

## Ione's four grand marshals the heart and soul, red, white and blue of the community

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going to yard sales and had been an antique collector. She also taught Sunday school years ago.

Laurel has three children, Cathy Halvorsen, Ione, Terry Cannon, Pendleton, and Arlene Cannon, Campbell, CA, and two grandchildren, Ryan and Allison Halvorsen.

**Irene Holtz** has been an Ione resident for nearly 60 years. She and her husband, Harold live on a wheat ranch 10 miles southwest of Ione. When her kids were small she was a room mother for several years and served as Cardinal Club (PTA) president for two years. She served as Ione Post 95 American Legion Auxiliary president for five years and has been active in numerous Auxiliary projects, including helping with ceremonies, baking cookies, Christmas baskets, potlucks and bingo nights, the Poppy Program. She has helped with various projects, such as decorating for proms, baby and bridal showers, weddings, receptions and the Fourth of July celebration. She is an active member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church and preschool.

Irene has two children, Tamara, who lives in Kentucky, and Tim, who has taken over the family farm, and one grandchild, Daniel Holtz, who lives nearby.

**Jean Jepsen** has lived in Morrow County for 44 years. She and her husband, John have been married 43 years and operated Dobyns Pest Control. She is now retired from the business, but is active in the Ione Community Church, Hospice, 4-H, volunteers at Stanfield Elementary School, working with SMART readers and in the classroom. She has held many offices and has chaired

## Cant Ranch history program set

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will offer a ranger-conducted program at the historic Cant Ranch. This one-hour program will feature the human history of the James Cant Ranch Historic District. The program will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, on the front porch of the Cant Ranch History Museum, located on Highway 19 two miles north of the intersection with Highway 26.

There is no fee, and participants should bring good walking shoes and clothing suitable to walk outdoors. For further information please call 541-987-2333

many committees with the Ione American Legion Auxiliary Unit #95 and was especially active in chairing the restoration of the hall. She not only wrote three grants to obtain money for the project, but also chaired numerous fund raisers to accomplish that goal. In the Ione Community Church she has served as chairman of Christian education, Sunday school teacher, choir member, deaconess, women's fellowship and the church council. For many years she has volunteered with 4-H programs, assisting at horse shows and fairs. She has also put on many receptions, showers, dinners and other fund raisers for members of the community.

Jean and her husband have two children, Jim and his wife Gina, and Judy Julio and her husband Mike, and two grandchildren, David and Heather Julio.

**Judy Rea** and her husband, Keith, have been married 48 years and ranched for 46 of those years, moving into town only three years ago. Originally from Connell, WA, she has been an Ione area resident since 1950. She has been a Sunday school teacher, church clerk and an officer with the Ione Community Church, a 4-H leader and volunteered for various school activities when her boys were young. She has been the Morrow County Wheat League president, and has the distinction of being the first woman president of the Oregon Wheat Growers League. She also served a four-year term on the Oregon Wheat Commission. She enjoys gardening, sewing, community activities, aiding the wheat industry and spending time with her family.

She and her husband have four sons, LeRoy, who works as a farm laborer, Craig, who recently retired after 23 years in the military, Christopher, who lives in California, and Gary who is on the family farm and eight grandchildren, one who is in Iraq.

## Circuit Court Report

The following cases are scheduled to come before the Circuit Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner:

Tuesday, July 5, 2:45 p.m.: Hearing trial readiness-state versus Sandra Kay Day, four counts of Theft I, 79 counts of Theft II, Official Misconduct and Tampering with Public Records.

Thursday, July 7, 8:30 a.m.: Hearing motion-state versus Sandra Kay Day.

## Ione Schools release honor roll

### Honor Roll Fourth Quarter

Grade 5: Jordan Peterson, Makenna Ramos, Mary Rietmann, Zachary Orem, Steven Holland, Christine Raible.  
Grade 6: Beth Morter (4.0), Shelby Wiggers, Mariah Bradfield, Mary Gates, Alex Rietmann, Tanner Rietmann.

Grade 7: Alex Carlson (4.0), Sarah Stillman (4.0), Mike Raible, RJ Ramos.

Grade 8: Tiana Camarillo (4.0), Kara Clay (4.0), Luke Bradfield, Matt Coleman, Brenna Rietmann.

Grade 9: Shannon Clay (4.0), Emily Rietmann (4.0), Justin Archer, Alan Rietmann, Kip Krebs, Kaylee Palmateer.  
Grade 10: Kayla LaRue, Stephanie Holland.

Grade 11: Ashly Grams (4.0), Amy Jepsen (4.0), Kristal Temple (4.0), Kelly Thompson (4.0), Kyle Palmateer, John Walton, Tony Bolin.

Grade 12: Nick Christman (4.0), Amanda Emery (4.0), Barbara Holland (4.0), Kasie Peterson (4.0), Tyler Raible (4.0), Arthur Ekstrom, Sara Peck, Austin Arballo, Kim Morris, Alyssa Rietmann.

### Second Semester

Grade 5: Jordan Peterson (4.0), Zachary Orem, Makenna Ramos, Mary Rietmann, Steven Holland, Christine Raible.

Grade 6: Beth Morter (4.0), Mary Gates, Mariah Bradfield, Tom Holland, Alex Rietmann, Tanner Rietmann, Shelby Wiggers.

Grade 7: Alex Carlson (4.0), Sarah Stillman (4.0), Mike Raible, RJ Ramos.

Grade 8: Tiana Camarillo (4.0), Kara Clay (4.0), Matt Coleman.

Grade 9: Justin Archer (4.0), Shannon Clay (4.0), Emily Rietmann (4.0), Alan Rietmann, Kip Krebs, Kaylee Palmateer.

Grade 10: Stephanie Holland, Kayla LaRue.  
Grade 11: Amy Jepsen (4.0), Kristal Temple (4.0), Kelly Thompson, Kyle Palmateer, Tony Bolin, Jenny Griffith, Ashly Grams.

Grade 12: Nick Christman (4.0), Amanda Emery (4.0), Barbara Holland (4.0), Kasie Peterson (4.0), Tyler Raible (4.0), Arthur Ekstrom, Sara Peck, Austin Arballo, Kim Morris, Alyssa Rietmann.

### Honorable Mention Fourth Quarter

Grade 5: Adam Collin, Daisy Robertson, JoAnna Patton.

Grade 6: Tom Holland, Tim Clay, Kevin LaRue.  
Grade 7: Stefanie Archer, Heather Wiggers, Matt Hams, Tyree Svetich, Brianna Peterson.

Grade 8: Tori Heagy, Clay Morter.  
Grade 9: Teonna Vandever, Kylee Svetich, Julianna VandenBrink.

Grade 10: Megan Tollefson, Mason Bradfield, Brittnee DesBouillon.

Grade 11: Jenny Griffith, William Bergstrom, Tyler Brown, Dan Long.  
Grade 12: Taylor McElligott.

### Second Semester

Grade 5: Adam Collin, Daisy Robertson, Kaleb Dumler, Micah Stillman.

Grade 6: Marco Juarez, Kevin LaRue.  
Grade 7: Stefanie Archer, Heather Wiggers, Tyree Svetich.

Grade 8: Luke Bradfield, Clay Morter, Brenna Rietmann.

Grade 9: Teonna Vandever, Kylee Svetich, Max Trahan.

Grade 10: Megan Tollefson, Mason Bradfield.  
Grade 11: John Walton, William Bergstrom, Dan Long.  
Grade 12: Taylor McElligott.

## EOU releases dean's list

Eastern Oregon University has announced its dean's list for the 2005 spring term. More than 470 students achieved and maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Students must have completed a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework to qualify.

EOU's spring 2005 list includes names of students from throughout Oregon, the nation and countries around the world.

Area students include:

Boardman: Debra Darrow.

Heppner: Blake Knowles.

Lexington: Sarah Eckman.

Eastern Oregon University celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the 2004-2005 academic year, ranked by "Consumers

Digest" as number two in the nation as a "Best Value for Public Colleges and Universities." "Located in a remarkable mountain setting, EOU offers exceptional faculty, personal attention and attractive facilities in La Grande, Oregon and at 16 distance learning centers throughout the state. Students engage in undergraduate research, internships and cooperative opportunities, international experiences and community service, preparing them for success in today's global environment. EOU is a student-centered university, measuring its success by their achievements," according to an EOU release.

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## Additional 149 thousand acres annexed into rural fire district

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Current fire protection tax rates vary between districts but all are well under a \$1 per \$1000 of assessed value, compared to \$2.50 per \$1000 of real market value as directed by the state.

The acreage annexed includes all of Big and Little Butter Creek Area to the Umatilla County Line up to the Oregon Department of Forestry boundary east and south of Clarks Canyon Road into Lexington, then north to Baseline Road, following it east to Myers Lane and back to Little Butter Creek to Pine City and all of the land on the east Side of Butter Creek down to Butter Creek Junction.

Since the Annexation occurred after the March 31st date, tax will not be assessed until November of 2006.

Coverage for these acres became effective on June 22, 2005, at 11:20 a.m., less than 24 hours following three lightning caused fires east of Big Butter Creek that occurred in Morrow County Land at approximately 4:30 p.m. on the 21st that burned over 2000 acres.

"Fortunately Echo Rural Fire Protection District responded to help the landowners on two of the three fires because it threatened their district," reported Steve Rhea, Heppner Fire. "We had just returned from responding to a wheat field fire in the Gooseberry area, when Echo called for mutual aid. Since we did not border with Echo Rural there was no mutual aid agreement with their district and could not respond. We hope to establish one with their district soon."

Annexations by Ione RFPD, Boardman RFPD and Irrigon RFPD are in process currently for the

## Leafy Spurge discovered in Morrow County

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It is estimated that the plant reduces the productivity of grazing land by 50 to 75 percent. In natural areas, leafy spurge reduces species diversity and habitat for wildlife and has the ability to displace native grasses and forbs in the course of only a few years.

Control of leafy spurge is limited primarily to chemical treatments. Mechanical and hand-pulling techniques simply aggravate the underground shoots and may increase the number of plants if any remnants remain in the soil. Several biological controls agents are being investigated and show promise but are not feasible for controlling small infestations at this time.

Should you find any leafy spurge or suspicious looking plants please report them to Morrow County Weed Control at 989-9502.

remainder of the unprotected areas within the county.

"With the effort of all of the Rural Fire Protection Districts within Morrow County in annexing in these areas, elimination of "no man's land" will be accomplished. There is nothing more frustrating than receiving a call from a landowner reporting a fire and having to tell them that since they are in an unprotected area we cannot respond," Rhea admits. "We are going to rely heavily on the landowners and their neighbors in fighting these fires. They know the access points and water sources in the area which is vital. They also have dozers, tractors with plows and sprayers in their pickups. The way this year has started out with the size and severity of the fires so far, it is going to take a cooperative effort with all of the resources available to be successful."

"It is a given that due to distance, we are not going to get there if someone's house is on fire to keep it from burning. We may get there in time to keep other structures from burning and to keep it from spreading. Prior to this annexation, they were on their own. We have been able to protect homes and other structures on several large wildland fires over the past several years however. We want those folks to know someone is coming when they call 911," said Rhea.

"I am seeing more and more concern from insurance companies on these areas in Oregon. It is not the fact of insurance discounts or benefits being an issue. It has become more of whether the companies will continue to offer renewals for their customers in these areas or assess surcharges instead. This has been a real issue in the forest areas for the last several years. We have had more and more companies unwilling to write coverage for the mountain cabin or home without structural protection year round and now that concern has spread to the farms and ranches in the rural areas. It is not only the fact of insuring property in these areas, it is the increase of the liability exposure that has them on edge. They want to know a fire district will respond to help mitigate these exposures. It is that simple," admits Rhea, an insurance agent who volunteers as a firefighter. "We are in discussion with property owners and the Oregon Department of Forestry in working out the details of possible annexation of Zone 1 areas like Blakes Addition, Cutsforth Park and Penland Lake into the District. We have been working on a mutual aid agreement with ODF or actually annexing the structures and up to five acres of the property that they inhabit. We are hopeful that within the year we will have a solution to this issue," Rhea said.

# BURNING BAN

**Effective July 5, 2005, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a CLOSED SEASON for open burning based on local fire safety concerns.**

**This burning ban is for the City of Heppner.**

**A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel".**

**The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per ORS 478.960.**



Generous contributions make the Ione 4th of July celebration possible. If you would like to contribute, please return this form with your donation to Ione 4th of July, P.O. Box G, Ione, OR 97843.

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