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## Ione High School commencement held May 24



Ione High School graduating seniors

Ione High School held its commencement exercises Friday, May 24, at the school.

Valedictorian Melissa McElligott delivered the valedictory address and salutarian Marie Tworek, the salutary address. Mark Halvorsen was the guest speaker.

Community organizations presented awards to the graduating seniors and the senior class made special presentations. School board member Bill Doherty presented diplomas and school superintendent Chuck Starr gave the affirmation of graduation.

Rob Crum lead the pledge of allegiance. The recessional song was Alice Cooper's "School's Out".

Members of the Ione graduating class of 1996 are as follows: Andrew Anderson, Corey Baker, Joseph Baker, Angie Ball, Robert Crum, John Doherty, Petr Hybs, Stephanie Lemieux, Melissa McElligott and Marie Tworek.

The following awards were presented to the IHS graduating seniors:

-Melissa McElligott: Blue Mountain Community College tuition waiver; Outstanding Senior Athlete; Pat Gillette Memorial Scholarship (sportsmanship), \$250; Cargill, Inc., Scholarship, \$100; Ione Ecumenical Youth Group (in memory of Jason Halvorsen), \$200; Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship, \$750; Ione Cardinal Club, \$300; Mike Mathews Memorial, \$1,000; Troedson Scholarship, \$750; Lions Club, \$200; Kinzua Corporation, \$500; Ione High School Honor Society, \$50; Elks

Scholarship, \$300.

-Marie Tworek: American Legion, \$200; Blue Mountain Community College tuition waiver; Ken Snider Memorial, \$1,000; Ione Ecumenical Youth Group (in memory of Jason Halvorsen), \$200; Soroptimist International, \$300; Troedson Scholarship, \$750; Lions Club, \$200; South Morrow County Dollars for Scholars, \$500; Ione High School Honor Society, \$50; Elks Scholarship, \$300; Pioneer Memorial Foundation,

\$200.

-Angie Ball: Troedson Scholarship, \$750; Ione Volunteer Fire Department, \$200; Western Baptist Scholarship, \$2,000; Elks Scholarship, \$200.

-John Doherty: Class of 1968, \$250; Ken Snider Memorial, \$1,000; Troedson Scholarship, \$750.

-Andrew Anderson: Troedson Scholarship, \$750.

-Rob Crum: Blue Mountain Community College tuition waiver.

## Space, regulations factor in jail terms

Morrow County District Attorney Earl R. Woods, Jr., told the Gazette-Times Tuesday that people arrested in the May 14 drug bust in Heppner were released instead of being jailed, because of an "acute" shortage of jail space. According to Woods, Morrow County has a guarantee of only three beds at the Franklin County Jail.

Woods said that because of population increase in Franklin County, local authorities are using more and more of their jail space. "The same is true for Umatilla County," said Woods.

He added that Morrow County can only access beds beyond their three-person guarantee on a space-available basis.

Additionally, he said that

## HCC to meet

The Heppner Coordinating Council (HCC) will meet on Tuesday, June 11, at 7:30 a.m. at the Heppner Ranger District office.

The council will discuss current activities and plans of Kin-

Morrow County can place prisoners in the Oregon State Penitentiary only if their sentence is greater than one year, as per state regulations. The county can no longer place prisoners convicted of probation violations in the penitentiary for six months, as the county had previously, also because of state regulations.

The third contributing factor is a change in Oregon administrative rules that prevents judges from sentencing people to the state penitentiary for most crimes against property.

"These situations working together are strangling Morrow County's ability to place prisoners in correctional facilities," said Woods. "That's why these people are not in jail."

zua Resources. Guest speaker will be Rick Re, Kinzua general manager. The Heppner business recruitment/response team will also be discussed. The public is welcome to attend the meetings of the HCC.

## Contract approved for new MC doctor

The Morrow County Health District (MCHD) Board, at its regular meeting Monday, June 3, in Heppner, approved a contract to employ Dr. Bill Bitsas as a physician with the district. Bitsas is expected to begin providing services at Pioneer Memorial Clinic and Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner in September.

The board is awaiting Bitsas' signature on the contract. Current doctors, Ed and Jeanne Berretta have indicated that they will not renew their contracts with the district and have said that they plan to establish practices in Walla Walla. MCHD Administrator Kevin Erich said that Dr. Jeanne Berretta will work in Heppner through the end of June, while Dr. Ed Berretta is expected to provide services for MCHD through the summer.

The board also approved a motion to amend Dr. Ernie Atkins contract to provide additional financial compensation for the additional on-call time anticipated with the departure of the Drs. Berretta.

In other business, the board:

- approved an X-ray maintenance service agreement for three years for \$26,100;
- approved a motion to put dentist Dr. Paul Marshall on the medical staff, if so approved by the staff;

- reviewed an information sheet and questionnaire concerning health care in Morrow County with Terry Edvalson, director of the Regional Services Institute at Eastern Oregon State College. The information sheet and questionnaire are to be distributed county-wide on a random basis this summer. A series of public meetings, conducted by Edvalson, are planned throughout the county.
- approved a recommendation by Erich to proceed with stick construction for the proposed medical clinic in Irrigon at an estimated cost of \$225,000. Cost of a smaller modular unit was estimated at \$200,000.

## HBC to meet

A Heppner High School Booster Club meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at Kate's Pizza.

## Willow Creek Music Festival set June 30



The Willow Creek Music Festival will be held on Sunday, June 30, at 7 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. The community is invited to attend this free concert, which will feature the music of the Willow Creek Youth Symphony, under the direction of conductor Sharla Erich, with a guest appearance by R. Lee Friese, conductor of the Oregon

## Halvorsen to celebrate 80th birthday

Dot Halvorsen, Ione, will celebrate her 80th birthday at Willows Grange Hall on Saturday, June 8, from 2-5 p.m. The party will be hosted by her children, Linda Azavedo of Portland, Mark Halvorsen of Vancouver and Frank and Joe Halvorsen of Ione. All family and friends of Dot's are invited to attend the festivities.

Following the party, everyone is invited to stay for a potluck dinner. Meat for the meal is provided, and guests are encouraged to bring side dishes and salads.

Dot was born Carmelita Crabtree on June 7, 1916, at Turner, Oregon. She had a twin sister Manulita (Dimple) Munkers who passed away in 1975. Another sister, Juanita (Babe) Stender lived in Salem and died last year. Dot's brother, Chauncy (Leo) Crabtree resides near Dot in Ione.

Dot and her husband Louis, who passed away in December 1991, farmed in the Ione area, where they raised not only their own four children, but also two foster daughters, Alice and Judy Mason. Others have enjoyed Dot's hospitality as she opens her home to school and church visitors such as the lone

artist-in-residence, and at the present time, the summer intern from the Ione United Church of Christ.

Dot received the Morrow County Woman of the Year award in 1988 for her many community activities and contributions. She has been a member of Eastern Star for 50 years, serving as an officer for 49 of those 50. She was mother Advisor for Ione Rainbow Assembly for 19 years. Dot has been active in Willow Creek Grange for 56 years, holding the office of secretary for 41 of those years. In 1968, she was nominated for the title of Mother of the Year for the state of Oregon.

Besides her clubs and organization involvement, Dot has driven the senior citizen bus for several years and also stays busy sewing for her friends and family members. Also keeping her busy are her 30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A grandson, Jason, and granddaughters Alisa and Angie Rose are deceased.

Dot's family encourages attendees to share amusing stories and old photographs of her, but ask that they bring no gifts.

## Callers must now use 541 area code

Telephone callers to most of Oregon must soon begin changing their dialing habits, as the state's new 541 area code comes on-line Sunday, June 30. After eight months of permissive dialing to the region that was assigned the state's new area code, callers must begin using "541" to reach phone numbers outside of northwestern Oregon.

The Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) is encouraging all telephone customers to begin dialing the 541 area code and to reprogram or modify their telecommunications equipment before June 30. Some of that equipment includes: automatic dialers, FAX machines, call forwarding, speed dialing, computer modems, cellular phones, PBX systems, fire alarms, call detail recording, key systems and customer-owned coin phones. Customers affected by the new code also should notify everyone who calls them of the

change. Businesses should have revised printed materials and advertising to reflect the new area code.

Rates will not increase as a result of the change. It is expected that the 541 area code will provide about 15 years of relief, said a OPUC news release, although projections indicate a third area code may be necessary in the state's northwest corner before then.

Since the new area does not have a "0" or "1" as a middle digit, it may not be recognized by some existing telephone equipment. Washington and Alabama were the first states to use area codes without a "0" or "1," and there have been some difficulties. The 360 area code in southwest Washington caused many business problems. PTI, US WEST and other local exchange carriers urge customers to be certain their equipment has been updated to recognize the new code.

East Symphony (OES).

Other selections will be performed by area musicians, including a duet for two pianos, a harp solo and two violin concertos.

One of the special pieces will be a "Concerto for Four Violins," composed by Antonio Vivaldi. It will be performed by violinists Friese; Alice Massey, concert master of the OES; Sharla Erich and Kathryn Un-

ruh. They will be accompanied by Laura McElligott on the cello and Myrna Van Cleave on the piano.

Vivaldi was born in 1678 in Venice, Italy and is considered a major figure in Baroque music and the most influential Italian composer of his time, says Erich. Vivaldi is best known for his 400 concertos, especially the "Four Seasons."



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