

## Ione School Board still to determine construction and weight room plans

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begin advertising for a candidate to fill the position.

-accepted the resignation of Jerry Cronin, full-time teaching position, and Vicki Wagenblast from Camp 5.

-learned that following the resignation of Cronin, teacher Jim Raible will take that position and Wagenblast will take Raible's position.

-learned that interviews for the athletic director position, formerly held by Dean Robinson, will be held in early February.

-heard a concern from Morter that Mid Columbia Bus had not submitted their bill for busing services prior to the end of the fiscal year.

-learned that the school will open and begin advertising for a head girls' high school volleyball coach

and an assistant high school football coach.

-learned that the Oregon Response to Intervention team had planned to conduct a site visit at the Ione School to observe the school's implementation of RTI. Ione was one of the original grant recipients and implemented the RTI program for kindergarten through fifth grade in literacy.

-learned that Palmer Roofing was at the school January 14 to repair leaks in the kitchen roof and ceiling.

-learned that new self-extinguishing light bulbs had arrived for the high school gym. Work party was to be formed to change the bulbs during non-school time as more than one person is required for changing the bulbs. Plans were to also change burned

out bulbs in the elementary gym.

-learned that Apollo is in the process of determining how the large fan above the cafeteria hallway would be redesigned or repaired as it does not work effectively.

-learned that a new bank of lockers has been ordered to relieve the congestion in the high school hallway and reduce the number of students sharing lockers due to a large middle/high school population.

-scheduled an executive session on February 5 at 8 a.m. for the purpose of superintendent evaluation.

-learned that the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 11 with a work session scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

-accepted the annual charter review.

## Inland Northwest Orchestra to perform 1812 overture in February concerts

The booming sounds of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture will begin two concerts in February by the Inland Northwest Orchestra. The ensemble, which is part of Inland Northwest Musicians (INWM), will be performed Saturday, February 16, at 7 p.m. in the North Baker Elementary Auditorium in Baker City and Sunday, February 17, at 4 p.m. at Harris Jr. Academy in Pendleton. Both concerts are free.

The 1812 Overture, which is best known for its thunderous volley of cannon fire and ringing chimes, was commissioned by Tsar Alexander II to be played during the consecration of the Temple of Christ the Redeemer in Moscow. The temple had been built as a memorial to Napoleon's defeat in Russia in 1812; therefore, Tchaikovsky used that historic event as the program for his work. Intending his music

for outdoor performance, the composer scored it for large orchestra and an expanded percussion section that included actual cannon to boom at intervals.

Although the Inland Northwest Orchestra will not utilize cannons and the concerts will be indoors, the piece will be dramatic. The symphony is adding more percussion instruments and musicians. "For many people the 1812 Overture is a familiar piece. Like so many of Tchaikovsky's compositions, it is a challenging work to perform—it is technically demanding and requires large numbers of performers to make it successful," said R. Lee Friese, Music Director and Conductor of INWM.

The audience is invited to a reception after each concert to meet and mingle with the musicians. Donations will be accepted

at each event. Inland Northwest Musicians relies on local support in each community in which they perform; we would like to thank the Leo Adler Community Fund for its generous sponsorship of the Baker City concert.

For more information on the above concerts or for the entire season schedule call the Inland Northwest Musicians office at 541-966-6649 or visit online at inwm.org. Another way to support the organization is by purchasing an annual Sustaining Membership.

Inland Northwest Musicians is a nonprofit, regional organization whose mission is to bring fine orchestral and choral music and education opportunities to large and small communities in northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. Founded in 1999, it is comprised of five performing ensembles—Inland Northwest Orchestra and Inland Northwest Chorale (rehearsing in Pendleton), Wallowa Valley Orchestra (rehearsing in Wallowa) and Willow Creek Symphony and Willow Creek Singers (rehearsing in Heppner).

## A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

The winter wonderland that recently enveloped the Valley for several days added a certain beauty to the view from Willow Creek Terrace. The icy crystals that blanketed the thin layer of snow sparkled in the moonlight and sunlight and the deer and winter birds foraged the landscape for warming sustenance. The residents of the Terrace have enjoyed the view from inside their home but also welcome the warmer trend because it tends to warm the bones a little.

Warming their hands by keeping time to the Ol' Time Fiddlers' music, the residents have enjoyed starting the New Year with these

familiar visitors. In January, they have also enjoyed more of their craziness so familiar to the Terrace. Frisbees filled the air on National Frisbee Day, hats on National Hat Day, and compliments to one another on National Compliment Day. Most recently, their celebration of the National Clashing-Clothes Day - yes, these are actual, designated days on the national list - featured some interesting fashion statements. On that same day, they enjoyed a pizza feed for lunch, so their crazy outfits and the pizzas resulted in quite a collision of colors in the dining room!

Residents had to say

"farewell" to their friend and neighbor Ed Dick last month, and they view his departure as a great loss to their community. Ed relocated to Western Oregon, to be closer to family. Now, residents await their soon-to-be new neighbor, looking forward to the contribution this person will be to the Terrace.

Another neighbor and friend, Kathleen Hisler, will be celebrating her 100th birthday in February, a good reason for a party. And Valentines Day will call for some special decorations and activity. Yes, the residents can see that February is going to be another interesting, full month.

## Health district board may put up additional tax levy; current levy is set to expire

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tions, would bring around \$279,000 into the district in 2009, around \$310,000 in 2010 and around \$31,000 in the first half of 2011; a .29-cent levy would cost the taxpayer with a \$100,000 home \$29 a year and would bring in around \$207,000 in 2009, around \$230,000 in 2010 and around \$23,000 in the first half of 2011. Mahoney did not include the \$70,000 pledge nor the Irrigon Clinic expansion funds in her estimate if additional tax monies were not approved.

Mills said that if voters approved a .39 cent levy, the health district would still have less than \$1 per thousand in total tax receipts.

Board members will continue their deliberations on the issue. If they do decide to put the levy before the voters, they and CEO Victor Vander Does will begin research and outreach to each community in the district.

Also at the meeting the board approved a contract with an additional physician, Dr. Nichols. Vander Does said that the district may be able to offer colonoscopies once Dr. Nichols comes on board.

In other business, the board:

-heard the following report: In December Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 400 patients in with 17 new patients and 47 seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 201 patients with 20 new patients, 46 seen by a nurse and seven no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 14 page-outs with 12 transports for \$11,509 in revenue;

Boardman Ambulance had 22 page-outs with seven transports for \$7,275 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 13 page-outs with seven transports for \$6,458 in revenue; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had eight admissions, one swing bed admission, 21 admitted for observation, one admitted for respite care, 358 outpatients, 57 emergency room encounters, 1591 lab tests, 105 x-ray procedures, 32 CT scans, 29 EKG tests, 45 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 119 visits; Hospice had three admissions; and pharmacy had 1,061 drug doses for \$61,016 in drug revenue.

## Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court Judge Charlotte Gray has released the following report:

-Heather M. Gregory, 31, Heppner, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$148 fine.

-Steven C. Rollis, 34, Heppner, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$113 fine.

-Gary B. Rea, 38, Ione, violation of the basic rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$113 fine.

-Cheryl A. Clark, 49, Pendleton, violation of the basic rule by going 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$148 fine.

-Carrie Ann Burgess, 18, Spray, violation of the basic rule by going 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-Jackie W. Hegel, 25, Heppner, maintaining a dog as a public nuisance, \$76 fine.

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was a strong shooting right beside Bryan with 11 points. Kyle Fuchs and Jordan Hatfield each scored eight and Joe Pranger sunk six for the night. Jared Hedman scored five, Frank Meyer had four and Devin Robinson dropped two points for the Mustangs.

The Varsity girls held the lead until the third quarter where Pilot Rock stepped ahead by one point, putting the score at Heppner 31 and Pilot Rock 32. Heppner came out in the fourth quarter and scored six points more than the Rockets to put them in the lead by five. Mustangs ended the game with a win at Pilot Rock. The final score was Heppner 47 and Pilot Rock 42.

Megan Orr led the Mustangs to this victory with 22 points. Kristen VanCleave scored 12, Katie Kilkenny put in 10 and Taylor Kempas scored three for the night.

The Varsity boys just could not take the lead away from the Rockets on Friday night. By halftime the Mustangs were down four points, putting the score at Heppner 22 and Pilot Rock 26. By the end of the game the Mustangs had scored 48 points but, it just wasn't enough to take the win, leaving a final score of Heppner 48 and Pilot Rock 60.

Lane Bailey led the scoring with 14 points. Nacho Elquezabal scored 12, and Brent Eckman had five for the night. Jared Huddleston contributed four points and Jordan Hatfield and Chris Lien each scored three points to help the Mustangs. Bryan Holland, Nathan Van Cleave, and Bradon Britt each put in two for a hard fought battle that just did not go the Mustangs way.