

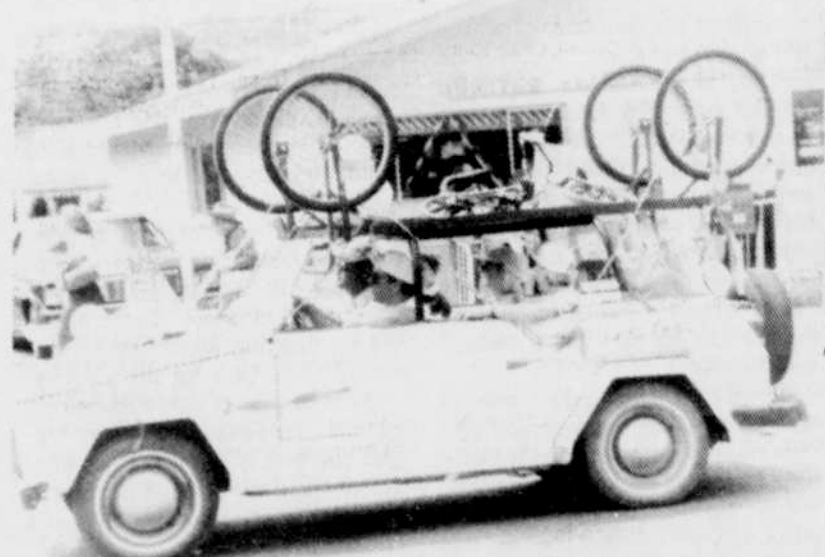
Ione Fourth of July celebration a success

By Anne Morter

The Ione Fourth of July Celebration was deemed another success by organizers. The weather cooperated nicely bringing in large crowds from out of town as well as many local people. Approximately 250 hungry folks were fed at the chicken barbecue and a large crowd turned out for the fireworks display held at the football field.

Highlighting the fireworks was a small brush fire on the hillside behind the field. Due to a quick response by the fire department and the lack of wind, it was quickly extinguished.

The parade attracted more out of town floats this year including several from Hermiston. Several new events such as the Lions Club bingo and the softball tournament also brought in a good share of participants. Overall, it was a busy and pleasant Fourth of July in Ione and the organizing committee felt it turned out very well.



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Fourth of July contest results in Ione are as follows:

Baseball throw 5-6 year olds: first-Brian Gutierrez, second-Andrew Rietmann, third-Casey Zumwalt.

7-8 year olds: first-Mark McElligott, second-A.J. Perez, third-Erin Crowell.

9-10 year olds: first-Nathan Rietmann, second-Brian Pettyjohn, third-Michael White.

Three on three basketball tournament: mens-Dorian Forrar, Paul Ritter, Tim Van Cleave; women's-Debbie Gutierrez, Lana Orr, Dana Reid, Missy Eubanks (includes one sub).

Softball tournament winners: Col-

umbia Auto Body (Hermiston); second-Northwest Windshields.

Tennis tournament: women's singles-first-Carol Ritter, second-Tony Durkin; doubles-Cathy McCabe and Gail Gutierrez.

Mens singles: first-Ken Snider, second-Paul Ritter; doubles-first-Brent Sheirbon and Rich Harper.

Volleyball tournament: division 1: first-Dustin Padberg, Darcee Padberg, Bryan Padberg and Tye Rea. Division 2: first-Lana Orr, Missy Eubanks and two unidentified others.

Sack race: first-Sarah Barrow.

Bed race: first-team led by Bryan and Dustin Padberg.

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