

Final Music in the Park concert Sunday

Summer isn't quite over yet. There is one more Music in the Park concert coming to Heppner City Park on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A group that performed last summer as The Tailgate Trio is returning this year as a foursome now known as The Tailgators.

Sharon Porter (vocals, ukulele, bass, mandolin), Mike Snider (banjo, bass, vocals) and Matt Cooper (keyboard, accordion, melodica) have been joined by Jon St. Hilaire (guitar and vocals). St. Hilaire recently moved to La Grande from Walla Walla, where he was the guitar teacher at Whitman College and active in the folk life scene there.

The 'Gators will be offering light-hearted acoustic-based music from various parts of the Americas and Europe, including Gypsy jazz, Irish, French, Balkan, blues, folk and bluegrass from the 1920s



The Tailgators--Matt Cooper, Sharon Porter, Jon St. Hilaire and Mike Snider. -Contributed photo

to the present.

Food will be available for purchase by donation, to help fund the Shared Ministry's efforts to provide clean water to a community

in a remote region along the Amazon River in Peru.

This series of concerts has been funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and

facilitated by the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church as a service to the community.

Red Barn Fun Run planned for Sept. 17

The second annual Red Barn Fun Run is planned for Saturday, Sept. 17. The event will include a one-mile, two-mile, and 5k run/walk. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. at the LDS church in Lexington, corner of Tom St. and Highway 74.

The course is a relatively flat out-and-back and is paved, so strollers are fine. Entrance fee is \$5, with \$10 for a tee shirt. Proceeds go to the Heppner/Ione cross country team.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

-Ian Heath Marshall Coop, 27, of Ione was found guilty of Failure to Use a Seat Belt and was fined \$110.

-Nathan William Owen, 23, of Heppner was found guilty of Driving While Suspended and was fined \$260.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-James Robert Martin, 26, was convicted of Theft II, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service and no contact with the victims. Additional counts of Unlawful Entry into a Motor Vehicle and Criminal Trespass II were dismissed. Fines, fees, assessments and restitution totaled \$760.

-Noel Ponce Villegas, 23, was convicted of Harassment, a Class B Misdemeanor. Of the sentence of 90 days jail time, 80 days were suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service, no contact with the victim, including third-party contact except to arrange parenting time, anger management evaluation and treatment, drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, and ten days jail time with credit for time served. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$700.

-Noel Ponce Villegas, 23, was convicted of Interfering with Making a Report, a Class A Misdemeanor. Of the sentence of 180 days jail time, 170 days were suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service, no contact

with the victim except to arrange parenting time, anger management evaluation and treatment, drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, and ten days jail time with credit for time served. An additional count of harassment was dismissed. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$600.

-Noel Ponce Villegas, 23, was convicted of two counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person, a Class A Misdemeanor. On each count, sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service, anger management evaluation and treatment, drug and alcohol evaluation and treatment, substance abuse evaluation, and no contact with the victim except for parenting time.

In addition, Villegas was convicted of one count of Harassment, a Class B Misdemeanor. Of the sentence of 90 days jail time, 80 days were suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 40 hours of community service, no contact with the victim except to arrange parenting time, anger management evaluation and treatment, substance abuse evaluation and treatment, and ten days jail time with credit for time served. Additional counts of Recklessly Endangering Another Person were dismissed. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$1,600.

Ice cream sundae night to kick off AWANA club year on Sept. 8



Last year's AWANA club members, many of them dressed in hats and boots for Western Night. -Contributed photo

AWANA Bible Club for children ages three through the sixth grade will start up this Thursday night, Sept. 8, at Willow Creek Baptist

Church, 560 N. Minor Street in Heppner.

Registration will start at 6:30 p.m. A parent or guardian needs to be there

to fill out the paperwork for club members. Dues are \$10 per child for the year.

After registration, games and a short introduc-

tory time, ice cream will be served with hot fudge and other toppings. The kick-off event should be finished by 7:30 p.m.

AWANA is an international program that features games, lessons and music to teach children about the Bible. Preschoolers are in the Cubbies group, kindergarten through second grade are in the Sparks Club, and grades three to six are in the Truth and Training (T & T) group.

The local club combines leaders from five area churches and regularly meets on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 8 p.m. until early April. All area children are welcome to attend.

Weekly updates can be found at the Heppner AWANA Club Facebook page.

Public program grants for Oregon nonprofits and tribes

PORTLAND, Ore.— Through Oct. 31, Oregon nonprofit organizations and tribes may apply for grants up to \$10,000 to support public programs that bring people together to think and talk about challenging issues and ideas.

Oregon Humanities' Public Program Grants are awarded annually to Oregon nonprofit organiza-

tions with budgets under \$1.5 million and Oregon's federally recognized tribes. These grants fund programs that engage community members as active participants, explore issues or ideas from a variety of perspectives, help participants make meaning for themselves and their community, and respond to challenges or opportunities in their

communities.

To apply for a 2017 Public Program Grant, organizations must complete an online letter of interest form (available at <http://oregonhumanities.org/programs/public-program-grants/>) by Oct. 31. Once the deadline has passed, grant staff will contact the program director regarding whether a full proposal will

be invited.

Potential applicants may contact Program Officer Annie Kaffen at 503-241-0543, 800-735-0543, ext. 116, or a.kaffen@oregonhumanities.org.

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Saturday, September 24, 2016
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