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## Large crowd enjoys Ione auction



Ione auction in full force

By Anne Morter

Beautiful sunny skies and warm temperatures brought out the usual good crowd for the 29th annual Ione United Church of Christ Auction and Barbecue last Saturday, June 1. The event drew people from all over, in search of treasures or just to catch up with friends and of course, to enjoy the famous pit barbecue.

The bell rang at 10 o'clock sharp, opening the Country Store in the transformed Willows Grange Hall. Shoppers are not allowed to select or purchase merchandise before the bell sounds. Bedlam reigned as the 10

a.m. alarm sounded and let the best shopper win. Outside a silent auction was going on and at 10:30 the main auction kicked off. All the bidding stopped at 12:30 for the barbecue. According to co-chairman Chuck Nelson, 415 people were served this year, an increase of 30 people from last year.

Nelson said that this year's auction featured a big selection of new specialty items, including Pendleton Round-Up tickets, Morrow County Rodeo tickets, a season pass to the Ione pool and a Portland Trailblazer

T-shirt. Other specialty items included a pie-a-month, steak dinner for four, and an airplane ride. According to Nelson, the new items sold well, bringing much more than what would be considered a retail price.

The auction and barbecue is not only one of Ione's biggest events, but also a reunion, drawing former residents, out-of-town family members and many other people from outside the area. This year an R.V. group from Lyle Washington, rolled into town Friday afternoon and set up camp across from the Grange hall to take in the festivities.

## Fair and Rodeo Court to raffle afghan



Queen Jodee Ashbeck displays afghan

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court will be raffling off a beautiful knit afghan during the fair and rodeo, August 14-18. The afghan was made by Queen Jodee and Princess Jenni Ashbeck's grand-

mother Dolores Ayres of The Dalles.

The afghan will be on display at Gardner's Men's Wear. Tickets are 50 cents each and can be purchased at Gardner's or from any one of the court members.

## Farm tour and barbecue scheduled Friday June 7

The annual Conservation Farm of the Year tour and barbecue is scheduled for Friday, June 7. The event is sponsored by the Morrow County Wheat Growers League, and will honor the Doug Drake farm in Sand Hollow.

The tour will begin at Gooseberry, near Roland Bergstrom's at 4 p.m.

## Two long-timers retire from Kinzua

Two long-time Kinzua employees retired from the mill on May 31, Bob Taylor and Ken Smith.

Bob Taylor, who lists his age as "65-plus", has worked for Kinzua Corp. for 19 years, six of those at the town of Kinzua. Coming to Heppner when the Kinzua mill closed, Taylor has "done a little bit of everything," including driving cat, skinning logs, and working in the sawmill and log yard. For the past eight or nine years Taylor has been a carpenter at the mill. Taylor says that the future of the industry is uncertain. "It's hard to tell what's going to happen with the timber industry with this spotted owl thing blown out of proportion," he said. Kinzua has been much modernized since his employment 19 years ago.

Concerning retirement, Taylor says "We'll see what comes around." Taylor and his wife Luella, live in Lexington. They have two grown sons, Bob of Othello and Bill of Baker City, and four grandchildren. Bob is also the mayor of Lexington.

Ken Smith has been at Kinzua for 21 years. He first came in 1963, left in 1978 and then returned to the mill in 1985. He started out working "up from the bottom" in the log pond. He, too, has done just about



Paul Sumner (center) presents Bob Taylor (r) and Ken Smith (l) with retirement gifts from Kinzua.

everything at the mill over the years, working as a chipper operator, lumber piler, chain puller, gypo car loader, fork lift operator and finally, a dry kiln operator.

Smith, 63, says of his retirement "I'm going to take it easy for awhile. I've got to do some house remodeling."

Smith and his wife, Rosie, have four grown children, Jamie Michigan, Martin, Show Low,

Arizona and William and Richard, both Heppner and eight grandchildren.

Smith says that he too feels that the industry's future depends on the spotted owl issue. "If it gets competitive (in the western part of the state), it will just raise the price of lumber here." He says that the Heppner mill has seen a lot of changes and he feels it has kept up with technology.

## Awards presented at Heppner graduation



Shawn Eng and Melanie Gates happy about graduating.

Awards were presented to graduating seniors at the Heppner High School graduation ceremonies Friday, May 31.

Receiving awards were: Nikki Brisbois-Columbia Basin Conference, Troedson; Tricia Coe-Morrow County 4-H

Leaders Council, Heppner Elks, Troedson;

Dick Devin-Jim Barrett Scholar/Athlete Trophy, Columbia Basin Conference;

Amy Greenup-Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation, Heppner Elks, Jean Collins Memorial, Troedson;

Tiffany Harrison-Blue Mountain Community College Tuition waiver; Rachel Hoobing-Charles Kyd Memorial, Port of Morrow, Dr. Carpenter, Centralia Community College Tuition Waiver, Troedson;

Scott Johnston-Kinzua Corporation, Booster Club, HHS Student Council Leadership, Morrow County Education Assn., Soroptimist International of Heppner Academic, Heppner Elks, Troedson, Hearst/Youth Senate Leadership;

Bob Krein-Booster Club, Mike Currin Memorial, Heppner Elks, Eastern Oregon State College Honor Scholar/Oregon Laurels, Troedson, Stookey Memorial;

Jay Michael-Blue Mt. Community College Tuition waiver;

Jeanie Patterson-Oregon Scholar, Booster Club, HHS Student Council Leadership, Heppner Elks, Troedson;

Brandon Pedro-Heppner Boosters; Ken Wallace-Heppner American Legion Auxiliary, Heppner Elks, Troedson;

Becca Wicklund-Portman Improvement, Heppner Lions Vocational, IWA/USA Vocational, Soroptimist of Heppner Vocational; Shannon Zumwalt-Troedson.

## Ione graduates small class of three

By Anne Morter

Ione High School graduated one of its smallest classes ever Thursday evening, May 30, with just three graduates. Wendy Anderson, Jonathon Nolan and Jim Holtz were the IHS Class of 1991.

Ron Daniels, president of Blue Mountain Community College and former Morrow County superintendent and principal gave the commencement address. He spoke on the need to prepare for the future by developing specific job skills for a competitive employment market.

Wendy Anderson delivered the salutatorian's address, reflecting on the advantages of attending a small school with students looking ahead to do their very best in the future.

Diplomas were handed out by outgoing school board member Jerry McElligott.



L-R: Ione High school seniors Wendy Anderson, Jim Holtz and Jon Nolan flip their tassels.

Several scholarships were also awarded that night. Wendy Anderson and Jim Holtz were each awarded a full tuition scholarship to Blue Mountain Community College.

Anderson also won the Big Sky League Award, the Class of 68 Memorial Scholarship and the Mike Matthews Memorial Scholarship. Jim Holtz won the American Legion and the Cardinal Club Scholarships.

## Kids fishing derby June 9 at Willow Creek Reservoir

Together with the Heppner Lions Club, the Heppner Ranger District is hosting their second kids fishing derby at Willow Creek Reservoir Sunday, June 9, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The derby is being held in celebration of National Fishing Week. Youngsters through the age of 13 may try their luck catching fish. The derby features expert fishing instruc-

tion by some of the area's top anglers who will be available to help the kids in all respects.

Prizes will be awarded for different species and age categories.


The derby will be bank fishing only and children are asked to bring their own fishing gear. For more information contact Becky Nourse, Heppner Ranger District, 676-9859 or 676-9187.

## Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers


Tues. June 4	
Soft White	
June	\$3.47
July	\$3.46
Aug.	\$3.45
Sept.	\$3.47/\$3.49
Oct.	\$3.50/\$3.52
Barley	
June-July	\$99
Aug.	\$100/\$101
Sept	\$102/\$103
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