

Blessing of Cross at St. William's Parish



Fr. Gerry Condon and Irene Swanson with the new cross.



The new cross atop St. William's Parish.

St. William's Parish in Ione recently obtained a new cross for the church as the old one needed to be replaced. Mark Bruno, a local artist, made it out

of copper. The cross was blessed by Fr. Gerry Condon, and was later attached to the roof of the church. Irene Swanson, a long time resident of Ione, and the late Gar Swanson donated the cross.

Jet boat vacation to be auctioned

By Sarah Collier

Three jet boat trips will be sold to the highest bidder at the Fourth of July Blues Festival in Ione.

Local residents, Marvin Padberg, Dana Heideman, and Allen Anderson, have offered three days and two nights of sightseeing and steelhead fishing on the Snake River to be auctioned at the event. The auction will be held Thursday night around 7 p.m. between the two music performances, and all of the funds raised will be added to the Mike Matthews scholarship fund for Ione graduates.

The 60-65 mile trips up the river will be taken in early December on dates that work well for the winning groups. The boats have heaters and are fully enclosed. Transportation from Ione will be provided, as well as

fishing gear and gourmet lunch on the river.

"For anyone who has never seen it, the scenery is beautiful," said Padberg, "there are big-horned sheep, mountain goats, deer and elk."

The trio has offered this jet boat package for the past several years as a moneymaker for the scholarship fund. "We've always had good participation," said Padberg. The retail value of the trip is approximately \$1,000 and groups are encouraged to form, pool their resources and be ready. The court would also like to let everyone know that they, along with Pennant Bearers Megan McCabe of Lexington and Lexi Kennedy of Boardman are still selling raffle tickets for 1/2 a beef or a whole hog. Mike's Mobile Slaughter of Stanfield is cutting and wrapping both for free. The drawing will be held Sunday, Aug. 18, at the Morrow County Rodeo.

University of Idaho releases Dean's List

University of Idaho officials have announced the names of 1,946 students who made the Dean's List for spring semester. These students represent the top 23 percent academic achievers of the 8,311 undergraduate and law students at UI during the spring term.

Honors went to: Matthew Jepsen, Heppner, College of Letters and Science; Jessica Krebs, Ione, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; Jeremiah McElligott, Ione, College of Engineering.

Fair and Rodeo Court visits banks



Queen Salli McElligott with Klamath First employees, Kayrene Qualls and Florene Robinson.



Princess Genia Grant with Bank of Eastern Oregon Branch Manager, Darrell Raver.



Princess Julie Proctor with Banner Bank Branch Manager, Kate Close.

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court recently visited three area banks, thanking all of them for the sponsorship of their buckles. Klamath First of Heppner sponsored

Queen Salli McElligott's buckle, the Bank of Eastern Oregon sponsored Princess Genia Grant's and Princess Julie Proctor's was sponsored by Banner Bank of Boardman.

Teen Swim Night at the Ione Pool Wednesday, July 3 from 8-11 p.m.

The age range for this swim is incoming freshmen to outgoing seniors. The swim will feature food, music, races and prizes. Adult lifeguards will be on duty.

Admission is free but participants are asked to donate a pair of new socks for Outreach Ministries in Portland.



This Teen Swim Night is sponsored by a Morrow County Together grant, promoting healthy drug-and-alcohol-free activities.

Wedding Tables

Jessica Maben & Josh Roy
Saturday, June 29th
at the Glavey Ranch

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Ione High School Awards and Scholarships

Ione High School has announced its list of award recipients for the graduating Class of 2002.

Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship - five awards for \$500 each to Salli McElligott, Amellia Peck, Brad Burright, Adam McCabe and Adam Neiffer;

Outstanding Senior Athlete - Brad Burright and Amellia Peck;

Elk's Scholarship - first place boys, \$700 to Adam Neiffer, third place boys, \$200 to Colin McElligott, and second place girls, \$300 to Kristina Powell;

South Morrow County Trust - \$500 to Adam Neiffer;

Ione Volunteer Fire Department - \$200 for spring term for two years to Rhonda Wilhelm;

Ione Cardinal Booster Club - \$600 to Kristina Powell;

Ione Youth Group - five awards for \$100 each to Aaron Tworek, Adam McCabe, Adam Neiffer, Salli McElligott and Kristina Powell;

Class of 2000 - \$200 to Brad Burright;

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home Auxiliary And Emergency Medical Technicians - \$200 to Rhonda Wilhelm;

Carl W. Troedson - \$700 each to Cynthia Heagy, Adam McCabe, Colin McElligott, Adam Neiffer, Amellia Peck and Kristina Powell.

City of Ione - \$500 to Rhonda Wilhelm;

Bank of Eastern Oregon - \$500 to Adam McCabe;

Ken Snider Memorial - \$1,000 to Adam McCabe;

Mike Mathews Memorial - \$500 awarded to Amellia Peck, Cynthia Heagy, Brad Burright and Adam Neiffer;

American Legion Post # 95 - \$200 to Aaron Tworek;

Swede and Francis Carlson Scholarship - \$200 each to Rhonda Wilhelm and Aaron Tworek;

Class of '68 Memorial Scholarship - \$300 to Salli McElligott;

Blue Mountain Community College - One-Year Tuition Waiver (\$2,100) each to: Aaron Tworek, District, Adam Neiffer, Honors, and Kristina Powell, Honors;

Mid-Columbia Bus Company - \$300 to Salli McElligott;

CLD Pacific Grain - \$300 to Rhonda Wilhelm;

CSU Transport, Inc. - \$730 to Salli McElligott;

Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau - \$500 to Adam McCabe;

and Red and Gena Leonard Foundation - \$2,000 to Rhonda Wilhelm;

Additional awards and offers from colleges/universities and associations are as follows:

Derek Campbell-from the United States Navy, \$40,000 offered for Education Benefits;

Cynthia Heagy-from Washington State University, Cougar Freshman Academic Award of \$46,000 for four years and grants of \$12,700 for four years (total \$58,700); and from Oregon State University, Diversity Achievement Scholar of \$3,600 for four years and supplemental grant of \$4,500 for four years (total \$8,100);

Adam McCabe-from the University of Idaho, Presidential Scholarship of \$750 and Idaho Tuition Scholarship of \$20,000 for four years; and from Washington State University, Cougar Freshman Academic Award of \$23,000;

Colin McElligott-from St. Louis University, St. Louis University Vision Tuition Scholarship of \$43,800 for four years; and from Montana State University, Western Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship of \$24,400 for four years;

Salli McElligott-from Willamette University, \$36,000 for four years; from University of Portland, \$36,000 for four years; a grant of \$20,000 for four years; and from University of Idaho, \$20,000 for four years;

Adam Neiffer-from Beloit College, Presidential Scholarship of \$40,000 for four years and Beloit Scholarship of \$28,000 for

four years;

Amellia Peck-from Eastern Oregon University, Early Action Award of \$500, and a grant of \$5,016 for four years;

Kristina Powell-from Northeast Homebuilders Association Scholarship, \$500; from National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship, \$500, an Eastern Oregon University Scholar Award that pays tuition for four years or approximately \$17,000; grants of \$3,400 for four years; from Washington State University, Cougar Freshman Academic Award of \$23,000 and Engineering Department Scholarship of \$1,000;

Aaron Tworek: from Blue Mountain Community College, awarded a BMCC Drama Department Talent Grant;

and Rhonda Wilhelm: a Wal-Mart Scholarship of \$1,000; from Eastern Oregon University, Early Action Award of \$500 and grants of \$18,400 for four years.

Total amount awarded to the graduating seniors was \$495,716.

911 workers to be honored at Blues Festival

Ione's Fourth of July Blues Festival will be held on Sunday, June 30, Wednesday, July 3 and Thursday, July 4.

The City of Ione, in honor of the renewed appreciation and love for America following the events of September 11, has chosen the South Morrow County 911 workers as the Grand Marshals of the festival activities. Ione invites each worker, along with all emergency vehicles, to join the community for the "Patriotic Pops" concert on Sunday, June 30. The Inland Northwest Musicians will be bringing a 150-piece symphony orchestra. This event begins at 1 p.m. with a feast of red, white and blue sundaes. Local artists of all ages will then illustrate "what America means to me" in the form of a mural to be carried in the Fourth of July Parade and displayed on the stage during the Blues Festival. At 2 p.m., the community will begin its salute to the emergency crews. The symphony begins at 2:15 p.m. Participants may bring picnic baskets, beverages and lawn chairs.

On Wednesday, July 3, the annual Fourth of July golf tournament will be held at the Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner starting at 10 a.m. Cost is \$35 per golfer. For more information, contact Craig Holland at 422-7455. Continuing the day's festivities, food vendors and the beer garden will open at the Ione park at 6 p.m. Heppner native, Lindy Gravelle, will perform music at the park starting at 7 p.m. High school students will have the pool to themselves from 8-11 that evening. Admission is one pair of socks to be donated to Outreach Ministries.

On Thursday, July 4, the Dawn's Early Light Fun Run will begin at 7 a.m. For more information, contact Jim Raible at 422-7141. All day events will include a frog jumping contest (frogs provided), bingo at the Legion Hall, hoop shoot, straw money pile for ages three to eight, dunk tank and more. The activities will continue on Thursday, July 4 when the 911 workers will again be honored as the Grand Marshals for the "Red, White and Blue - Banding Together" parade which begins at 11 a.m. The City of Ione would be pleased to have as many 911 workers as possible along with emergency vehicles involved as citizens show their appreciation of the many who are involved in serving the South Morrow County community. Food vendors and the beer garden will open at 12 noon. Pie and coffee, sponsored by the Catholic ladies, will be served in the fire hall. The pool will open at 2 p.m. for swimming.

From 2 p.m. until dusk, Music in the Park will be held, featuring Jimmy Thackery and the Drivers; the Suburban Hillbillies; and Jimmy Loyd Rea and the Switchblades' reunion tour. At dusk, the fireworks show will begin. Everyone is reminded that no dogs or fireworks will be allowed in the park.

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