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## Rietmann family to preside over Ione's 4th



The Rietmann Family - back (l-r) John, Brenna 2½, Lisa, Jerry, Emily, 3, Joe and Donna. Front Kerry, Jeremy 10, Nathan 13, and Betty.

By Anne Morter

Activities get underway this Saturday at 4 p.m. to kick off Ione's annual Fourth of July celebration. This year's theme is "The Trail From Independence To Ione...For the Independence I Own". Saturday's highlights will include various sporting events and the first annual Ken Snider Memorial auction. On Sunday, a full slate of events is scheduled to provide an assortment of family entertainment and plenty of good eating.

An ever-popular feature is the parade, this year presided over by Betty Rietmann and her family as grand marshals. Betty Anson Rietmann comes from pioneer stock from the Grande Ronde Valley of LaGrande. Her ancestors built one of the first cabins in the valley in 1862 and family members continue to farm the original century farm. She was raised and educated in or near La Grande, receiving her teaching degree from Eastern Oregon State College (then Eastern Oregon College) in 1952.

Betty was a young school teacher in Pendleton when she met her future husband, Bob Rietmann, on the ski slopes of the Blue Mountains. Bob was also of pioneer stock. His mother was a descendent of Katie and Emanuel Pettys, who settled Pettysville on Willow Creek east of Ione. His father's parents, Paul and Margaret Rietmann, settled north of Ione in 1883. Betty and Bob married in 1953 and established their home in Ione that year.

Betty stayed at home for 15 years, raising three sons, John, Joe and Jerry, and helping on the farm. In mid-August on 1968, she received a call from a desperate school principal, who found himself without a first grade teacher. He pleaded with her to take the job "for just one year." The rest is history as Betty just finished her 25th year at Ione

Elementary. "I never regretted it," says Betty.

Betty continues to live on the farm and be involved in the farm operation after Bob's death this spring. All of her sons and their wives also farm in the Ione area.

Besides being active in the Ione United Church of Christ, Betty has served on many committees during the years to assist in the improvement of education in Morrow County. She currently serves on the Morrow County Children and Youth Services Commission. In 1992, she was named the Citizen/Educator of the Year by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Pendleton Branch

of the University Women and Ione American Legion Post #95 Auxiliary.

The Rietmanns, with Betty, her sons, their wives and four grandchildren, will tour the parade route in an authentic covered wagon keeping with the Oregon Trail theme. "It's a real honor to do this," states Betty.

After a day of festivities, the Rietmanns will watch the Bob Rietmann Memorial Fireworks display, dedicated to Bob for his 45 continuous years of striving to make the display one of the best in Eastern Oregon. The fireworks show is scheduled to light up the sky at dusk.

## G-T closed Monday, July 5

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of the Fourth of July. News deadline for the July 7 Gazette-Times will be Friday, Ju-

ly 2 at 5 p.m. Advertising will remain the same, Tuesday at 5 p.m. The Gazette wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

## Morrow County Election Results Special election June 29, 1993

Morrow County One year operating levy \$3,240,535 outside the tax base for fiscal year 1993-94

Boardman		Irrigon		Heppner Hardman		Lexington		Ione	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
289	231	371	291	628	337	160	83	174	92
Totals				YES 1,622				NO 1,034	

Amendment of Oregon's Constitution allowing local voters to authorize taxes outside Article XI limit to repay urban renewal bonds.

Boardman		Irrigon		Heppner Hardman		Lexington		Ione	
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
209	277	248	402	422	494	88	148	108	150
Totals				Yes 1,075				No 1,471	

Ione Rural Fire Protection District Operating Levy	
Ione	Yes 153
Lexington	Yes 17
Totals	Yes 170
	No 103
	No 8
	No 111

## Ground breaking ceremony for firehall

City of Heppner officials held a ground breaking ceremony at the site of the scheduled addition to the city fire hall. Construction of the metal building is scheduled to begin on July 22 and is expected to be completed within 60 days.

The building, which will be around 40 feet by 66 feet will house two fire engine bays, a small training room and office and restrooms with a shower.

Contractor for the outer shell of the building is Knerr Construction of Hermiston, who is also working on the new emergency management building in Heppner, formerly the U.S. Forest Service building.



L-R: Jim Taft of Knerr Construction of Hermiston and Kay Robinson, Mayor Bob Jepsen, Forrie Burkenbine and Gary Marks shovel the first bit of dirt for the official groundbreaking of the Heppner fire hall.

## Fireworks banned on forest lands

The nation's birthday is approaching again and this is the time of the year many people plan to visit the forest. Campgrounds and other recreation sites are expected to be full over the long holiday weekend. Enjoy "America's Great Outdoors", but please leave the fireworks at home, says the U.S. Forest Service.

For fire prevention and safety reasons, all types of fireworks are prohibited in national forests, even sparklers and smokebombs. They can produce enough heat to easily start a forest or range fire. "What many people don't realize, is that it is unlawful to transport any type of fireworks into a National Forest," said Umatilla National Forest supervisor Jeff Blackwood.

Forest regulations prohibit possessing, discharging, or use of any kind of fireworks on national forest lands. Visitors should also be extra careful with campfires, cigarettes and chainsaws in the forest. Violators found guilty of starting a forest fire may be assessed fire suppression costs or subject to fine.

"Come enjoy the National Forest for your 4th of July holiday, but remember to leave the fireworks at home," says the USFS.

## CCC approves Grain Growers warehouses

Grains stored by farmers in the Morrow County Grain Growers at any of their facilities are again eligible for price support loans since the facility has been restored to the list of warehouses approved by the Commodity Credit Corporation, the Morrow County Agricultural Conservation and Stabilization Service said Monday.

MCCG was suspended May 17 for adverse conditions noted in an earlier inspection, according to an ASCS news release. The ASCS commodity office approved a reinstatement agreement effective June 18. CCC owned or loan commodities, or commodities delivered to CCC for purchase under a private support program can now be stored or handled through Morrow County Grain Growers.

## Sidewalk bike riding banned

City of Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun reminds the community that bicycle riding on sidewalks is prohibited by Oregon State Law.

Chief Rathbun said that he has received a lot of complaints recently about bicycle riding on downtown sidewalks.

## Two Boardman men arrested

Two Boardman men, Terrell Lee Rea, 27 and Michael Gary Pool, 40, were arrested June 25 as a result of a raid by the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team and the Boardman Police. The two were apprehended at a rural residence several miles southwest of Boardman.

Rea and Pool were each charged with seven counts of possession of stolen property, one count of manufacturing and delivering a controlled substance, possession of more than one ounce of marijuana and possession of methamphetamines.

Rea was also charged with one count of menacing. When an officer entered the second of two trailers on the property, he

discovered Rea in a back bedroom with a .22 semi-automatic handgun pointed at the bedroom door. The officer, also with his gun drawn, convinced Rea to lower his weapon. Pool, discovered in an outbuilding on the west end of the property, surrendered without resistance.

In a search of the main trailer, officers also discovered Pool's grandmother, whom they do not believe is connected with the incident.

The Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team is comprised of officers from the Morrow County Sheriff's office, Oregon State Police, the Hermiston Police Department, the Pendleton Police Department and the Umatilla Sheriff's Department.

## Celebrate the 4th of July in Ione July 3rd & 4th

"The Trail From Independence to Ione...For the Independence I Own"

**Saturday July 3** 4 p.m. Jr. 3 on 3 basketball tournament, kids who have completed grades six, seven and eight; 5 p.m. Ken Snider Memorial Scholarship Auction, following basketball tournament in gym; 6 p.m. Ken Snider Memorial Tennis Tournament. Call Betty Gray 422-7335.

6:30 p.m. Adult 3 on 3 basketball tournament. Call Gregg Rietmann 422-7243.  
9:30 p.m. Youth dance, Legion Hall.

**Sunday July 4** 6:30 a.m. Run/Walk registration begins. Call Jim & Michelle Raible 422-7037.

7:30 a.m. 'Dawn's Early Light' fun run walk begins. Meet at the flag at the football fields; 8:45 a.m.-Mass. St. Williams Catholic Church; 9 a.m.-Church services at Ione United Church of Christ and Valby Lutheran Church; 9:30 a.m.-Continental breakfast, city park; run/walk prize drawings; free balloons for kids, Main Street;

11 a.m. Parade. Call Del LaRue 422-7468. Meet at MCGG elevator;

Noon. ICABO hamburger lunch, little league hot dogs, Grange Bake sale, Fish pond, Flea market, all at city park; pie and coffee, chalk drawing at St. Williams Catholic Church, beer garden;

1 p.m. Straw money pile, face painting, frog jumping (frogs provided), horse shoes, wagon display, all at city park; antique car display near Bristow's Market; Air Life display at school.

2 p.m. baseball throw, hoop shoot at city park; volleyball tournament, lone school, call Barb Peterson 422-7047; Bingo 2-5 p.m. at lone Legion Hall; Historical Tour, meet in park.

3 p.m. Cow chip pitching contest, lone school; free swimming.

4 p.m. Children's races, baby crawl race, ages 0-2, lone school; Town tour, meet in park.

5:30 p.m. bed race, school football field, National Guard Fly-by (?); 6 p.m. Kessler's chicken dinner, lone school cafeteria.

6:30 p.m.-Oregon Trail presentation, lone school

7 p.m. Well Springs tour, meet at school.

7:30-9 p.m. Bingo, Legion Hall.

8:30 p.m.-Kiddy playpark at the school.

Dusk Bob Rietmann Memorial fireworks display, football field. Concessions will be available at the fireworks.

Following fireworks until 1:30 a.m. dance at the lone Legion Hall. Music by 14NI.

If you are looking for an alternate investment, a small number of Bank of Eastern Oregon shares of stock have become available for purchase. Please inquire at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

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