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## Ione's Fourth of July Blues Festival

For more information, call 422-7414 or 422-7243

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 30th

- 1:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social with Red, White and Blue sundaes (vanilla, strawberry and blueberry)  
*"What America Means To Me" mural project*
- 2:00 p.m. SALUTE TO SOUTH MORROW CO. EMERGENCY WORKERS
- 2:15 p.m. *Inland Northwest Musicians (150-piece orchestra) - Patriotic Pops*  
*Bring picnic baskets, beverages and lawn chairs!*

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd

- 10:00 a.m. Annual 4th of July Golf Tournament at Willow Creek Country Club  
(\$35 per golfer.) Contact Craig Holland, 422-7455.
- 6:00 p.m. Food Vendors & Beer Garden open in park
- 7:00 p.m. Music by Heppner native, Lindy Gravelle
- 8-11 p.m. High School Swim: Admission-one pair of socks to be donated to Outreach Ministries

#### THURSDAY, JULY 4th

- 7:00 a.m. Dawn's Early Light Fun Run. Contact Dale Holland, 676-5034.
- 10:00 a.m. Horseshoe Pits open
- 11:00 a.m. Parade: Red, White and Blues - Banding Together. Grand Marshals are the Willow Creek Police Dept., Fire Dept. and EMTs.  
**BLUES CRUISE CLASSIC CAR SHOW.** Contact Chuck Nelson, 989-8148.
- 12:00 p.m. Food Vendors & Beer Garden open. Pie and Coffee in the Fire Hall, sponsored by the Catholic Ladies. Scheduled events include: frog jumping contest (frogs provided), Bingo at the Legion Hall, hoop shoot, straw money pile (ages 3-8), dunk tank and much more!
- 2:00 p.m. Swimming Pool open
- 2:00 p.m. Blues Music in the Park, featuring Jimmy Thackery and The Drivers; The Suburban Hillbillies; and Jimmy Loyd Rea and the SwitchMasters "Reunion Tour." Blues Music in the Parks is a FREE concert and everyone is invited to attend and enjoy these great Blues performances!
- Dusk FIREWORKS DISPLAY *Please, no dogs or fireworks allowed in the park!*

Music is sponsored by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

### School district board will hold special meeting

The Morrow County School District Board of Directors will hold a special board meeting on Thursday, June 27, at 6 p.m. at the District Office in Lexington. The purpose of the special meeting is to amend the approved budget and adopt the amended budget.  
An executive session will be called under ORS 192.660(1)(f) for the purpose of discussing records exempt. This meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., immediately prior to the special meeting at 6 p.m.

**ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:  
MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.**

### Concrete H on Cross Hill "re-discovered"

Several local youth have re-discovered a large concrete "H" on the south side of Cross Hill above Heppner. With the help of volunteer Craig Canham, the group recently repaired and painted the landmark. "It's on Cross Hill, about 80 yards down from the Cross towards the dam side," said painter Kelsey Wolff. "You can't really make-out the "H" from Main Street, but it's really big," commented Ashley Wolff.

Although the concrete is badly weathered, a large "57" can be distinguished in the middle of the "H", leading the girls to assume it was put on the hill in 1957. The engraved names are very difficult to determine, but



Craig Canham, Ashley Wolff and Kelsey Wolff apply a fresh coat of white paint to their new discovery.

those still recognizable include Mary Siewart, Dee Bailey, Shirley Kononen?, Marilyn ?, and ? Olsen.

Anyone who can help clarify the origin and history of the "H" is asked to call the Gazette-Times for a follow-up story.

### Farm safety cooperative program helps teens

A local cooperative program may make summer farm work a little safer for some area teens. OSU Extension-4-H and Morrow County Grain Growers teamed up to provide a tractor safety course for kids planning to work on farms and ranches this summer.

A safety program is required by state law for teens 14-17 working on farms and owned by persons other than their parents, but, says Morrow County OSU Extension agent Bill Broderick, many times parents send their kids for safety's sake.

This year 12 kids participated in the program which provided hands-on experience in safe tractor operation and basic maintenance. The 15-hour course, which ran all day on a Friday and half a day Saturday, gave the teens in-field driving lessons on two different tractors, a front-end loader, a swather, a combine and a bailer, with in-house instruction and finished with an exam. The program cost only \$5 per student for materials and insurance.



Left to right: Bill Broderick, William Bergstrom, Jace Jones, Eva Chitty, Malori Horn, Andre Rauch, Jenny Griffith, Eric Hausinger.

### Vandalism occurs at Willow Creek Dam

By Sarah Collier

According to Park Ranger Dan Dunnett, someone or a group of someones has been vandalizing the fishing access area of the Willow Creek Reservoir. "There has been a handicapped sign stolen and a large box of china was thrown into the lake," he said.

Other reports have been made about beer and pop cans that have been shot at being strewn about the area. The US Army Corps of Engineers would like to remind everyone that the fishing access area, as well as the old Willow Creek Highway, is closed from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m.

Something that Dunnett says he is "pleased with," is that the new sheriff's deputy contract requires that area to the Willow Creek Bridge to be patrolled.



Left to right: Tracy Griffith, Kyle Carlson, Sean Muller, Austin Myers, Joe Danielson.

"It's very helpful," commented Malori Horn, Hermiston, one of the teens taking the course. "I've never had experience actually driving tractors, so it's helpful to get comfortable."

Besides Horn, students included Jace Jones, Boardman; William Bergstrom, Ione; Eva Chitty, Ione; Andre Rauch, Lexington; Jenny Griffith, Ione; Eric Hausinger, Irrigon; Tracy Griffith, Ione; Kyle Carlson, Heppner; Sean Muller, Echo; Austin Myers, Buttercreek; and Joe Danielson, Sherman County.

In addition to OSU Extension agents, Broderick and Larry Lutchter, Darcy Mitchell, 4-H office coordinator, Morrow County Grain Growers general manager John Ripple and MCGG employees Dustin Padberg and Butch Laughlin assisted in the program and MCGG provided the use of their equipment. "We could not have done it without the help and cooperation of the Morrow County Grain Growers," stressed Broderick. "They were awful good to let us use their equipment and their staff. We really couldn't have done it without them."



### Landmark turn-around comes out

Teenagers cruising in Heppner will have to find another place to turn around other than on Court Street in front of the courthouse. Because of unsafe driver and pedestrian traffic the center island is coming out to be replaced with a more conventional intersection, a city spokesman said. There will also be new sidewalks on both sides of the street along with new curbing.

## YARD SALE

Saturday, June 29th at MCGG  
from 8 a.m. to Noon!

Lots of  
Great Stuff!



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