

## "Cabin Fever" concerts to be held January 9, 10

John Wambeke & Friends have the cure for "cabin fever" with a pair of concerts Saturday night January 9, and Sunday afternoon, January 10 at the Hermiston Conference Center on Highway 395.

The Saturday night performance begins with a Dutch oven dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by the show with a variety of music and a healthy dose of comedy. The Wambeke Band is back by popular demand after some 500 people attended their first ever Cabin Fever Concert last January.

John Wambeke of Hermiston is on guitar as singer and songwriter and is joined by his son Frazer, whose expertise is in piano, vocals, and jazz. Along with the Wambekes will be some familiar faces from previous concerts including



Pictured is Eric Jepsen (right) during last year's performance of Cabin Fever. -Contributed Photo

Pat Ward, Harry Noble, the Frazier Wambeke Jazz Trio, Jessica St. Hilaire, and local musicians, Eric Jepsen on fiddle, and Rebecca Jepsen on harp. Although he doesn't usually sing, Eric will perform a love song he wrote himself entitled, "Hey Mom, I've Got a Girlfriend." Rebecca will be

playing harp for the dinner hour on Saturday night.

Wambeke and sidekick Pat Ward will again be transforming themselves into Thelma and Eunice, the ladies of Dibbley Parish in one of their skits. The "ladies" have a habit of gossiping about whatever's on

their minds. This program will show them trying to lose weight as well. Harry Noble, a former bronc rider, will perform a Polynesian number he learned while stationed in Hawaii during military service. The Frazer Wambeke Trio, comprised of three talented performers on piano/vocals, drums, and bass, will add to the band's musical talent.

There are only 250 tickets available for the January 9 dinner and show. Cost is \$28 each. Advance purchase is recommended. The Sunday afternoon matinee performance of humor and music, without the food, begins at 3 p.m. and costs \$8 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at the Hermiston Conference Center by calling 567-6151.

## Re-marking Columbia River Heritage Trail enters second phase

Updating and replacing interpretive panels along the Morrow County Columbia River Heritage Trail began last spring.

The first phase was updating and replacing the trail map and highlighting trail access points. Trail etiquette guides were replaced on the reverse side of the maps. These informative signs are now in place.

The second phase, updating, re-coloring and replacing the large interpretive panels, is underway. Two interpretive panels will be replaced as soon as weather permits. One panel has information about Columbia River Ice Age Floods and the second interpretive panel is about Columbia Basin Native American History.

Cheryl Christian, of Graphics Illustrated, is the graphic artist for the project. Cheryl was selected as the illustrator for all project related materials in 2003. "We are fortunate that Cheryl is still involved with this project, even though she moved from this area several years ago. Consistency in illustration style and theme is important to this project," said a member of Morrow

County Historical Society. The local historical society was authorized by Morrow County Court to order and install replacement signage of various types.

The artist is currently working on updating the Columbia River/Oregon Trail Route panel placed in Irrigon Park. As her time permits, she will update signage for agriculture processing in Port of Morrow area, water fowl and upland birds in wildlife refuges, and Sam Boardman, in the City of Boardman.

Columbia River Heritage Trail is a 12-mile non-motorized, recreational, and educational trail on the banks of the Columbia River. Future signage activities will be updating/replacing confidence and jurisdiction markers between Boardman and Irrigon. The final signage activity will be adding mileage markers along the trail. This is the final step, because the trail path seems to shift with development and road realignments along the route.

Visit the trail web site: <http://www.columbiarivertrail.org> for a printable trail map and more information.

## USDA implements new crop disaster assistance program

USDA has implemented the new Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program (SURE) in accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill.

SURE provides crop disaster assistance payments to eligible producers on farms that have incurred crop production or crop quality losses. The program takes into consideration crop losses on all crops grown by a producer nationwide. SURE provides assistance in an amount equal to 60 percent of the difference between the SURE farm guarantee and total farm revenue. The farm guarantee is based on the amount of crop in-

surance and Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage on the farm. Total farm revenue takes into account the actual value of production on the farm as well as insurance indemnities and certain farm program payments.

To be eligible for SURE, producers must have suffered at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance. In addition, producers must meet the risk management purchase requirement by either obtaining a policy or plan of insurance, under the Federal Crop Insurance Act or NAP coverage, for

all economically significant crops. For 2008 crops, producers had the opportunity to obtain a waiver of the risk management purchase requirement through a buy-in provision. Producers considered socially disadvantaged, a beginning farmer or rancher, or a limited resource farmer may be eligible for SURE without a policy or plan of insurance or NAP coverage.

In addition to meeting the risk management purchase requirement, a producer must have a farming interest physically located in a county that was declared a primary disaster county or contiguous

county by the Agriculture Secretary under a Secretarial Disaster Designation. Regardless of a Secretarial Disaster Designation, individual producers may also be eligible for SURE if the actual production on the farm is less than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to a natural disaster. For SURE, a farm is defined as all crops in which a producer had an interest nationwide.

For more information on the new SURE program, contact Darcy Vial at the Morrow County Farm Service Agency at 541-676-9011 or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

## HES Family Game Night to be held

The Heppner Elementary Family Game Night and title programs meeting will be held on Thursday, January 7, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the HES cafeteria.

Those planning to

attend are asked to bring a board game to share. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given out.

Students must be accompanied by an adult.

## American Legion and Auxiliary to meet

The American Legion and Auxiliary will hold their regular meeting January 12 in the basement of the Methodist Church. The meeting will begin with a potluck at 6:30 p.m.

## South Morrow County Scholarship and Trust to hold annual meeting

South Morrow County Scholarship and Trust will hold their annual meeting and election of officers on Monday, January 25.

For more information contact Sharon Harrison at 989-8496.

## Senior Center Menu

Heppner Christian Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, January 13. The menu will include sweet and sour chicken, fried rice, stir-fry veggies, sliced pears, egg rolls, and fortune cookie.

## HHS Varsity Wrestling Schedule

Jan. 8/9 - Oregon Classic, 10 a.m.  
Jan. 14 - at Grant Union, 3 p.m.  
Jan. 15 - at home, 5 p.m.  
Jan. 30 - at Irrigon, 9 a.m.  
Feb. 6 - BEO Invitational at home, 9 a.m.  
Feb. 20 - District Tournament at Union, 8 a.m.

## HHS Boys JV Basketball Schedule

Jan. 8 - Union at home, 4:30 p.m.  
Jan. 9 - at Weston McEwen, 4:30 p.m.  
Jan. 15 - Enterprise at home, 3 p.m.  
Jan. 16 - Elgin at home, 4:30 p.m.  
Jan. 22 - at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.

## Ione High School Basketball Schedule

Jan. 8 - Nixyaawii at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.  
Jan. 9 - at Arlington (BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.  
Jan. 15 - Condon/Wheeler at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.  
Jan. 16 - at Moro (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.  
Jan. 22 - at Echo (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.  
Jan. 26 - Central Christian at Ione (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.  
Jan. 29 - at Mission (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.  
Jan. 30 - South Wasco at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.  
Feb. 5 - Echo at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.  
Feb. 6 - at Condon (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.  
Feb. 12 - Helix at home (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 3 p.m.  
Feb. 13 - at Dufur (GJV, BJV, GV, BV), 1 p.m.  
Feb. 18-20 - District Tournament at Umatilla

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Jan. 22 - at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.  
Jan. 23 - Weston McEwen at home, 1 p.m.  
Jan. 29 - Stanfield at home, 3 p.m.  
Jan. 30 - Irrigon at home, 1 p.m.  
Feb. 5 - at Enterprise, 3 p.m.  
Feb. 6 - at Elgin, 1 p.m.  
Feb. 9 - Pilot Rock at home, 3 p.m.  
Feb. 12 - at Union, 1 p.m.

## Heppner High School Girls Basketball Schedule

Jan. 8 - Union at Home, 3 p.m.  
Jan. 9 - at Weston McEwen, 1 p.m.  
Jan. 15 - Enterprise at home, 3 p.m.  
Jan. 16 - Elgin at home, 1 p.m.  
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