

Youth music recital to be held in Ione



(L-R): Amy, Eric and Rebecca Jepsen.



(Clockwise from top): Violinists Alex Carlson, Kara Clay and Sarah Stillman and pianist Julianne Carlson.

Twelve young musicians from South Morrow County will be featured in an upcoming music recital Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m., at the Ione United Church of Christ.

Many of those performing have prepared musical selections for various competitions and adjudications throughout the region in recent months and this recital will give them the opportunity to share their music with the community. Performers range in age from 7 to 17 and represent the music studios of seven different instrumental teachers.

Solos included will be performed on piano, harp,

violin and oboe. Soloists include the following students: Alex and Julianne Carlson, Sarah Stillman, Kara Clay, Brynna Rust, Kristen, Bethany and Daniel Van Cleave, Brendan McElligott and Amy, Eric and Rebecca Jepsen.

Many of the students performing in the recital are also members of the Willow Creek Symphony whose next concert is scheduled for Friday evening, April 15 in Heppner.

Admission is free. Donations for the Willow Creek Symphony will be accepted at the door. The recital is expected to last about one hour and will be followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

WVSC to hold annual Blood Drive

Willow Valley Service Club's annual Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, April 12 from 1-6 p.m., at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

Donor must be at least 16 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health.

For an appointment call 1 (800) 787-9691 and walk-ins are also welcome.

Ione Legion and Auxiliary members honored at Legion birthday



Current Auxiliary President Irene Holtz (right) with Helen Crawford, who received her Past President's Pin.



(L-R): Dick McElligott, Roland Bergstrom, Gene Crowell, Don McElligott and Jim Barnett received their membership pins.



John Jepsen (left) received the District Membership Award for 100 percent membership from Bill Bishop, District 6 Commander.

The Ione American Legion Post # 95 and Legion Auxiliary celebrated the 86th birthday of the American Legion on March 29 with 60 members present. Anne Morter catered the dinner.

Honored guests were Bill Bishop, District 6 Commander and Tessie Williams, District 6 Legion Auxiliary President.

Ten Legion members received pins with Jim Barnett of Pendleton

receiving his 60-year pin. Fifteen members of the Auxiliary received pins. Lois Allyn, Lexington received her 50-year pin. Helen Crawford was presented with her Past Presidents' pin. Don and Eunice McElligott were celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary and were surprised with a basket of cards and an anniversary cake.

After the dinner, members viewed the improvements to the 105-year-old hall.

HLL to hold meeting

Heppner Little League is holding a meeting on Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Morrow County TSP update meeting to be held

There will be a joint workshop of the Morrow County Planning Commission and County Court to discuss the co-adoption of the City Transportation System Plans (TSP) on April 6 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held in the large conference room at the Port of Morrow's Riverfront Center located at Two Marine Drive in Boardman.

The county will consider the co-adoption of the TSP for the cities of Boardman, Heppner, Ione, Irrigon and Lexington. The updated plan insures that the county and cities' transportation networks will be able to serve the entire region over the next 20

years. "Each city has already approved its TSP," said Joyce Jackson of Mitchell Nelson Group, the consulting firm coordinating the meetings. "This workshop is to discuss the county co-adopting each of the individual Transportation System Plans."

The updated TSPs insure that the county and cities within it are consistent with the requirements of the State of Oregon Transportation Planning Rule. The community is invited to learn about the cities' current and long-term transportation needs and plans for enhancing the road system.

WCCC to hold benefit tournament

Willow Creek Country Club will be holding its first annual benefit tournament on Sunday, April 24. Tee off time will be a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Play will be a four-person scramble. Cost is \$20 per person.

It is suggested that participants bring a white elephant, but is not required for play. Mulligans will also be available for sale.

Snacks will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come join in a day of fun.

Elections and Rules Committee to meet in Heppner and Pendleton

State Representative Derrick Kitts (R-Hillsboro) today confirmed plans to hold an official meeting of the House Committee on Elections and Rules in Pendleton and Heppner. Rep. Kitts serves as Chairman of the Committee. The meeting is part of a series of meetings House committees will hold across the state on diverse issues.

The meetings will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 8 at the Heppner Grade School on Stansbury Street and at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 9 at Pearson Auditorium in the Pendleton Center for the Arts at 214 North Main Street.

"The Committee is making a sincere effort to make sure the public is aware of the important reforms we are considering," said Rep. Kitts.

The Committee agenda will include public hearings on House Bill 2583, which would require proof of citizenship from those registering to vote; HB 2551, which would prohibit

opening ballots before Election Day; House Joint Resolution 1, which would require refer a constitutional amendment to require annual legislative sessions; HB 2774, relating to ballots in irrigation districts; and in Pendleton HB 3127, which modifies the definition of business under government standards and practices law.

Rep. Greg Smith, representing House District 57, which includes Heppner and Rep. Bob Jensen, representing House District 58, which includes Pendleton, will sit as guest members of the Committee at hearings in their respective districts.

"This will be great opportunity to discuss some of the reform proposals with people who can't take the time to travel to Salem," Rep. Kitts said. "We need as much public input as we can get."

The Committee agenda can be found on the Legislature's website: www.leg.state.or.us/comm/.

For more information, please contact Rep. Kitts at: (503) 986-1430.

DA's report

Dan Joe Fischer was convicted of three counts: count 1- Aiding in a Fish and Game Violation, an unclassified misdemeanor and counts 2 and 3- False Application for a Commercial Fish and Game License. Fischer was sentenced to a two-year suspension of his hunting license, 180 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation and \$1878 in fines and fees.

Donald Lee White admitted to violation of probation allegations for Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree. White's probation

was revoked and he was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 36 months probation.

Gene Ray Ball was convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, a Class C felony. Ball was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours community service and payment of \$916 in fines and fees and \$55 in restitution.

Christopher Dale Bennett was convicted of Theft-1, a Class C felony. Bennett was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours community service and payment of \$653 in fines and fees and \$2000 in restitution.

Marriage License

March 29: Javier Mendoza, 19, Boardman and Christina Fuentes, 18, Boardman.

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By DAVID SYKES REALTOR
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Many are the buyers who purchase a wonderful view, with a house that goes along with it. Or, surround themselves in a sense of history and live in a particular home (perhaps too small, ornate or too simple) in order to do so. As a buyer, it is most likely that you, too, have your preferences in style, shape, size, layout, construction and general appearance of your "dream home". It is likely you could reject a lot of listings because they are "too something or other," wasting a lot of time and effort and making an otherwise pleasurable job of home seeking into a very stressful situation.
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