

## Willow Creek Symphony and Singers open season in Heppner, Condon

Willow Creek Symphony and Singers, who have been in rehearsal since early September will unveil their efforts with concerts on Nov. 4 and 5. A sneak preview will be held in the Community Building at Echo on the morning of Thursday, Nov. 2, with two performances for approximately 300 elementary students from the area. The annual Young People's Concerts have become very popular and add a new dimension to the musical education of the fourth and fifth graders who attend.

The public is invited to experience the concert presentation at Heppner High School on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. The concert will be presented again at Condon High School on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 4 p.m.

R. Lee Friese of Athena is music director and conductor of Inland Northwest Musicians, which includes five performance ensembles that perform in the cities and towns of nine counties in Northeast Oregon and Southeast Washington. He will be joined on the podium by associate conductor Anthony Marks of Walla Walla and assistant conductor Karl Blaeuer of Ione.

Inland Northwest Musicians performances are presented with no admission charge, however donations are welcome.

Additional financial support comes from businesses, organizations and individuals in each concert area. The Heppner

concert is sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District, with additional support by Morrow County Grain Growers and the Condon concert is sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon. In addition, a bloc of supporters called 'Sustaining Members' provide support for the season of offerings.

A reception will follow each concert to allow audience members to greet the musicians.

Information about Inland Northwest Musicians and about opportunities to join in the performance groups is available at their office, 322 S W 3rd Street, #1, Pendleton, OR 97801, phone (541) 966-6649, email info@inwm.org.

## Heppner High School is tough enough to wear pink

National Honor Society asked students and staff of Heppner High School if they were "tough enough to wear pink?" They were; more than 75 percent of the students and staff were wearing pink last Thursday, Oct. 26. By wearing pink it hyped up breast cancer awareness and also showed support for those in our community who have lost the battle or continue to battle breast cancer. Students also brought in change to donate to breast cancer research.

## Heppner Ranger District begins public involvement process for West-End OHV Project

The Heppner Ranger District, of the Umatilla National Forest, is soliciting public input to help identify designated routes for off highway vehicles (OHV) on public lands on the west side of the district.

"This is a public process. If you care which trails or roads should be open or closed to motor vehicles, we hope to hear from you," said Tom Mafera, Heppner District Ranger. "We intend to use a collaborative approach to engage the public and coordinate with state, county, local and tribal governments."

In 2005, the Forest Service published a new travel management rule for providing motor vehicle access to national forests and grasslands. The new rule calls for the designation of roads, trails and areas open to motorized travel to provide:

- better opportunities for sustainable motorized recreation,
- better protection of the environment,
- better protection of cultural resource values,
- increased public safety,
- ample high-quality access to the National Forest System (NFS) for all users, and
- reduce effects on big game.

Designated routes for motorized travel are already in place on most of the Umatilla National Forest. The Forest's one exception is the 91,000-acre area west of the Monument-Sunflower Flat Road #22. In order to comply with the 2005 travel management rule, the

District is initiating the West-End OHV project to designate roads, trails and areas open to motorized travel on public lands on this portion of the district. No decisions will be made concerning private or county lands.

"We're just getting started. Right now, we are developing a mailing list for those interested in receiving additional information and opportunities to provide their thoughts," said Mafera. "We will work closely with the public, private landowners, permittees as well as County, State and local governments throughout this process."

Public meetings are being planned for early spring in addition to field trips next summer. The District plans to complete the process and begin implementation by September of 2009. For more information or to be added to the mailing list, please contact the Heppner District Office at 676-9187, P.O. Box 7, Heppner, OR 97836.

## Ione third graders receive dictionaries

Helen Crawford, with the Willows Grange of Ione, visited Ione Community School's third grade class on Tuesday, Oct. 17 and brought the 10 students dictionaries.

Willows Grange has given the third graders from the past three years their own dictionaries.

Students were very appreciative and one student asked, "Do we get to keep them all the time?"

## Rill and Halvorsen receive Slottee Memorial scholarships

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2006 scholarships for the Elizabeth Slottee Memorial. Tiffany Rill will receive \$500 and Allison Halvorsen will receive \$500. The Slottee Memorial Trust is awarded annually to a junior, senior or graduate student at an accredited four-year college or university. The scholarship is given annually in order of priority- first, to a student majoring or minoring in music and second to a student who has been accepted into a school of education. Criteria used include scholarship, leadership, citizenship, financial need and probability of success in the chosen field.

Rill is attending Eastern Oregon University and plans on teaching music to junior high or high school

students. She has volunteered in the music programs in Morrow County and performed with Inland Northwest Musicians, Heppner Community Pep Band, Blue Mountain Community College Jazz Band and Oregon East Symphony. She is currently an adult helper and clarinet player for A#players (a youth preparatory orchestra for Oregon East Symphony).

Halvorsen graduated with her undergraduate degree from the University of Oregon in family and human services. She has been accepted into the MAT program. Halvorsen has spent over 300 volunteer hours in a classroom in practicum classes. She is currently employed as a substitute teacher. She volunteers in her community, at the YMCA and as an after school mentor. She is also very active in her church.

## Citizen of the Year nominations being accepted

"In less than three months, the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Town and Country Banquet," reports Chamber Director Terry Baker, "and the special guests of honor will be the 'outstanding citizens' of the area selected for 2006."

Nominations for Citizens of the Year can be made by filling out the nomination sheets that are available at the Chamber Office located in the City Hall building. The Chamber encourages everyone who is familiar with the activities of a deserving individual to pick up a nomination sheet soon and return the pertinent information to the Chamber

office before the end of the year.

Citizen-of-the-Year award categories include leaders in business, forestry, agriculture, education and civic activities. An Outstanding Young-Adult award is another category, as is the "Unsung Hero Award," for the person who works quietly behind the scenes without much recognition.

Anyone who thinks a person deserves to be recognized and honored on Jan 13, 2007, for outstanding contributions in any one of the categories should go to the Chamber Office for a nomination sheet and the page of helpful guidelines.

## Heppner schools to hold parent-teacher conferences

Heppner High School parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 4-7 p.m., Friday Nov. 3 from 9-11 a.m., and Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 4-7 p.m. Report

cards may be picked up at that time in the office.

Heppner Elementary School parent-teacher conferences will be held Thursday, Nov. 2 from 3:40-8 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 3 from 12-8 p.m.

## Elks host salmon bake and buffet

The Elks are featuring the third annual Salmon Bake and Buffet on Saturday, Nov. 11, following the afternoon Mustang football playoff game against Cascade Christian. The football game will begin at 1 p.m.

Long-time Portland hunter Keith Preskey is again donating the salmon. Jimmy Thompson of Portland is providing live music.

"Come on out and bring your friends," invites Collin and Erin Anderson of the Elks.

Heppner Booster Club would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their generous donations to the 2006 Steak Feed and Auction. Without their support, this annual event would not have been such a success!

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Many others also contributed to the success of the Steak Feed and Auction:

Heppner Junior/Senior High School Students, Faculty, and Staff  
Auction Committee  
Dinner Committee  
Decorating Committee  
Ken Grieb, Auctioneer  
And everyone who assisted during the night of the dinner and auction

Their hard work and dedication made it all possible!

Thank you, everyone!

**Heppner Booster Club**



**HEPPNER ELKS 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**- Thursday, November 2nd -  
Ladies' Night and  
District Deputy Visitation**

**Pork Roast, Green Beans, Salad,  
Apple Sauce, Baked Potato & Dessert  
starting at 6:00 p.m.**

**By Chefs Nicki Clement, Pat Dougherty & Tracy Jeffreys  
For Elks Members & Invited Guests**



**ELKS THIRD ANNUAL  
SALMON BAKE & HAM BUFFET  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

*Buffet will begin following the afternoon  
Mustang football game vs. Cascade Christian*

**LIVE MUSIC BY JIMMY THOMPSON OF PORTLAND**

*Come on out and bring your friends!*