

## Oregon East Symphony receives \$4,000 grant from USBank Foundation

The Oregon East Symphony was recently presented with a grant check in the amount of \$4,000 from the USBank Foundation. The presentation took place today at the downtown Pendleton USBank branch. Oregon East Symphony Board members John Wilson, Shari Dallas, Maureen McCormach, and Michelle Day, as well as Executive Director, Christina van der Kamp, were on hand to accept the check from Branch Manager Kathie Nooy.

"We're thrilled with USBank's support of our organization and their commitment to keeping our local arts community strong in a time of economic uncertainty," said van der Kamp. "We were bracing to be hit



Pictured is the USBank Grant Check Presentation (from left to right: Michelle Day, Christina van der Kamp, Kathie Nooy, Maureen McCormach, John Wilson). -Contributed Photo

hard, so receiving this grant funding now is really encouraging."

Funds will be used to help cover operating expenses for the 2008-2009

concert season. OES is now partway through its season, with a Holiday Music Festival in December and two more spring concerts on the program.

## Holiday closure for OSU Extension Service

The OSU Morrow County Extension Service will close at noon on Wednesday, November 26, and remain closed through Friday, November 28. They will reopen Monday, December 1.

Youth who are re-enrolling in 4-H are reminded that enrollment forms are due in the office by December 1 or be postmarked by that date to avoid a late fee of \$10.

## 7th Day Adventist Church to host concert

Heppner Seventh-day Adventist Church will host Hand Picked, a Blue Grass Gospel musical group, on Saturday, December 13, at 5 p.m.

This concert is free but donations will be accepted. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

The church is located at 560 North Minor Street in Heppner.

## Valby Lutheran Church announced upcoming events

Valby Lutheran Church will celebrate the season of Advent with evening gatherings on Monday, December 1 and 8. A supper of soup and bread will be served at 6 p.m., followed by Holden Evening Prayer, a brief service of music and lessons. Sunday worship continues at 9 a.m. weekly. All are welcome.

On Sunday, December 14, an old-fashioned

Swedish smorgasbord will be served at Valby beginning at 4 p.m. A Christmas program for all ages (dinner-theater style) will be part of this event. The community is cordially invited to attend. To reserve your place at the table, please call the church at 422-7515 by Sunday, December 7, and leave a message with your name, the number attending, and a contact phone number.

## Morrow SWCD Board meeting to be held

The Morrow SWCD Board has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, at 1 p.m. at the Ag Service Building in Heppner.

Agenda items include: Oct 2008 meeting minutes, treasurer's report, written staff report, OACD Annual convention report, building lease, annual meeting, and agency reports. A conference call may be

necessary.

Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Janet Greenup at 541-676-5452, ext. 109.

## HES students partner with Heppner Head Start for reading program



Top Photo: Macy Gibbs, Kelly Wilson, Frank Battaglia, Paige Grieb, Ross Cutsforth, and Cody Beam enjoyed their reading time with Heppner Head Start students. Bottom Photo: Mariela Sanchez and CJ Peck read to a Heppner Head Start student. -Contributed Photos

On November 20, 5th and 6th graders in Jannie Allen's class partnered with the children in Heppner Head Start for a reading activity. Head Start participates in a literacy program called "Reading is Fundamental" (RIF).

RIF is a non-profit literacy organization that provides free books to children. Their highest priority is reaching underserved children from birth to age eight. Head Start does three book distributions during the school year and tries to utilize community resources to provide literacy activities. To learn more about RIF, go to their website [www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org).

## It's time to shop in Heppner

Have you started collecting your "rewards cards" yet for shopping locally in Heppner? It's not too late, and the more you purchase locally, the greater chances you have of win-

ning some great prizes that will be donated by our local merchants.

Make sure you get the "rewards card" each time you make a purchase - sorry not eligible if you make a payment on your "in store account". However, you can charge the purchases to your account and receive the rewards cards at time of purchase.

Make sure you hold the evening of Thursday, December 18, so you and your family and friends can take in the whole community event. The Parade of Lights will kick off the evening event at 6 p.m. with all other activities to be held at the Elks Lodge immediately following the parade.

## Beagle graduates from basic military training

Air Force Airman Issac S. Beagle has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field

The Elks Lodge will serve a beef stroganoff dinner - \$10 adult; \$6 child up to 12 years of age. Plan on coming and eating as a family and enjoying the whole evening. Drawing names for winners will start at 7:30 p.m., so make sure you get there in time to drop your rewards cards in the prize boxes prior to that time.

As a point of clarification, you must be present to win the rewards cards prizes, but you do not have to be present to win the Chamber Raffle Baskets. If you are a winner of one of the four baskets, the chamber will contact you if you are not present and make arrangements to get the basket to you.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree relating through the Community College of the Air Force.

Beagle is the son of Paul and Ruth Beagle of Boardman. He is a 2008 graduate of Riverside High School in Boardman.



Issac Beagle

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