

HHS Booster Club steak feed, auction this Saturday



This reading-themed basket donated by Willow Creek Terrace is one of the many auction items that will be available at the Booster Club auction this weekend. Many of the items up for bid are on display around Heppner. —Photo by Mallorie Jones

The long-anticipated Heppner JR/SR High Booster Club Steak Feed and Auction begins at 6 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Items up for bid at the auction include fun baskets like the reading-themed basket donated by Willow Creek Terrace, an electric car for kids, a new Dining in the Garden dinner that hasn't been seen before, VIP football seating, and much more. Many of the items are on display at

Murray's Drug in Heppner, Morrow County Grain Growers, Bank of Eastern Oregon and Les Schwab.

This year's auction also will include some special items directly targeting the completion of the HHS gym improvements. According to the Booster Club the project is slightly underfunded to completion; if anyone is interested in donating specifically to this project, please call any Booster Club officer or Melissa Lindsay directly.

FFA fruit sale orders due Thursday

The Heppner FFA Chapter has announced that its annual fruit sale is now underway, with orders due this Thursday for Oct. 14 delivery.

The prices have stayed the same this year, with \$16 per 20-pound box of apples and \$28 for a 28-pound box of pears.

The boxes of fruit are from Davis Orchards in Milton-Freewater. Apples

available are Fuji, Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Gala and Braeburn. Pears available are D'Anjou and Bosch. Order forms are available from FFA members or advisor Beth Dickenson.

Anyone ordering also is asked to give credit to the FFA member who sold them the fruit; prizes will be awarded to the students for orders.

HHS booster club announces upcoming elections

Heppner Jr./Sr. High School Booster Clubs wish to remind the public that annual officer elections are just around the corner for the current school year.

The annual elections will be held Oct. 21 at the regularly-scheduled meeting held in the high school library. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.; everyone is invited and welcome to attend and get involved.

All officer positions are up for reelection with the exception of the treasurer's position which is on a two-year schedule. The club is actively promoting involvement, saying that, though they have been successful in supporting the high school over the years, it takes a lot of volunteers to continue that success.

"Last year we assisted every athletic, academic class and formally organized and recognized extra-curricular in the school in some way, and that is exciting," said board member Toni Nichols.

The group considers officer elections especially exciting this year, as the board voted to eliminate the membership fees completely a few months ago.

"Membership has always been difficult and confusing to the public, and to increase and maintain active involvement, we voted to just make it an open membership with no fees to join," said current secretary Cari Grieb. "Everyone is welcome and needed to help make it a success."

"We changed from an annual membership and lifetime membership to no fee at all; it just made sense," added Becky Kindle, treasurer.

The club continued a Friends of the Booster Club designation to appreciate those who previously had paid for lifetime membership. This designation will continue to be available based on a direct donation to that designation for those interested.

The HHS Booster Club invites everyone to get involved.

News from Hardman Community Center

On Sunday, Aug. 30, the Hardman Community Center held a workday to work on the kitchen wall. Unfortunately, as Scott Smythe began tearing off the upper wall, he found that there were problems with the ceiling that needed addressed before the wall could go up, so the rest of the day was



Mel McDaniel, Tom Wilson and Bob Allen working on the siding. —Contributed photo

spent taking off the first layer of ceiling plywood, which can be reused. As in the last "remodeling," there was no shortage of nails. Tom Wilson, Sam Martin and Claudia Smythe helped.

The next step is to rid the attic of mice and dust, remove the larger debris, tear down the old ceiling and put up the new using the salvaged plywood, and then put in the sheetrock—donated by Mel McDaniel—on the upper wall. The next workday will be Oct. 18 at 8 a.m.

Earlier in the month, McDaniel, Greg Pierce and Peter Kvale had moved a window and put in a newer, wider door and built a ramp into the annex for better handicap access. On the 30th, McDaniel and Bob Allen began putting the siding back up. The door will need to be painted.

Also on the 30th, a board meeting was held to discuss future projects proposed by McDaniel. It was decided

that all projects need to wait until the Annex is finished. Quality control was also discussed; community center members have found past work was sometimes done rather haphazardly and said they want to avoid that with all future projects.

It was decided that each project needs to review by the Building Committee made up of Scott Smythe, Rick McDaniel and Martin. Retaining the center's historical designation was also discussed, along with the use of appropriate materials. Guidelines are on file at the secretary's office.

In other news, according to Mel McDaniel, HCC has been turned down for two grants and is still being considered for another three. Two more grants have been applied for to be used for Hall restoration. Three grants have also been applied for to be used for fire protection.

The center has also received a generous donation from HM Ranch.

Rhonda Wright is researching the pioneering families of the Hardman area, possibly for use in a "Hardman Chronicle" or in conjunction with the Morrow County Chronicles. Anyone wishing to contribute can email hcc@hughes.net.

Claudia Smythe is working on compiling a list of books featuring local history and families to purchase through recent and future donations to

aid in genealogy research, for which the group is starting to get requests.

They say they would like to get a complete set of the Chronicles and the History of Morrow County Oregon and Homesteads and Heritages, for starters. If anyone has "old" copies they would like to donate, contact the above email or call Claudia Huston Smythe.

The other project HCC is working on is to buy a copier or printer so they can reproduce their photos for those who want copies, and to reprint their "Hardman History" booklet themselves. Kvale has put the booklet on CD. The group hopes to use recent donations. Claudia Smythe will prepare a proposal for the Board to consider for each project.



Scott Smythe getting started on the ceiling tear out. —Contributed photo

'The Next Crop Project' fundraiser at Tom's Country Dodge to raise money for Ione FFA chapter

Ram Truck brand to make a donation to local FFA for every test drive taken

Ione, OR—On Oct. 17 between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Ione FFA will hold a test drive fundraiser at Tom's Country Dodge to raise money for the chapter.

The event is part of a national program of fundraisers held at participating dealerships across the country in celebration of the future of agriculture.

FFA members, alumni, friends and the general public are invited to go to the dealership, located on Highway 395 in Hermiston, and take a test drive in a new Ram truck.

For each test drive completed during the fundraiser, Ram will donate \$20 to Ione FFA, up to \$2,000. Tom's Country Dodge will have a full lineup of 2015 Ram trucks available for participants to experience and drive.

Volunteers from the dealership and the chapter will be on hand to assist during the event. Anyone age 18 or over, with a valid driver's license, may drive and earn a donation.

"Together with Tom's Country Dodge, we hope to raise up to \$2,000 in one day," said Erin Heideman, Ione FFA Chapter Advisor. "This is a great opportunity for our friends and family to lend their support without having to reach into their own pockets. One-hundred percent of the Ram Truck donation goes directly to our local FFA program."

This event will be in conjunction with Heppner and Hermiston FFA chapters.

"We would like to invite everyone to come out and join us at the dealership," said Morgan Orem, Ione Chapter President. "Take a short test drive in the Ram truck of your choice, and help raise money for the next crop of leaders in the agriculture community."

All test drive participants will also be entered into the 2015 FCA US LLC National Giveaway for a chance to win \$45,000 toward any eligible Chrysler, Jeep®, Dodge, Ram Truck, FIAT, or Alfa Romeo vehicle.

Ram's relationship

with the National FFA Organization spans more than 60 years. With the premiere of its "Farmer" video during the broadcast of Super Bowl XLVII, the Ram Truck brand declared 2013 the "Year of the Farmer," and launched a year-long initiative to bring national attention to the significance of the American farmer.

Ram donated \$1 million to the National FFA Organization after views of the "Farmer" video on the Ram Truck brand website reached a 10-million view milestone in less than one

week. "The Next Crop Project," launched in 2014, is Ram Truck brand's way of turning the focus even more directly on the future leaders of agriculture. It is a celebration of, and investment in, tomorrow's biologists, chemists, veterinarians, business leaders, entrepreneurs and farmers. During its inaugural year, "The Next Crop Project" raised more than \$100,000 in a single day for the National FFA Organization in support of chapter leadership programs.

Mustang blankets support Heppner High

Heppner FFA and the Heppner High School Class of 2019 are selling Mustang blankets at home football games this season. Blankets carry the Mustang logo and are approximately 63 x 63 inches; cost is \$60, or \$75 for a personalized blanket. Mustang fans who want to stay warm during Friday night lights should get orders to Michelle McCurry as soon as possible.

Park district to meet

Willow Creek Park District will have a regular meeting at Heppner City Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 13, beginning at 5:15 p.m.

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