

Ione plans Fourth Festival



Headliner Sonny Rhodes



Robbie Laws

Ione will hold its annual 4th of July Celebration and Blues Festival on July 3-4 this year. Following is a schedule of events:

Tuesday, July 3

Eighth Annual Golf Tournament at 10 a.m., Willow Creek Golf Club, Heppner. Call 422-7410 for more information. Money to go toward local scholarships.

Music in the park provided by local band "Wood" featuring local musicians: Dustin Padberg, Jeff Eynetich and Dave Anderson at the Ione Amphitheater beginning at 8 p.m. Food vendors will be set up and serving 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 4

Dawn's Early Light Fun Run, 7 a.m., meet at Ione School Parking lot.

Coffee, muffins, Ione park 7:30 a.m. Ione City Park.

Parade, 11 a.m. featuring the fifth annual Blues Cruise classic car show. Clubs are coming from three states with over 75 prizes to be presented. Call 989-8148 for more information. This year the parade's theme will be "Big Time Music With Small Town Hospitality". Grand Marshalls will be World War II veterans.

12 noon, food vendors will be serving Texas-style barbecue, gourmet foods, burgers and Polish dogs. People are encouraged to bring their ice chests, favorite beverages, lawn chairs and blankets.

Numerous family-oriented fun will be held, such as tricycle races, frog jumping contests, dunk tank, straw money pile, swimming, bingo and more.

Music kicks off at 2 p.m. with a Portland-based band called "Too Loose," playing old-time rock and roll. Music spanning several generations from the 50's to the present will be performed.

Bill Rynnion, singer and guitarist for the band, grew up in Pendleton and looks forward to performing for many family and friends living in the area. People may remember him and his brothers Steve and Todd from years back in a band called "The Silver Fox's". They played at several Morrow County Rodeo dances. Sister Janet Jobs from Salem and brother Steve Rynnion from San Mateo, California, will join in and perform a few tunes with them making it a real "family event" and a lot of fun for everyone.

The Blues Music will begin around 4 p.m. with returning Blues band "Too Slim and the Tail Draggers." This band has a huge devoted regional and national following. They have opened for such famous headliners as Robert Cray, Bo Diddley, Roy Rodgers, 38 Special, Los Lobos and many more. They play to packed clubs from the Canadian border to the Rio Grande. They've been nominated

for over 40 blues awards and the Hall of Fame. They are fast becoming a legend and best known for their "high speed, twangin", up on your feet" style guaranteed to convert all to Blues lovers.

Next up comes another Ione Amphitheater returning favorite, "The Robbie Laws Band." Robbie is known nationwide for his phenomenal blues guitar playing. Robbie is looking forward to coming back to Ione for the third straight year. Northwest fans fill local nightclubs to hear this impressive high-energy artist jam. Those of us who have heard him before, anxiously await the privilege to hear this extremely talented musician again.

The headliner for this year's festival will be self-proclaimed "Blues Disciple" Sonny Rhodes. Sonny Rhodes is the world traveler, "been-there-done-that" Blues musician playing all over the United States, Canada, Europe and more. Sonny loves most, "bringing the music to the people." Rhodes became famous for his unusual style of playing a lap steel guitar, delivering a unique sound to the Blues world. Due to the bright red suits and the bejeweled turbans, tangerine colored trousers and patent leather shoes, he is certainly known as the "snappiest dresser" in the Blues.

Born in the heart of Texas, Sonny picked up his first guitar at age six. A quite well known "Stony Plain Recording Artist," Ione welcomes this, "powerful, and deeply emotional" performer to their stage. Rhodes performs mostly his own imaginative self-written music and lyrics in over 250 shows a year. Ione audiences are sure to enjoy some astonishing Blues music from the unique incredibly entertaining musician and his overwhelming talented band.

Blues music will play into the fireworks display in the perfect setting at the Ione Amphitheater, promising to be a memorable, fun 4th of July celebration for the whole family.

For additional information, call 422-7414 or 422-7243.

Program offered at fossil beds

On Sunday, July 1, a fossil discovery program will be offered for young visitors at John Day Fossil Beds. The program will take place from 10 a.m.-noon, at the visitor center in the Sheep Rock Unit. Participants will visit an ash deposit and "discover how fossils are like puzzle pieces that make pictures of the past." The program includes lab and museum activities demonstrating how fossils are preserved through science.

Space is limited to 15 participants. The program is designed for ages 7-10. Call the visitor center at 987-2333 to sign up or for more information.

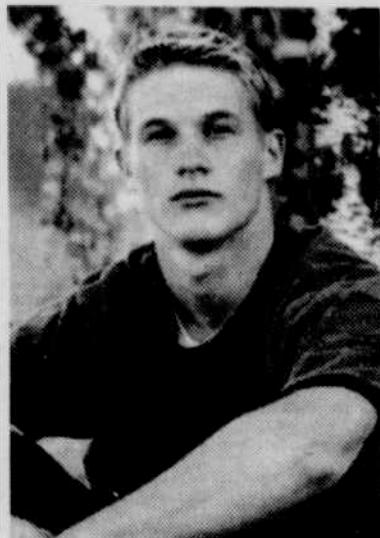
Madrigal to perform in Boardman

Boardman is bringing back a favorite musician and his band to Boardman for the Wednesday, 4th of July festivities. Tony Madrigal "Memories in Motion" will perform at the Boardman Marina Park following the parade on Main Street.

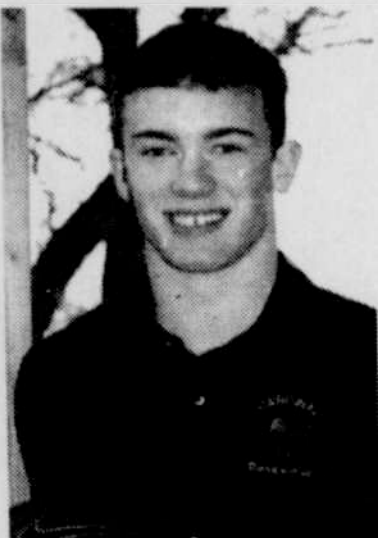
The performance starts at 11 a.m. and will continue all day at the park into the evening.

Tony is no newcomer to the region. He has performed the Boardman 4th of July for several years, as well as at the Irrigon Watermelon Festival. Most recently the group performed at Music in

Ione players, coach chosen for eight man all-star team



Brooks Rea



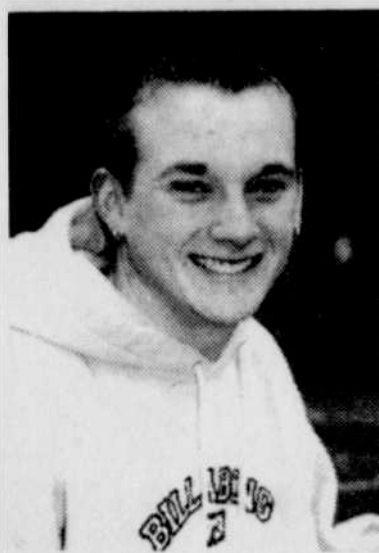
Corey Morgan

Four Ione ball players and coach Dale Holland were selected for the eight-man all-star football game held Saturday, June 16, at Linfield College stadium in McMinnville.

The first half was a shootout, with the quick-footed east team scoring first, but going in at halftime

behind, 20-18. The two-point difference and failure to convert the extra points were the difference in the game.

The second half turned out to be a defensive struggle with each team scoring just one touchdown. In the end, the size-enhanced west



Zach Fabian



Cody Erickson

team defeated the east, 28-26.

Starting for the east team were Ione's Brooks Rea, wide receiver; Corey Morgan, defensive safety; Zach Fabian, special teams; and Cody Erickson, defensive nose guard.

Others on the team from the Big Sky Conference were Casey Spike, Chris Marcum and Kyle Fife, all

from Echo; and Lyle Brittain from South Wasco County.

Coaches were Dale Holland from Ione and Mike Wisdom from Echo. The other 12 each team players were selected from the Old Oregon and Tri-Co Leagues.

Next year, the all-star game will be played in LaGrande at the Eastern Oregon University campus.

HHS teacher to receive computer education

School's out ...but not for Dave Fowler, grades seven-12 technology education teacher at Heppner High School. He went straight from school to school this summer.

Fowler is one of just 34 Oregon teachers selected to receive Intel Teach to the Future Master Teacher training this month. Upon successful completion of the training, Fowler will train additional teachers in the Morrow County School district.

The Intel Teach to the Future program is a worldwide initiative to help teachers effectively integrate the use of computer technology into classroom curriculum to improve student learning and achievement.

During the workshop, teachers learn how to incorporate the Internet, Web page design, multimedia software and Microsoft Office Professional software into their lesson plans. The teachers also learn how to integrate technology into the fabric of day-to-day teaching to enhance "higher-order thinking" and creativity. The training consists

of 40 hours of hands-on instruction delivered by means of 10 curricular modules tailored to country and district standards.

Fowler's training is taking place during June 18-22 at Portland State University.

On Friday, June 22, Fowler and the other master teachers at the PSU training will showcase lesson plans they've developed using advanced technology skills they've learned. Visitors will be able to explore the lab to talk with master teachers who will demonstrate the materials they have produced during the training.

Fowler says he became an Intel Teach to the Future Master Teacher candidate because he wants "to encourage the appropriate use of technology in the classroom."

The Intel Teach to the Future program engages participants in development of a teaching unit that integrates student use of technology. Fowler plans to focus on the use of digital media and MS PowerPoint to present students' work.

Landowner assistance available

Morrow, Gilliam and Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been approved for a combined one-year grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board in the amount of \$59,000.

The grant funds will be used to hire two engineering technicians and lease survey equipment to complete surveys, inventories and preliminary designs to relocate or re-design Animal Feeding Operations (AFO) and/or winter feeding operations in the counties.

The technicians will also assist landowners with securing financial assistance for project implementation using USDA

conservation programs such as Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP) and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CREP).

This grant is an effort to address an expanding awareness of the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

For more information, contact Janet Greenup, Morrow SWCD district manager at 676-5452.

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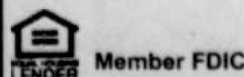


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