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Town of Ione gears up for its annual 4th of July Celebration

Ione's 4th of July and Blues Festival will begin July 3 with a golf tournament and conclude with fireworks on July 4. The theme this year is "Leap Into Ione's Celebration."

The Grand Marshalls for this year's parade are Coach Del LaRue and the winning Ione track teams. The parade will be held at 11 a.m.

Local musicians, Jeff Eynetich, Jim Logan and Dustin Padberg will open the music celebration with music at 7 p.m., on July 3.

July 4 music will begin at 3 p.m., with headliners for the event being Eddie Kirkland and Michael Burks. Also performing will be Joanne Connors and Jimmy Lloyd Ray. The bands are also headliners for Portland Blues Festival.

Eddie Kirkland performs a range of styles from old-style delta blues to R&B to reggae. He has been in the music business for around 50 years. Michael Burks was touted as a child prodigy who grew up playing in his family's Arkansas roadhouse. He then put his guitar aside and took on a "9-to-5" job, before deciding to return to music. Joanne Connor began her career back in 1984 and has been performing ever since. She pens many of her own songs and enhances her guitar playing with "impassioned" vocals.

Jimmy Lloyd Ray a familiar face at the Blues Festival will once again join in the celebration. He will also be bringing a couple of other blues musicians from the Portland area. Ray recently had a kidney transplant and his body rejected the kidney, which caused speculation about his attendance, however, he pulled through and will be in Ione. One of Ray's known hits is "Going Back to Baker City."



The Ione Cardinal's winning track teams will be Grand Marshalls, along with Coach Del LaRue (not pictured), for the Ione 4th of July Celebration.

Other activities include a golf tournament at the Willow Creek County Club in Heppner. The tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m., on July 3 and will cost \$35 per golfer. For more information you can contact Craig Holland, 422-7455.

A fun run will be held July 4 at 7:30 a.m., starting at the Ione School. For more information on the run you can contact Jim Raible at 454-2830.

The horseshoe pits will open at 10 a.m., and the Parade and Blues Cruise Classic Car Show will begin at 11 a.m.

New this year will be a volleyball tournament held

for high schoolers and young adults after the parade. Other activities include pie and coffee, used book sale, bingo, straw money pile, a fish pond, balloon races, bicycle raffle, dunk tank and a frog jumping contest. Prizes for the children's games were purchased with donations from the TV Shoot held earlier this year.

The pool will be open at 2 p.m., for free swimming and the Ione Booster Club will host a shirt sale.

At 7 p.m., at jet boat fishing trip auction will begin with the benefits of the auction going to the Mike Mathews Scholarship Fund and Ione Education Foundation.

The fireworks display will be held at dusk.

Look for a complete schedule of events in next week's paper.

United Church of Christ VBS hosts 30 kids



Approximately 30 children participated in Ione's United Church of Christ's VBS School, June 16-20. The theme for the week was Son Country Harvest and the children learned about growing the "fruits of the Spirit."

St. Pat's/St. William's enjoys another year of RVS



Children gather to register for St. Patrick's/St. William's religious vacation school.

Religious Vacation School began Monday, June 23 for St. Patrick's and St.

William's parishes. Kathy Fullmer stated that she was very excited with the attendance. The topic of the week dealt with the Bible accounts of events along the Nile. There were various activities and music.

Local inventor creates industrial sensor

Lowell Gribble, a local inventor, has come up with a "unique" sensor unit that can find air leaks, steam leaks and electrical problems.

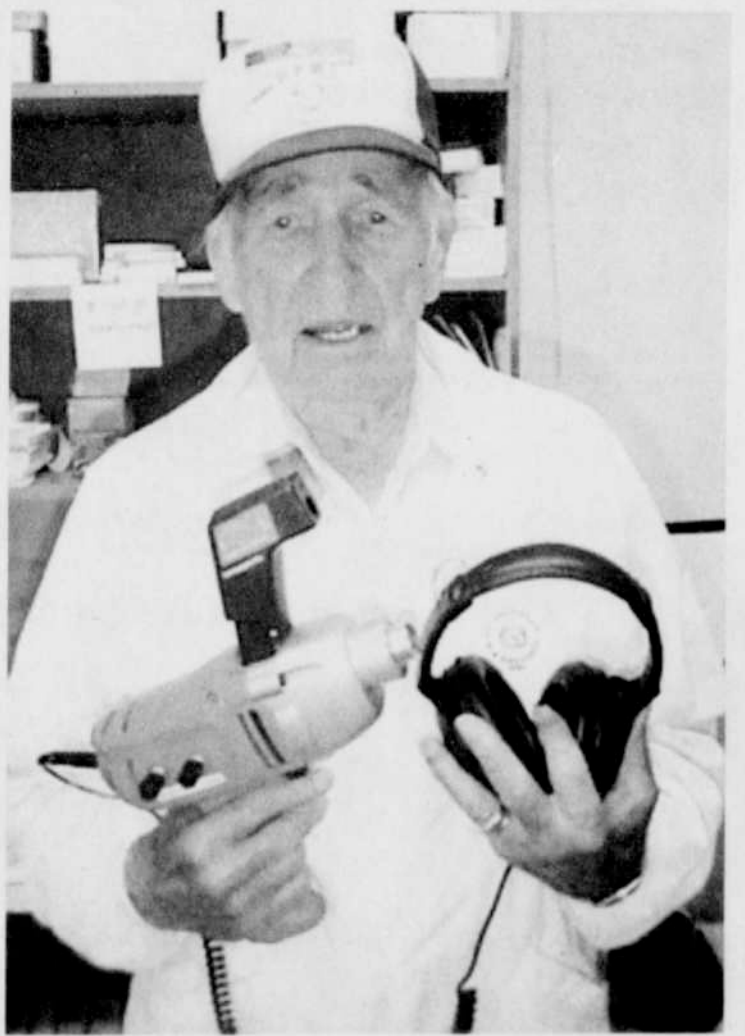
Gribble and his two sons have been working on this invention for over 30 years. Gribble has already begun working on a slightly improved model that should be a little easier to use than his first.

Gribble has been a troubleshooter for many industrial companies, such as Boise Cascade, PGE, etc., as well as the U.S. Coast Guard. The Coast Guard even nicknamed him a "ghost buster" after he found some malfunctions with a boat that had just come from repairs.

Besides industrial uses, Gribble says this product can also be used on homes and businesses.

In the past Gribble has used a unit from Hewlett Packard, but says he has stopped using it and has been using his product in his business for quite some time. "There's nothing like it," stated Gribble.

Gribble said that they will not be selling the sensor unit, but will be leasing it out



Lowell Gribble with his sensor

to those interested in using the product.

Following in his father's footsteps, Gribble's son, Douglas, has created a lubricant sensor that can be placed on the end of a grease gun to let the operator easily find places that need lubricated.

HHS classes of '46-'48 to hold reunion

Heppner High School graduating classes of 1946, 1947 and 1948 have planned a three-class reunion at the Heppner Elks Club on July 12, 2003.

A social hour is planned for 6 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m.

All alumni and friends are invited to attend and to reminisce about the good old days. Please call Jeannie Ball at 676-9666 to make dinner reservations.

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