

Ione Legion to recognize World War II veterans

Plans have been made at the Ione American Legion Post No. 95 and Auxiliary Unit for a "World War II Veterans Recognition Day" on Monday, May 31.

Realizing that the World War II veterans in this area will not see the new World War II Memorial dedicated in Washington, D.C., the Ione American Legion Post No. 95 and Auxiliary Unit decided to have a ceremony to honor the veterans from the Ione and Lexington area. The World War II National Memorial will be dedicated on Saturday, May 29.

The service will start at 10:30 a.m. at the Ione Football Field Memorial Monument and flag pole area. The speaker will be John Marshall, Interim President of Blue Mountain Community College. Marshall is a retired Marine,

having served during Desert Storm.

The biggest event of the day will be a ceremony at the Legion Hall following the ceremony at the Memorial Monument where each veteran of World War II in the Ione and Lexington area will receive special recognition for his or her service to America. A committee has been organized to coordinate this presentation.

"We do not want one World War II veteran in our community to be missed," said Bob Baker, Commander of Post No. 95. "Even if the veteran cannot attend the community celebration, members of Post No. 95 will see that their recognition awards are delivered to the veteran," he added.

To register a World War II veteran, call Jean Jepsen at 422-7421.

Baker-Morrow Regional Partnership Board announces new grant opportunity

The Baker-Morrow Regional Partnership (BMRP), a volunteer board overseeing regional and rural investment dollars from state lottery funds, announces the award of up to \$260,000 in grant funds for economic projects in Baker and Morrow counties. The emphasis of the funding is for projects that promote healthy communities through job creation and job retention activities.

With less than half of the previous biennium's funding revenue, the Baker-Morrow Regional Partnership 03-05 Strategy is now more narrowly focused on activities that work towards job-related goals. Selection for funding projects will be based on applications that: 1) successfully demonstrate the ability to complete the project outlined in the grant

application 2) propose job creation and retention activities, and 3) leverage outside funding sources to maximize the impacts of the grant funds.

The BMRP Board will consider all qualifying applications for private or public projects that promote these goals in the two counties. Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) manages the program and can provide assistance on the application process.

For more information or an application package, please contact Karen Kendall at the Pendleton GEODC office at (541) 276-6745. Completed applications must be received by: GEODC, 2016 Airport Road, P.O. Box 1041, Pendleton, OR 97801, at least three weeks prior to a BMRP meeting. These meetings are open to the public and are typically held on the first Monday of each month. Funding approvals will be subject to the availability of funds from the State.

Justice Court report

Jack Albert Ployhar, 74, Heppner, Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device, fine \$180.

Wranglers Riding Club gives season awards

The Wranglers Riding Club held the fourth of its annual series of spring play days on May 9. The events were held this year at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Arena in Heppner on the afternoons of April 18, 25, May 2, and May 9. Each week there were three different events for the contestants. The first two events were always barrel racing and pole bending. The third event was different each week and included the Rings Race, Figure 8 Race, Keyhole Race, and the Scurry Race. All the kids who participated received a bag of candy treats at the fourth play day. Overall season winners who accumulated the most points and attended at least 3 of the four play days received nice prizes such as belt buckles, saddle blankets, bridle headstalls, halters, ropes, buckets, etc. Younger contestants all received trophies for their efforts.

The season winners include the following:

Stickhorse: 1st- James West; 2nd- Kolby Currin; 3rd- Daylon Eng; and 4th- Coby Dougherty.

Leadline Winners: 1st- Kolby Currin; 2nd- James West; 3rd- Jaiden Mahoney; and 4th- Coby Dougherty.

5-8 year olds: 1st- Garret Robinson; 2nd- Tate Gentry; 3rd- Blake Greenup and 4th- Bobbie Correa.

9-12 year olds: 1st- place, Jessica Hughes, 2nd- Rebecca Jepsen; 3rd- Taighler Dougherty; and 4th- Devin Robinson.

High School: 1st- place, Becky Schiller and 2nd- Amy Jepsen.

Each year the Wranglers Club also gives a large traveling trophy to the family or individual who has shown the most improvement in their riding skills. This year's winner was 8-year-old Ryan Dougherty. She is the daughter of Cliff and Dawna Dougherty of Heppner.

Wrangler's Riding Club is open to anyone who wants to attend. Membership fees and the annual breakfast they serve at the Morrow County Rodeo help to pay for prizes each year.



Stick Horse participants (L-R): James West, Kolby Currin, Daylon Eng, Coby Dougherty, Evan Kollman, Jacee Currin and Jaiden Mahoney.



Lead Line participants (L-R): Kolby Currin, James West, Jaiden Mahoney, Coby Dougherty, Evan Kollman and Daylon Eng.



5-8-year-old participants (L-R): Garrett Robinson, Tate Gentry, Blake Greenup, Bobbie Correa, Ryan Dougherty, Makenzie Hughes, Betsy West and Ruben Finn.



Most Improved: Ryan Dougherty



9-12-year-old participants (L-R): Jessica Hughes, Rebecca Jepsen, Taighler Dougherty, Devin Robinson, Tori Lovgren, Willy Gentry and Katy West.

Wedding Tables

Sheryl Emmel & Jared Thompson
Wedding - Saturday, May 1st

Jesse Kempas & Mikel Cribbs
Wedding - Saturday, May 15th

Elizabeth Knoble & Timothy Dickenson
Wedding - Saturday, May 29th

Christina Wall & Nick Nelson
Wedding - Friday, July 2nd

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This Friday & Saturday (May 14-15)
\$13.95 individual/\$25.00 couple

BUCKNUM'S TAVERN
Barbecue Weekend
This Saturday & Sunday (May 15-16)
at the OHV Park
for the First Annual ATV Run

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Friends of John Geer & Wright Chevrolet, Inc. are cordially invited to his **RETIREMENT PARTY**, Saturday, May 22 from 3-6 p.m. Isobel Edwards Hall, Fossil

Potluck side dishes requested.
Barbecue by the "Slow Waltz Cookers" of Condon.
Soft drinks provided by Wright Chevrolet, Inc.

Come and have a visit with John before his big Alaskan Adventure!



High School participants (L-R): Becky Schiller and Amy Jepsen