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31st annual IUCC auction Saturday



Jannie Allen and Laurel Cannon show some items for auction

By Anne Morter

This Saturday, June 5, marks the 31st annual Ione Auction and Barbeque, sponsored by the Ione United Church of Christ. Located at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione, this yearly tradition serves as the main fund raising activity for the IUCC as well as providing an exciting and action packed day for the town.

The day kicks off promptly at 10 a.m. with the opening of the Country Store, featuring handmade crafts and sewing, homemade baked goods, the popular 'new to you' selection and a fish pond for the kids.

At 10:15 a.m. a silent auction will begin outside on a large

assortment of glass items, including vases, dishes and knick knacks. The bids are opened at 12:15 p.m. for that event.

The main feature of the day, the auction, gets underway at 10:30 a.m. This year's auction will feature a large assortment of antiques, a beautiful handmade quilt as well as the usual and unusual items. The antique list includes several chairs, a rocking chair, a solid oak dresser, an oak buffet, a fancy piano bench, a trunk, an ornate cast iron manhole cover and a selection of smaller items like dishes, lamps and glassware.

This year's auction quilt is

made in a variation of the log cabin pattern, made in a multitude of colors and trimmed in royal blue. Helen Heideman pieced the top together last fall and winter and a contingent of the church members worked diligently this spring to quilt it.

At 12:30 p.m. the auction action will halt when the delicious pit barbecue beef dinner is served. The dinner, which costs \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for ages 6-12, will include a salad buffet, baked beans and French bread. An outdoor snack shack will feature snow cones and cold drinks for the duration of the auction.

Tippage fee grants announced

Heppner Coordinating Council chairman Gary Marks has announced the recipients of \$20,000 in Morrow County Tippage Fee Grant Funds for fiscal year 1993-94, which begins July 1.

Successful applicants and the amount of grant funds awarded are as follows:

\$5,000 to the Morrow County Fair Board and Pro Rodeo Committee toward the completion of the new fairgrounds rodeo arena;

\$5,000 to the Heppner baseball field committee toward the completion of the new Heppner High School baseball field;

\$6,000 to the exploratory swimming pool commission for partial funding of a feasibility study for the development of a new swimming pool;

\$2,500 to the Heppner Elementary School Parents' Club for safety improvements at the Heppner Elementary School playground;

\$1,000 to the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County

for roof repairs to the Neighborhood Center building located on Main Street; and

\$500 to Heppner Day Care for the purchase of playground equipment.

The council also decided to make a special request to the Morrow County Coordinating Council for a \$5,000 funding match for the rodeo arena, bringing the grant total for the project to \$10,000 if approved.

"The Coordinating Council received grant requests from several well deserving organizations and projects," Marks said. "The council worked very hard to try to make the best decision

on how to award the funds. Now that the grants have been awarded, we're excited about the impact these funds will have for the community."

Marks said the Coordinating Council received nearly \$37,000 in requests. However, not more than \$20,000 can be counted on for awards. The exact amount

available will not be known until late June. Funding estimates range from between \$20,000 to \$25,000. "The council decided the prudent choice was to award the \$20,000 we felt firm about and to save any excess for future years," Marks said.

Local graduation dates announced

Graduation ceremonies for Morrow County Schools are planned this week.

Heppner High School graduation ceremony will be Thursday,

June 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Ione's graduation will be Friday, June 4 at 8 p.m. and Riverside's graduation will be Saturday, June 5 at 8 p.m.

County cuts \$37 thousand from budget

In action taken at their regularly scheduled meeting May 26, the Morrow County Court resolved to reduce the levy by implementing a cost-of-living wage freeze on all county elected officials and department heads. The cuts total around \$37,000 said Morrow County Judge Louis Carlson.

"This wage freeze will essentially eliminate the cost of living increase which is based upon an 'all city index' that reflects the inflationary factor in the state of Oregon," said Carlson. "This freeze, coupled with the skyrocketing cost of medical care and health insurance translates to less take home pay for all administrative personnel," he said.

According to Carlson, "the two failed levies is a clear demand from the people that costs be reduced. The budget was so

tight to begin with that any cut is going to be a real one," Carlson said. "The court is committed to preserving the services offered to the taxpayers." Carlson said that the one common "thread" he heard in the concerns of the public was "the existing notion that services should be maintained, if possible, while cutting overhead and administrative costs." Carlson said he felt that this was the only solution that was both financially responsible and responsive to the concerns of voters.

The decision was made after a week of meetings, discussion and consulting with department heads and elected officials. Commissioner Ray French said "no one was particularly happy to see their own wages frozen, but faced with the possibility of another

failure and the effect it would have on services, it was concluded that this choice was the only solution left that would represent a minimum loss of services." In addition cuts were also carved in to the travel, education and training budgets of the county court and assessor's office.

"A choice had to be made between cutting our own salaries, or laying off our employees and eliminating the services they provide," the court said. "The choice we made demands a disproportionate sacrifice from a few, and perhaps that isn't fair, but we still think the choice was the right one to make," said commissioner Don McElligott.

The public will vote on a one year operating levy of \$3,240,535 which is \$117,710 less than last year's operating levy.

Swimming pool project to move forward

The Exploratory Swimming Pool Commission will request authority from the Willow Creek Parks and Recreation District to go out for bids on a feasibility study to be done for construction of a swimming pool in Heppner.

The commission has secured funding in the amount of \$11,685 for the feasibility study. These funds are a result of the Heppner Coordinating Council awarding \$6,000 from the county tippage fee grant money, \$5,000 from the city of Heppner and \$685 from People for the Pool.

"We are very excited to see the project getting started," said Skip Matthews, commission chairman. "We have had several people in the community, both governmental and non-governmental, working toward this goal."

A feasibility study will outline site considerations, type and size of pool most appropriate, con-

struction costs, funding sources, permit requirements and land acquisition proposals, if necessary.

When asked why a feasibility study was necessary, Matthews replied, "The commission felt very strongly from the onset that in order to address all the questions that arise from building a swimming pool, the help of a professional engineering firm would need to be obtained."

All of the people that are being contacted to bid on the feasibility study have experience engineering and building swimming pools in the Pacific Northwest.

"In addition," Matthews said, "the preliminary contacts we have had with engineering firms indicate that the money spent on a feasibility study is generally applied to the overall cost for engineering."

It is expected that the study will be completed this summer.

Cycle Oregon meeting slated

By Anne Morter

An important Cycle Oregon meeting will be held Tuesday, June 8 at the Ione High School Cafeteria starting at 7:30 p.m. Progress reports will be heard from all the committees and the functions of the committees and how they interact will be explained.

Over 2,000 bicyclists and support teams will spend the night of September 14 in Ione. They will eat dinner and breakfast in Ione, as well as sample the Ione hospitality. Hundreds of volunteers will be needed to successfully accommodate them.

All interested persons are urged to attend. This will be the last meeting until after the Ione Fourth of July celebration.

Seminar planned on OSHA compliance

Farmers and ranchers, concerned about making their place a safe working environment for their employees and complying with the current OSHA standards are invited to attend a seminar Tuesday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at Columbia Basin Electric in Heppner. AOL-Compwise, the Worker's Compensation program for small business, sponsored by the Association Oregon Industries, will conduct the seminar. The seminar will include an explanation of what OR-OSHA regulations require and will offer suggestions on how to comply.

Everyone is invited to attend the seminar, regardless of where their workman's comp is written or if they have employees at this time.

Contact VanMarter and Kahl insurance 676-9113 in advance so there will be enough room for everyone.

LaRue named Coach of year



Del LaRue with plaques

Long-time Ione coach Del LaRue has been named overall coach of the year and track and field coach of the year for division 1-A schools. The announcement was made at a recent Oregon high school coaches association banquet in Eugene. LaRue coaches football, basketball and track at Ione.

Coast to Coast to host business after hours



Cliff and Cindy Green

Cliff and Cindy Green, owners of the Coast to Coast store in Heppner, will host the next Heppner Chamber of Commerce business after hours next Tuesday, June 8.

Refreshments will be served and the afterhours gathering will begin at 6 p.m. Business owners, managers and employees are invited to attend the informal gathering, and get to know your local businesses better.

Ione Fourth shaping up

This year's theme for the Ione Fourth of July Celebration is "The Trail from Independence to Ione...for Independence that I own," co-chairman Jim Swanson announced recently.

Swanson also said that there will be more activities for kids at this years celebration, and that the biggest fireworks display Ione has ever had will be dedicated to Bob Rietmann, a life-long Ione resident who died this year of cancer.

Chicken dinner will be provided by Kesslers, and the parade is expecting six to 10 antique roadster cars from the Tri-Cities, Swanson said.

The celebration is getting bigger every year, and funds are

always needed he said to put on the activities. Anyone wishing to donate may contact Swanson.

The next meeting of the Fourth of July committee will be on June 17 7:30 p.m. at Beechers restaurant.

Weather Report

by City of Heppner

May 25 - 31, 1993		
High Low Prec		
Tues.	75	45 .05
Weds.	79	53 .06
Thurs.	76	47 .06
Fri.	69	43 Tr.
Sat.	76	55 .0
Sun.	75	55 .0
Mon.	67	46 .44

Total precipitation for May was 1.34.

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