



Jodi Chapa at her ice cream shop

## Ice cream parlor opens in Heppner

Jodi Chapa, a Heppner resident, has opened a new business called Sweet Productions Ice Cream Parlour at 471b Main Street in Heppner, next to the Video Store.

The walls are decked with black and white photos of screen legends like Judy Garland, Greta Garbo, and Charlie Chaplin. The names of many of the items on the menu are familiar to those who are movie buffs. "An Affair to Remember" the movie mad famous with Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr, is the name of the sundae made for two to share and the traditional banana split is called "Bananas for Bonzo" named after the famous monkey who was a co-star of the President/actor Ronald Reagan.

The name and theme of the parlour was inspired by Jodi's love of the movies and theater. She is also the drama coach at Heppner High School.

"I love working with the kids during drama seasons and now this gives me the opportunity to see the kids all the time," said Chapa. "I've been open for two days now and most of the kids from my drama club have come in to wish me well and have some goodies. Exposure to the classic movies has been good for the kids, they are opening up their creative thought seeing a stars picture, hearing me talk about a star and asking to borrow my movie to see it themselves. They are studying classic actors and seeing movies that they had never heard of but finding

out why the movie has been a classic for many, many years."

The parlour offers the traditional ice cream creations like floats, milkshakes, sundaes and cones but also features funnel cakes, foot long hotdogs, home-made soups and breads, hand-made chocolates, fresh donuts, and one of the only 50 cent cups of coffee for miles around.

"When I moved into Heppner four years ago, my daughters and I had gone to a concert at the school and afterward, I just thought, it sure would be nice to go have a sundae right now—we need an ice cream parlour," said Chapa. A thought turned into action and the parlour planning started almost four years later in June of 2006 with the ideas of strictly ice cream and has expanded into a full restaurant.

"The first couple of days have gone well. Of course the first days you move things around a lot to see what makes things move smoothly. There was only one major glitch so far, we got our Tillamook Ice Cream delivery and the ice cream tubs don't fit great into the freezer so we are looking for a dipping case," said Chapa.

The parlour can also accommodate small birthday parties or celebrations. "We have a big dish we use for our "Brain Freeze" that holds 15 scoops of ice cream and the toppings to feed a group. When I was a kid, we used to go to Farrells Ice Cream in California and it was an awesome memory to have one of their big desserts for a group," said Chapa.

Sweet Productions Ice Cream Parlour is open Monday through Saturday. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The parlour is closed on holidays and Sundays. The parlour's phone number is 676-8022.

## Ione Middle School girls' basketball teams take two

The Ione Middle School girls' basketball team won two games last weekend, squeaking out a one-point overtime victory against Condon on Friday and soundly defeating Helix on Saturday.

Makenna Ramos and Beth Morter each scored 14 points in Friday's home win against Condon but it was Jordan Peterson's one free throw in overtime that gave the team the winning margin. The teams were tied at six after one quarter and Ione held a slim 18-16 lead at the half. Condon tied it up at the end of three and both teams scrapped to another tie at the end of regulation play. Neither team made a basket in the overtime period, making Jordan's clutch free throw key to the win.

"After the Christmas break and a short week of practice, I was happy that the girls came out very hard and executed well," said Coach

## HHS and HES to host speaker

Milton Creagh will be speaking at Heppner High School on Thursday, January 18, at 1:40 p.m. and will speak until the end of the day (3:30pm). He will be speaking about negative influence, drugs, and doing the right thing in staying safe. Creagh will also present a parenting class at Heppner Elementary School that

## HES Students Favor the Christmas Season



Students in the Picture: Alex Victorio, Chantz Vernon, Pablo Lopez, Daniela Sanchez and Mariela Sanchez

Students used all five senses as they toured the Marlene and Randall Peterson home filled with Christmas decorations in every corner.

The Peterson home, one of Heppner's best kept Christmas secrets, filled the children's hearts with one last dose of Christmas spirit. At the bay window the children were intrigued with the Christmas village. They noticed every detail from

windmills to tiny ice skates. In the kitchen, Alex Victorio pointed with glee at a large nutcracker that reminded him of a story he had listened to in early December. Chantz Vernon counted 15 beautiful Christmas angels in the bathroom. Pablo Lopez was amazed at all the wonders as he scampered up the banister. Mariela Sanchez whispered, "It is so wonderful I wish my mom could be here." The many

music boxes kept Daniela Sanchez dancing. After hot cocoa with whipped cream and cookies, the children were given candy and a large stuffed Christmas animal to take home.

This experience not only left great memories, but also enhanced the children's vocabulary. As the group left the "Christmas House," Mrs. Peterson called out, "Merry Christmas to all and please come back next year."

## Ione Community Church to host video

Ione Community Church will host a video-based Bible discussion class, "Confronting The Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues," beginning January 14 at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Using 15-minute video segments, host Adam Hamilton, named by PBS's Religion and Ethics Newsweekly as one of the top "Ten People to Watch," will introduce each topic. "By offering clear, concise information on what is at stake in these issues, and by seeking to understand the positions different sides

hold, and to represent them in a fair way. Adam Hamilton also provides a model for how to dialogue about moral issues while maintaining respect for persons on both sides of the debate," said interim pastor Dan Armstrong. Topics to be covered in the coming weeks include: Separation of Church and State, prayer in public schools, creation and evolution in public schools, abortion, the death penalty, homosexuality, and euthanasia.

For more information contact Pastor Dan Armstrong at 422-7530.

## Palmateer graduates from basic training



Air Force Airman Kyle Palmateer  
Air Force Airman Kyle A. Palmateer has

graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Terri Schaber of Palmateer Road, Ione.


Palmateer is a 2006 graduate of Ione High School.

## HHS Drama Club to have chili feed

The Heppner High School Drama Club will have a chili feed Saturday, January 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School cafeteria. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

The Drama Club is raising funds for trips to Seattle and New York City.

For more information call Jodi at 676-8022.



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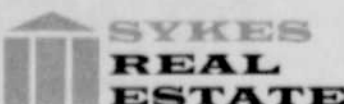
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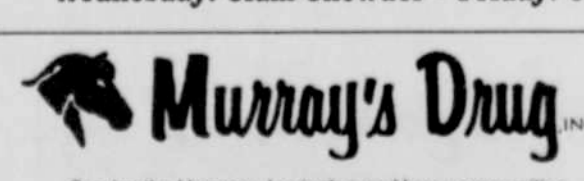


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