

HEPPNER



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Fireworks stand
opens Thursday

The Heppner Lions Club and Heppner Day Care are again sponsoring the fireworks stand on Main Street in Heppner.

The stand, located between the offices of Kuhn, Spicer and Mills and Murray Drugs, will open Thursday, June 27, at 1 p.m. through Thursday, July 4.

Power outages due to lightning

Two power outages in the Heppner area Monday and Tuesday were lightning-caused, according to Columbia Basin Electric general manager Fred Toombs.

Toombs said that the outages occurred when lightning hit the line near the Boardman BPA substation.

The first outage occurring around 12:25 p.m. Monday, lasted about an hour and 50 minutes. A subsequent outage, occurring at 1:56 a.m. Tuesday, lasted an hour and 55 minutes.

Ione 4th of July Celebration Wednesday, July 3 & Thursday, July 4

"The Big Bang"

Grand Marshals: 1996 State 1A Girls' Basketball Champions
The Lady Cardinals

Wednesday, July 3

Poster Contest: starts June 24th, judging is July 3rd. Pick up paper at Ione Market.

9-11:30 p.m. Youth Dance at the Legion Hall. Sponsored by Ione Ecumenical Youth Group.

12 noon-4 p.m. Golf Tournament at Willow Creek Country Club. Call Jim Swanson (422-7410) to enter.

Thursday, July 4

7:30 a.m. Dawn's Early Light Run/Walk: registration begins at 6:30 a.m. at school flagpole and run/walk begins at 7:30 a.m. Call 422-7037 to register.

10-11 a.m. Chalk Drawing Contest in front of Catholic Church.

10:30 a.m. Parade lineup at MCGG elevator; parade begins at 11 a.m.

11:30 a.m. Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament starting right after the parade in front of fire hall on Main Street. Call Dennis Stefani (422-7364) to register.

Noon Park Activities Beginning at Noon: Boat Pond by Headstart; Fish Pond by Creative Care Preschool; Root Beer Floats for Scholarship Committee; Icabo Hamburgers; Little League Hot Dogs; Hoop Shoot; Topic Club Flea Market; Altar Society's Pie and Coffee in Catholic Church basement.

1 p.m. Frog Jumping Contest in the park.

1 p.m. Straw Money Pile in the park. Sponsored by City of Ione.

1-3 p.m. Batting Cages by Little League at the school. Use At Your Own Risk!

1-4 & 7:30-9 p.m. Bingo by the Lions Club at the Legion Hall.

2-4 p.m. Swimming at school pool.

Beer Garden sponsored by Legion.

Chili Feed next to Beer Garden.

2-4 p.m. City Hall Open House.

2-4 p.m. Woolery House Tours

Horseshoes (tentative).

3 p.m. Children's Games at the school.

3:30 p.m. Ken Snider Memorial Auction on the football field.

Bed Race (tentative).

5:30 p.m. Barbecue Chicken Dinner with chicken by Kessler's at school cafeteria.

7 p.m. Jump Movement Theater in high school gym. Sponsored by Recreation District.

Dusk Fireworks Display. Watch from school football field.

Ione golf tournament planned for July 3 Violinists perform

Some lucky golfer could win a 1996 Ford Pickup at the Third Annual Ione Fourth of July Celebration Best Ball Golf Tournament. All he has to do is get a hole-in-one at the tournament which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 3, from noon until 4 p.m. at the Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner.

Anyone interested in golfing in the tournament and getting a chance at that pickup should register by stopping by Wheatland Insurance in Ione or calling 422-7410 by the deadline, Friday, June 28.

Cost for the afternoon is \$20 per person for 18 holes of golf. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Ken Snider Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Golfers should be at the Willow Creek Country Club by noon to get with their team. Golfers should be sure that their team members are registered. Golfing will begin around 12:30 p.m.

Beverages will be provided on the course and the Creative Care Preschool will have sandwiches available for purchase prior to tee time and throughout the afternoon.

The Willow Creek Music Festival, on Sunday, June 30, at 7 p.m. at Heppner's St. Patrick's Catholic Church, will consist of a variety of musical selections, one of which will be performed by violinists R. Lee Friese and Alice Massey from Pendleton.

Friese and Massey will perform two movements of a Sonata from the 19th century French composer Charles DeBeriot. DeBeriot, a violin virtuoso, is known for his composition of musical selections with difficult violin passages.

Massey, originally from Fort Worth, Texas, began violin instruction when she was eight years old. She completed a bachelor's degree in music education from Walla Walla College, and since then has taught music in both private and public schools.

Massey held the position of concert master with the Walla Walla Symphony for nine years before joining the Oregon East Symphony (OES) in Pendleton. Presently Massey is the executive director of Bethpage Mission in Pendleton, an agency that serves adults with developmental disabilities. Besides playing the violin, she enjoys hiking, camping, swimming and reading.

R. Lee Friese, conductor of the OES, grew up in the Midwest near Toledo, Ohio. He graduated from Bowling Green State University with a degree in music education and later received a master's degree with a double major in conducting choral and instrumental music.

He taught music in Ohio for 14 years before moving to Fort Worth and began his conducting career with the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra. Later he moved to the Walla Walla area where he conducted the Walla Walla Symphony for 10 years. Friese was also involved with the origination of the OES. In addition to his love of music, he also enjoys reading science fiction and is an active sports fan for all sports, especially basketball.

The final selection at the festival will be a two-piano Mozart Sonata in D performed by Heppner pianists Myrna Van Cleave and Sharla Erich. Van Cleave began playing the piano when she was seven years old. She keeps very busy homeschooling and teaching music to her four children. Erich, mother of two, has played the piano "for as long as she can remember." She works part-time as a physical therapist and gives private piano and violin lessons.

Elks Lodge promotes American ideals

By Merlyn Robinson

Although it wasn't declared a legal holiday until 1941, Independence Day on July 4 marks the birthday of the United States of America. The Declaration of Independence was adopted on this date, 220 years ago. John Adams, one of the original signers, wrote that the founders of this new nation considered this historic event an important occasion which would be celebrated thereafter by succeeding generations.

Many communities today commemorate this date with programs and pageants, games and plays, athletic events, picnics and parade. War veterans are honored for their dedication to this democratic nation. And to cap a day of festivities, organized fireworks are often held.

Patriotic celebrations of this nation's birth are symbolic. Yet the preservation and freedom of citizens' rights ensured by the Constitution are often sustained on a day-to-day basis. There are organizations like the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a national organization, whose principles are based on American ideals.

The Heppner Elks Lodge, No. 358, was founded in 1897. A lodge building was built on Main Street in 1920 with \$40,000. Most of the lodge facilities were on the second floor. The street-level floor accommodated the Star Theater and a restaurant. But a disastrous fire in the '60s razed the building, ending the era of a local theater. Rebuilding commenced slowly and by 1977, the completed project included both floors, complete with dining room facilities. Today, the lodge hosts community banquets and major events such as St. Patrick's, and Fair and Rodeo celebrations, as well as reunions, weddings and funerals, along with other lodge functions.

Elks members pledge never to forget hospitalized veterans. Each year there are visits to patients in veterans hospitals and medical centers. Last year, the Elks adopted and befriended over 100,000 veterans who were far from home or without family. Contributions to veterans exceeded \$17.6 million last year.

Since 1959, local members have collected over 15,000 deer and elk hides to be used in the veterans' rehabilitation programs. Along with patriotic Flag Day observances, this chapter also annually contributes to the Ione fireworks as part of a local celebration.

With 677 current members, the local Elks chapter annually contributes over \$25,000 to charitable causes. A perpetual fund exceeding \$200 million is used to fund charitable activities through the Elks National Foundation.

The Heppner lodge also works to meet local needs. They give scholarships including scholastic, Meadowwood Speech Camp, 4-H and summer school that annually exceed \$3,500. In addition, all needy children receive free hearing aids, eye glasses and care at the Elks Children's Eye Clinic in Portland and at the Meadowwood Speech Camp at Tollgate. Local Elks also support drug awareness programs for youth, the Little League and Babe Ruth baseball, hoop shoots and sponsorship of the Boy Scouts.

Fourth of July observances may be a family outing, community celebrations or a quiet day at home. But it's a time to remember this country's origin, the sacrifices made and the helping hand given by charitable organizations like the Elks who help to sustain the quality of life in this small town, USA.

Family fun promised at Ione 4th of July celebration

A day of family fun is scheduled for the Fourth of July in Ione.

The festivities will start off on Wednesday, July 3 with a golf tournament, a house decorating contest, poster contest and youth dance.

The action will start in earnest on the morning of the Fourth. First on the agenda is the fourth annual Dawn's Early Light Fun Run and Walk starting at the flagpole near the school. Race day registration starts at 6:30 a.m. with the events beginning at 7:30 a.m. Morning events include chalk drawing for kids and the

parade at 11 a.m. Being honored as grand marshals this year are the Ione girls' basketball team, the 1A State Champions. Always a popular event, the parade will also feature various groups and businesses.

After the parade, the action moves in and around the Ione City Park where games for the kids (frog jumping, straw money pile) and adults (three on three basketball tourney) take center stage. A mouth-watering variety of food will be available as well as a beer garden. Musical entertainment will be provided by vocalist Tim Cundell from noon-3 p.m.

Afternoon activities include bingo at the Legion Hall from

1-4 p.m.; an open house at City Hall from 2-4 p.m.; tours of the Woolery House; horseshoes; batting cages; more kids' games at the football field, and bed races. At 3:30 p.m., the Ken Snider Memorial Fund Auction will be held at the football field featuring an array of goods and services.

Barbecue chicken and ribs are on the menu for the dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Ione school.

The busy day is capped by a performance of the Do Jump Movement Theater group of Portland at 7 p.m. at the school, and finally, by the traditional fireworks display at dusk.

Pledges sought for "Human Race"

The Ione Youth Group is collecting pledges and donations for the 1996 Human Race, a 2K or 5K pledge walk that helps support non-profit organizations.

In 1994 the Ione Youth Group collected \$2,100 and in 1995, \$1,000. All the money collected goes to Outreach Ministries. Outreach Ministries provides a family support system by caring for the daily personal needs of the chronically ill residents of the Burnside area in Portland.

All donations are collected in memory of youth group member Jason Halvorsen, Ione, who died in an automobile accident in 1994. Jason had first volunteered to raise money for the Human Race. After his tragic death, fellow youth group members, friends and family walked in his memory.

Last fall the Outreach Ministry annual banquet and auction was dedicated in memory of

Jason and a diamond ring was donated to the auction in his name. This year the Human Race Volunteer Center has asked the Ione Youth Group to help publicize the walk in memory of Jason to get more youth in the Portland area involved.

The Ione Youth Group's goal this year is to collect \$3,000. The Halvorsen family will be notified of any contribution made.

Donations may be made out to Outreach Ministries and mailed by Monday, July 15 to the Rev. Lea Mathieu, United Church of Christ, Ione, OR 97843.

G-T closed July 4-5

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5 for the Fourth of July holiday.

Deadlines will be as usual, Monday at 5 p.m. for news items and Tuesday, at noon for advertising.

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