

## Evangelists to speak at Christian Life Center

Pieter and JoAnne Bos, co-founders of Kings Commissions Ministries International, serving presently as missionaries, teachers and evangelists will be at Christian Life Center, 535 W. Morgan St., in Heppner April 8-11. Pieter will preach Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6 p.m. He will also preach Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. Pieter and JoAnne have been involved in ministering and counseling to people with life controlling problems, teaching practical evangelism and discipleship, leadership training, and marriage and family relationship seminars throughout the U.S. and over 15 nations worldwide.

Each possesses an unwavering commitment, compassion, and genuineness in their personal lives and ministry, said Christian Life Center Pastor Tim Van Cleave.

Their ministry style combines solid preaching and teaching from God's word with mentorship. They have been married over 23 years and have two children, Jamie and Heidi.

Pieter was born in Holland, and was raised in a Dutch Reformed home. His desire to become involved in ministry and missions started when he was about 10 years old, while he was attending a Sunday School class where missionaries were talking about their experiences on the field. According to a news release, having been raised under extremely difficult circumstances and after a period of teen age rebellion, he forgot about his vision; but God didn't.

When God regained his attention, he re-committed his life to the

Lord, and was baptized with the Holy Spirit. Before long Pieter was involved in a Pentecostal church and in inner-city ministry.

A few years later he married an American girl who was raised in a Mennonite home, and worked with Youth With A Mission in Amsterdam, The Netherlands (Holland.)

In 1983, said the release, with the blessings of their home church, the Lord directed them to go to the U.S.

Upon arrival in the U.S. Pieter has taught practical evangelism and discipleship in different schools, youth groups and churches of various denominations.

He worked as a counselor, over 4,000 hours, and teacher at the Teen Challenge Training Center in Pennsylvania, a state licensed ministry. (The first Teen Challenge Training Center was started by the Rev. David Wilkerson.)

As a facility/program/area director in the ministry of Teen Challenge in Washington, a Christian discipleship ministry for people with life controlling problems, including drugs and alcohol. As a pastor and an evangelist with a heart for missions, Pieter is a minister of the Dutch V.P.E., Pentecostal, Fullgospel and Evangelical church, and is also ordained with the A/G in the U.S. He earned a doctor of ministry degree from Omega Seminary. He says that throughout the years God has opened many doors for ministry in the United States, South America, India, Africa and in European countries.

The public is invited to attend these meetings.

## May 3 National Day of Prayer

The 2007 National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 3. Everyone is invited to attend a prayer meeting at the St. Patrick's Senior Center cafeteria from 12:15-12:45 p.m. This is a Judeo-Christian prayer meeting. Prayers will focus on church, education, family, government and media.

This is the 55th year of the National Day of Prayer. According to a press release, last year it is estimated over two million people attended over 40,000 events that began at dawn in Maine and ended at sunset in Hawaii.

For more information, contact Chandra Arbogast, 676-5424, or Tim Van Cleave at the Christian Life Center, 676-5581.

## Marriages

The County Clerk's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner released the following marriage license information:

March 27-Kelly Lou Jones, 36, Heppner, and Lorraine Marie Staples, 48, Heppner.

## Joint concerts to feature orchestra, symphony and singers

Three of the five musical ensembles which make up Inland Northwest Musicians will join together for concerts in Enterprise on Saturday, April 14, at 7 pm and in Heppner on Sunday, April 15, at 4 pm. The groups include the Wallowa Valley Orchestra, Willow Creek Symphony and Willow Creek Singers. The Enterprise concert will be in the Enterprise High School gymnasium and the Heppner Elementary auditorium. Each orchestra will perform separately and will then join together for some pieces and will be joined by the singers.

The groups are under the leadership of R. Lee Friese of Athena who is music director and conductor of Inland Northwest Musicians. Friese is assisted by associate conductor Dane Mickelson of Wallowa and by associate conductors, Karl Blaeuer of Ione and Holly MacDonnell of Arlington. All three associate conductors are music teachers in the schools where they live. The Wallowa Valley Orchestra rehearses in Wallowa School and Willow Creek Symphony and Singers in Heppner Elementary. Persons interested in joining

any of the ensembles, which also include Inland Northwest Musicians Orchestra and Chorale, are invited to contact INWM at 322 S W 3rd Street, #1, Pendleton, OR, 97801, telephone 541-966-6649, email info@inwm.org. to learn about upcoming rehearsals and concerts.

"Inland Northwest Musicians members are volunteers who rehearse and perform for love of the musical experience, often traveling lengthy distances to rehearsal and concert sites at their own expense," said a spokesperson. "Concerts are presented free to the public with donations accepted. Expenses for the groups, such as music and hall rentals, staff and office costs and transportation of equipment, are covered by income from donations at concerts, sustaining memberships by supporters, sponsorships by businesses, industries and other groups, and occasional grants. Inland Northwest Musicians has as its goal the bringing of fine music to all the cities and towns of the region at no cost to the community members."

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

## AWANA plans awards night April 12

The AWANA Bible Club will have its annual year end awards on Thursday, April 12, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Willow Creek Baptist Church in Heppner. Refreshments will be served after the program.

AWANA is a non-denominational Christian Bible club for kids in kindergarten through the sixth grade. Leaders from several churches are involved with the local group. Attendance for the year has averaged about 50 clubbers each Thursday night.

All AWANA Club members will receive recognition during the program. Those who have finished handbooks will be given special awards. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Willow Creek Baptist is located in the Seventh Day Adventist building, 560 North Minor Street. AWANA will start up again next September.

## 12 confirmed at St. Patrick Catholic



St. Patrick's education class members confirmed

Twelve members of St. Patrick Catholic education class received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Mass on March 24.

Bishop Vasa from Bend guided the students through several questions included in the sacramental process and then bestowed confirmation upon Andrea Collins, Hannah Jones, Conner Pappas, Gabriela Sanchez, Justin Pranger, Joe Armato, Taighler Dougherty, Justin Gutierrez, Ian Murray, Brent Eckman, Jared Huddleston, and Esgar Sanchez.

At the reception hosted by the Altar Society,

## MC School District dropout rate falls to 1.7 percent

School	Total	Dropouts			Dropout Rates	
		Withdrawn During School Year	Finished 12th Grade Without Graduating	Did Not Return From Summer Break	1-Year	
					2005-06	2004-05
<b>Oregon Statewide Totals</b>	<b>7,397</b>	<b>5,545</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Schools</b>						
Morrow Education Center Alternative Program	2	2	0	0	Does not receive %	
Heppner Jr/Sr High School	1	1	0	0	.7	0
Irrigon Jr/Sr High School	1	1	0	0	.6	1
Riverside Jr/Sr High School	7	7	0	0	2.3	1.7
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>

Morrow County School District has announced that, according to state data, the district dropout rate has reduced to 1.7 percent for the 2005-06 school year, with "all schools below the state average. District totals fell from 3.4 percent in 2004-05.

According to MCSD Superintendent Mark Burrows, "Our alternative school program has been a great incentive for at-risk students to stay in school. Likewise, our board goal to keep students involved in extra and co-curricular opportunities has also helped retain students in our school systems.



Heppner Junior/Senior High School had one student drop out for the 2005-06 school year for a .7 dropout rate. In 2004-05 no students dropped out at HJHS/HHS. During the 2005-06 school year one

student dropped out at Irrigon Junior/Senior High School for a .6 percent dropout rate. Their dropout rate the previous year was one percent. Riverside Junior/Senior High School at Boardman had seven students drop out in 2005-06 for a 2.3 percent dropout rate. RJHS/RHS' dropout rate for 2004-05 was 1.7 percent. Morrow Education Center Alternative Program in Irrigon had two students drop out during 2005-06, but that program does not receive a dropout rate percentage. District totals were 11 dropouts in 2005-06 for a 1.7 percentage. The district had a 3.4 percent dropout rate for 2004-05.

Statewide, 7,397 students dropped out during the 2005-06 school year for a 4.1 statewide average. During 2004-05 the state had a 4.2 percent dropout rate.

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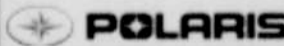


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