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Ione student competes in OSAA State Solo Competition



Pictured is Eric Jepsen in front of music building at the University of Oregon. —Contributed Photo

Eric Jepsen, a junior at Ione High School, successfully competed in the 2009 OSAA State Solo Music Competition which was held last weekend, May 2, at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

There were 480 instrumental and vocal contestants representing almost 100 Oregon high schools in the state finals this year. Jepsen qualified for the state championships by winning first place at the district competition in Hermiston on March 7.

State finalists were given 10 minutes to perform. There were three judges for each event and they independently scored each contestant on a score sheet worth 330 points. There

were 990 points possible.

Jepsen finished eighth out of 18 violin finalists with a score of 900 points. Scores given ranged from a low of 556 to a high of 983. The state champion violinist was Natalie Yu from Southridge High School in Beaverton. Jepsen performed the first movement of Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor. He was accompanied by pianist Emily Callender of Pendleton.

Jepsen has been playing the violin for 12 years. For the past six years he has studied with his current teacher, Lisa Robertson, professor of violin and viola at Eastern Oregon University.

Heppner/Ione graduations fast approaching

Ione Community School will hold its graduation ceremony on Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m. Heppner High School will hold its graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 6, at 2 p.m.

Any parents or businesses interested in having their name on the "Congratulations Seniors" page can call the Heppner Gazette-Times at 676-9228 or send an email to megan@rapidsolve.net. The cost is \$10.

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Impressed with Heppner FFA

To the editor:

I was so impressed with the Heppner FFA Chapter at their annual banquet on April 30, 2009 that I was compelled to write. The high school members of this organization were well organized, professional and polite and it was heart warming to get to be a part of. Having been involved in the agricultural education field for many years, I know first hand the time and dedication these students put forth in their various projects and contests. Heppner FFA is a growing youth organization that is doing an outstanding job. The community is lucky to have such exceptional youth representing them throughout the state and nation.

It's not easy to manage and motivate high school students and their advisor, Beth Dickenson, is doing a tremendous job. Heppner High School is lucky to have such an ardent and passionate teacher on staff.
Erin Heideman
Ione

Annual fishing derby to be held at Anson Wright Park

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), along with Morrow County Parks, are sponsoring a free fishing derby on Saturday, May 16, from 8:30-11 a.m. at Anson Wright Park fishing pond. The fishing derby is for children up to 14 years of age.

The pond is located 26 miles southwest of Heppner at 47500 Highway 207.

Other partners in

this event is Heppner Elks Lodge #358, Pettyjohns Building Supply, Northwest Steelheaders Fishing Group, Roger Mortimore, Glen and Joyce Ward, ODFW-John Day, ODFW-Pendleton, and Doug Ferguson

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating can contact Betty Gray at Morrow County Public Works Department at 541-989-8214 or email at bgray@co.morrow.or.us.

St. William's to hold "Don't forget your underwear" drive

St. William's Catholic Church high school youth are collecting underwear to donate to the homeless in Portland. The collection is coinciding with a trip the youth are making to the Downtown Chapel Catholic Parish on Burnside.

They will be participating in the Downtown Chapel Connects, which is a group immersion program for high school students that offers a day spent in service and active education. The purpose of the immersion is to break down stereotypes that keep individuals from knowing and loving the poor and marginalized.

The high school youth will be traveling to Portland on May 23, so have designated May 16 as "Don't forget your underwear" Sunday. Donations of men's new undershirts, briefs or socks would be appreciated. Donations can be taken directly to the church or given to Anne Morter, Deb Campbell, Jeri McElligott or any Ione Catholic high school youth.

All Saints Episcopal Church announces summer camp

All Saints Episcopal Church of Heppner, along with the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, announce that summer camp will be held at Ascension School Camp in Cove.

A typical day at camp includes blocks of time for Christian education, crafts, swimming, recreational activities and camp fire programs for the entire camp in the evening. Beginners Camp, Intermediate Camp, Junior High and Senior High camps for children 8-18 years of age are available.

Anyone interested in sending their child to camp can contact Ascension School at 541-568-4514. Transportation and scholarships are available.

Divorces

The Circuit Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner has released the following report of divorces filed:

- April 30: Blanca E. Snyder and Bill W. Snyder
- May 1: Toni Renea Worley-Huang and Hung Wen Huang.

Harshmans to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary



Evvonne and Loyd (Bud) Harshman

Loyd (Bud) and Evvonne Harshman will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 9 at the Eagles Lodge in Walla Walla, WA.

The couple met in Heppner and was married at The Park Wedding Chapel in Reno, NV on May 9, 1959. They lived in the San Francisco Bay area until 1961 and then moved to the Walla Walla area where they have lived for the past 47 years.

Bud worked construction and fell timber while Evvonne worked at the Canneries, Mortgage accounting and Insurance.

Over the 50 years that they have been together, they have made many friends in all aspects of life: through their work, travel, foster-care, 4 H, Wagonettes, fair court, Beam Club, Elks Lodge, bowling, hunting, Gun Club, Red Hats Club and their children, grandchildren and now their great-grandchildren's activities.

The children of Bud and Evvonne Harshman: Tracy and Jim Jones, Dawn and Mike TenBroeck, Joe and Carol Harshman, Robert Carter and Carla and Pat Foust, and all of Bud and Evvonne's extended family, along with all their grandchildren and all their great-grandchildren invite you to join in wishing them many happy returns and many more years together.

Heppner United Methodist Church to host Covenant Players on Mother's Day

Heppner United Methodist Church will host the Catalysts West cast of the Covenant Players on Sunday, May 10, for their Mother's Day celebration. They will be performing during the 10:30 a.m. celebration service.

The monthly community breakfast will be held in the church basement

from 8-10 a.m.

The Covenant Players, formed in 1966, is made up of young adults whose mission is to present the Christian message through one-act plays.

Heppner United Methodist Church is located on the northeast corner of Church and Gale Streets.

Chamber lunch meeting schedule announced

This week's Chamber lunch meeting schedule includes all entities reports. The lunch meeting will be held at the Senior Center dining room from 12-1 p.m. on Thursday.

Cornerstone Gallery will be catering this week's lunch. The cost is \$9 per person.

The May speaker schedule is as follows: May 14 - Linda Valentine, Independent Living Specialist from Eastern Oregon Cen-

ter for Independent Living (EOCIL) will explain what their agency is all about in helping seniors and people with disabilities and some of their other programs; May 21 - Rod Estes and Kimberly Lindsay will give an update on the Secured Residential Treatment Facility; and May 28 - phone conference with Greg Smith and David Nelson who will give a legislative update and talk about what is happening in Salem.

Britt graduates from Northwest Lineman College

Mikel Dean Britt, son of Rick and Shelli Britt graduated from Northwest Lineman College in Meridian, ID on April 18 from the electrical line-worker program.

During the 15-week program, he logged 510 hours and achieved a 4.0 GPA. He was nominated for

the prestigious Academic Achievement Award, which earned him a letter of excellence from NWLC for his resume portfolio.

He was recently employed by Pike Energy Solutions and will begin his new lineman career in Nashville, TN on May 11.

Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation
Compressor Station 9
(near Ione, Oregon)

Has applied for an Oregon Title V Air Operating Permit Renewal

The Department of Environmental Quality has conducted a preliminary review of this application and is providing an opportunity for public comment. For a copy of the draft permit and a "Request for Comments" call Nancy Swofford at (541) 633-2021 or call toll free in Oregon at 1-866-863-6668. For more information see the legal notice section of this newspaper.

GUESS WHICH LEPRECHAUN IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY

MAY 8?

Happy Birthday

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

Ladies Night
May 7th at 6:00 p.m.
Menu: Pasta Primavera, Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert
Dinner by: Kim Cuthsforth Armato, Melissa Coiner, and Darcy Mitchell

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