time getting ready to completely retire. It was during this time, which involved reassessment of their estate planning, that the idea of gifting some land was

considered by the couple. The Mullins say the gifting of land to the Ione Education Foundation to create annual revenue is a good way to give back to a community that has been so important to them. They were like most parents, when their children were young they felt they were too busy to get involved with community service because they felt they were much to pre-occupied raising their family. Now that their children are grown, they look at this gift as a small pay back for all the

communities that helped their children with their education. Through their contribution, the Mullins hope others will be encouraged to support the Foundation.

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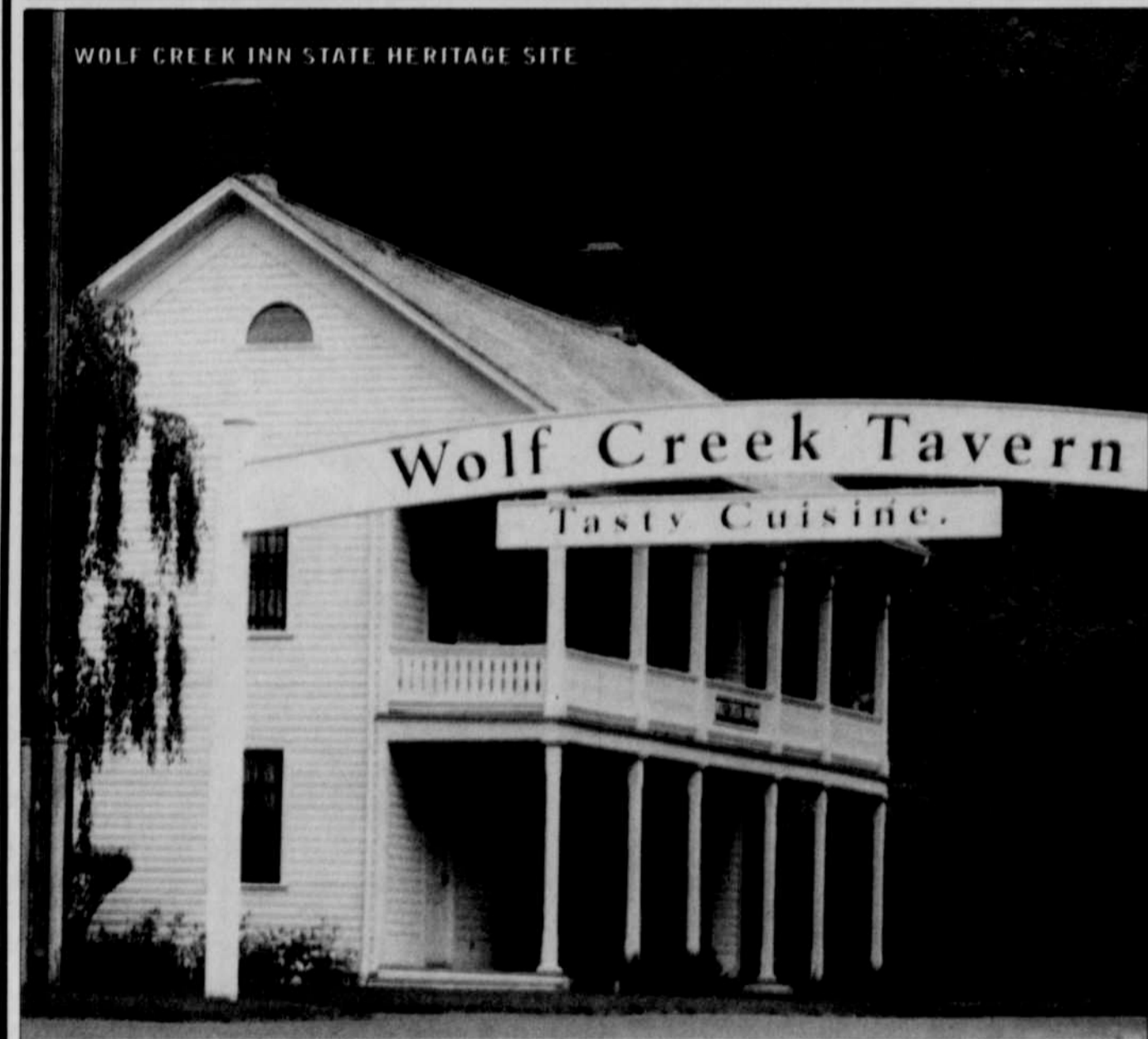


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Eighteen local piano students recently presented a Christmas recital at Christian Life Center in Heppner. They include (front row L-R): Cade Arbogast, Bethany VanCleave, Diana Healy, Alexandra Allen, Maddie Lindsay and Kai Arbogast; (center) Paige Lindsay; (Middle Row L-R): Devin Robinson, Rebecca Jepsen, Tim Clay, Daniel VanCleave and RJ Skaggs; (Back Row L-R): Eric Jepsen, Amy Jepsen, Heidi Wenberg, Mindy Wenberg, Kristen VanCleave and Emily Thompson. Not pictured: Teachers of the students include Wendy Appleton, Chandra Arbogast, Amy Jepsen and Kristen and Myrna VanCleave of Heppner and Shirley Bredlinger of Portland.



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