Local students perform at OMTA Ensemble Festival

Left: Becca and Lincoln Ellsworth won in the 12-14 age group. Above: Rylee Palmer with Madison Palmer (right) receiving her 50-point award.

Participants from the Heppner area performed piano duets at the Umatilla/Morrow District of the Oregon Music Teachers Association annual Ensemble Festival in Hermiston on Saturday, November 13. There were over 90 participants.

Participating from the Heppner area were Henry, Lincoln and Becca Ellsworth as well as Rylee and Madison Palmer. Lincoln and Becca Ellsworth were winners in the 12-14 age group.

Madison Palmer received her 50-point participation trophy. For every OMTA event attended a point is awarded and a trophy awarded every 10 points. Madison is only the second student in the Umatilla/Morrow District to receive the 50 point trophy. The other student was her sister, Hannah.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace, Glen Diehl, has released the following Justice Court report:

-Donald Martin Jr., 51, Heppner, was convicted of violation of basic rule, fine $65.

-Jonas M. Healy, 41, Heppner, was convicted of failure to carry proof of insurance, fine $130.

Daycare to host Artifactory Bazaar

Heppner Daycare will be hosting the Artifactory Bazaar at the Gilliam and Bisbee Building on Saturday December 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. People interested in being vendors can contact Andrea Nelson at 541-720-4399.

Vendor applications should be turned in to Heppner Daycare by December 1. Fees are $20 for a single space and $40 for a double space.

Businesses honored by Morrow Co. 4-H

Above: 4-H Ambassador, Lex Partlow, introduces John and Jana VandeBrink of JVB Dairy in recognition of their acceptance of the Friends of Morrow County 4-H Award. Ambassadors Preslie Bowles, Grace Ogden and Madison Orem look on. Below: Neal Crowther, Melissa Crowther and Vince Muniz, of NW Farm Supply were awarded the 2021 Friends of Morrow County 4-H Award.-*Contributed photos.*

JVB Dairy of Ione and NW Farm Supply of Hermiston both received the Friends of Morrow County 4-H award at the annual 4-H Achievement Night awards recognition. This is an honor voted upon by the 4-H leaders and volunteers in the county annually.

JVB Dairy is owned and operated by John and Jana VandenBrink of Ione. For the past several years, JVB Dairy has made a point of supporting the youth at the annual livestock auction. Last year, when the youth livestock auction went all virtual, JVB Dairy was one of the companies that made sure the 4-H youth were successful. In addition to this support, their financial contribution to the backpack program facilitated by all the FFA chapters in the county is unprecedented. "The generosity and support JVB Dairy contributes to our community time and again has been tremendous," the press release stated.

NW Farm Supply has been instrumental in supporting youth 4-H and FFA programs in the community for decades, both in Umatilla and Morrow counties. Their unwavering support and help has ensured that county members have access to quality feed, discounted prices and workshops. They are also a strong supporter of the livestock auction, purchasing many animals annually.

"We are grateful for the contribution to the youth of our county," said 4-H ambassador, Grace Ogden, a senior in Ione. "It is the continued influence and involvement from businesses like this that propel our agricultural youth forward."

Youth in Morrow County are invited to become a 4-H member now through January 6, 2022. More information can be found at the Morrow County Extension website at; https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h/morrow or by calling, 541-676-9642.

DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM

Outlander author to be featured

Flood Town Books will be hosting a live video event featuring Diana Gabaldon, the author of the popular Outlander book series on Monday, November 22 at 4 p.m. Gabaldon will be discussing the latest book in the series, "Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone".

There will also be live trivia, guest appearances from the cast of the TV adaptation, Outlander, and food and drinks for attendees. There will also be a drawing for the signed copy of the new book and other Outlander merchandise. The event is free, and all Outlander fans are welcome. Please contact Andrea Nelson at Flood Town Books for additional information.

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