

Lions' district governor visits Heppner

Area Commission on Transportation, ODOT to host public meetings



District governor Gerald Hopkins made a visit to the Heppner Lions, praising the many projects the local Lions have in their community. He noted that eye glasses and hearing aids were primary projects for the club and expenses were raised through the fishing derby, fireworks, rifle raffle, and rodeo program sales. He noted that other projects have included the mobile screening unit, flags for first graders, adopt a highway, and scholarships. The club has also supported Heppner's annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

During the visit, Hopkins recognized Lion Joyce Shepherd, who has always been on the scene for any volunteer activity and served as chair for the

membership committee. President Dick Paris was recognized by the governor and given a personal copy of "Bites and Sights of Lionism," written by Hopkins. Also recognized was non-Lion businessman John Wight for helping the club obtain a rifle for the annual rifle raffle. John and Nancy Gochneuer were recognized for allowing the Lions to use their business for monthly meetings.

Hopkins discussed several other topics with the members, including the need to increase membership, personal stories of becoming a Lion, the history of Lionism, the district convention March 12-13 in Pendleton, and the statewide community food drive by Lions on January 30.



Top Left Photo: President Dick Paris honored by Gov. Hopkins; Top Right Photo: Joyce Shepherd receives "Outstanding Lion" Award; Bottom Photo: John Wight receives "Super Hero" Award for assisting Lions with activities. -Contributed Photos

The North East and South East Area Commissions on Transportation, along with the Oregon Department of Transportation, will hold public meetings in eight eastern Oregon communities on the evening of December 7 to discuss proposed transportation projects. The meetings will start at 6 p.m.

The meetings are being held to provide information to the public and collect comments on the Draft 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, also known as the STIP. The STIP comprises a list of statewide transportation projects proposed for funding during the 2010-2013, four-year STIP cycle. The list includes over 100 projects for eastern Oregon.

The four-year STIP, updated every two years, is developed through the coordinated efforts of ODOT, ACTs, federal and local governments, tribal governments and the public.

Each meeting will

be linked via Eastern Oregon University's videoconference system. Those attending will have the opportunity to participate with all other sites. Comments and public testimony given during the evening will be documented and presented to the ACTs and the Oregon Transportation Commission for consideration, prior to finalization of the 2010-2013 STIP.

Local Meeting Locations (Participating Video Conference Sites):

- Umatilla ESD - Pendleton
2001 SW Nye Street, Pendleton, OR
- Riverside High School - Boardman
210 NE Boardman Ave., Boardman, OR (6:00 PM PST)

Interested parties can contact ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg at 541-963-1330 for more information regarding these video conference meetings, or to request alternative formats (language translations, etc.).

HHS classes of '63 - '66 meeting to plan reunion

The Heppner High School classes of 1963, 64, 65, and 66 will have an organizational meeting for a summer reunion on Monday, December 7, at GD's at 6 p.m. All interested classmates are invited to attend.

Senior Center Menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, December 9. The menu will include seafood chowder, coleslaw with pineapple, bread bowls, and cookies.

Ione horticulture class selling Christmas trees



Erin Heideman's horticulture class at Ione School will be selling Christmas trees this weekend during the Basketball Bonanza in Ione. Pictured left to right are: back row - Zac Orem, Mary Rietmann, Steven Holland, Robbi Johnston, Mason Haguwood, Mary McElligott, Sairi Aparicio, Jeremy Coleman and Adam Collin. Front row - left to right are Shannon Metcalfe, Jordan Peterson, Micah Stillman and Makenna Ramos. -Contributed Photo

Inland Northwest Musicians to present Christmas concerts

The Inland Northwest Orchestra and Chorale is scheduled to present three Christmas concerts entitled "Home for the Holidays." Selections from the Nutcracker Suite, Sleigh Ride, White Christmas and other holiday favorites both old and new are planned.

These free concerts will be held at the following locations:

- Dec. 11- 7 p.m. at Ukiah School
- Dec. 12- 7 p.m. at Echo Community Center
- Dec. 13- 4 p.m. at Echo Community Center

Those planning to attend the Echo concerts are asked to reserve a seat by calling 541-289-4696 or sending an email to inwm@machmedia.net. Non-reserved seating will be available 15 minutes prior to the concert.

Ione to host 12th annual Basketball Bonanza

The 12th annual Basketball Bonanza Basketball Tournament will be held in Ione on December 4 and 5. Boys' and girls' junior varsity and varsity teams from Riverside, Umatilla, Enterprise, and Ione will participate in this tournament.

Games will begin at 1 p.m. on December 4 and 10 a.m. on December 5. Admission will be \$4 for adults per day, and \$2 for students per day.

Trophies will be awarded to the champion of each division.

The tournament is an Ione Booster Club fund-raising event.

Renewal services planned at Valby

A new worship service option will be offered at Valby Lutheran Church beginning Sunday, December 6. A bible study hour will begin at 3 p.m., followed by worship service at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend and participate. The services are being organized as an alternative to the ELCA Lutheran worship service.

Other services planned for December include Sunday, December 13, which will be led by Rev. Mark Adams from

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hermiston, and Sunday, December 20, led by Rev. Paul Berthelot from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boardman. The focus of the study and services in the month of December will be on the biblical texts of the events leading to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The historic Valby Lutheran Church is located at 60492 Valby Road, 16 miles south of Ione, or 25 miles west of Heppner. The church phone number is 422-7515.

Thursday December 3rd

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