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ICC prepares for annual auction

(L-R): Betty Gray, Debbie Morgan and Katherine Lindstrom unpack boxes of items donated to the Ione Community Church's 44th annual auction and barbecue to be held at Willow Grange Hall in Ione on Saturday, June 3.

On the first Saturday in June of each year since 1962 members of the Ione Community Church have hosted an auction and barbecue dinner that causes their small town's population to swell to almost twice its normal size for a day. The theme for this year's event is "The Tradition Continues."

The countdown to this year's auction started on Saturday, May 20, with the first of four pre-auction work days. Members of the Ione Community Church set up the tables and benches used to display the merchandise for the inside part of the sale and began the process of unpacking, cleaning, sorting and pricing items to be sold. The auction itself will be on Saturday, June 3 at Willows Grange in Ione.

The day starts when the bell for the Country Store rings at 10 a.m. and ends when the last item in the outside sale is auctioned off. In between, there is a lot of fun, fellowship, bargain hunting and good food.

The Country Store includes handmade craft items, home-baked goodies, miscellaneous household items, new merchandise donated by local businesses, lots of toys and books and a huge selection of Christmas and holiday items. These items fill the upstairs of the Willows Grange Hall to bursting and overflow to the outside with the Silent Auction and sale of antique china, glassware and other collectibles.

The Outside Auction, which begins at 10:30 a.m. and usually ends around 3:30 p.m., has a tremendous selection of donated items that include antique furniture, week-end get-a-ways, gift certificates, farm supplies and services, new merchandise and numerous other items. You just never know what might turn up, but don't miss the quilt that was handmade by Helen Heideman, it will be sold at 2 p.m.

However, the highlight of the day is a delicious meal served at 12:30 p.m. It includes pit roasted barbecue beef served with barbecue sauce made from a closely guarded recipe, baked beans, French bread made by the Willow Creek Diner and Bakery and a variety of salads. The cost of the meal is $7 for adults, $4 for 4-12 year olds and children under 4 are free.

So, mark your calendars and plan a drive to the Willows Grange Hall in Ione on June 3 to enjoy a day filled with good food, good bargains and small town hospitality.

Physician prospect visits community

The Morrow County Health District Board met Dr. Zachary Hale, a Tri-Cities physician who has expressed an interest in working for the district, at their regular meeting Monday night in Heppner. MCHD CEO Victor Vander Does said that Hale was "very interested in the community" and added that he was working on a contract proposal for Dr. Hale.

Vander Does said another physician has also indicated interest in employment with MCHD.

Also at the meeting, Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney told the board that the district lost $31,637 in April, attributed to lower hospital and clinic revenues, a larger contractual (Medicaid, Medicare and insurance) adjustment and increased professional fees. However the district has shown a $382,494 year-to-date gain and an average $38,249 monthly gain for the year.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

-held its budget meeting with the budget to be adopted at the next meeting.

-approved reimbursement for employees' educational expenses after application, on a case-by-case basis.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 346 patients with 10 new patients and 39 patients treated by a nurse; the Irrigon Clinic had 174 patients with 34 new patients, 31 seen by a nurse and 23 no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 27 total runs with 21 transports for $20,621 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had

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Three arrested for series of local burglaries

Gordon Wegwerth, 18, of Ione, Daniel Nolan, 21, of Lexington and a male juvenile were arrested by Morrow County Sheriff's Office on May 18 for a series of burglaries at Morrow County Grain Growers, Morrow County School District office and Ione High School. Property recovered included computer equipment, musical instruments and ATV accessories totaling over $10,000.

South county students prepare for graduation

Ione High School students will be having their baccalaureate ceremony Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m. at Ione Community Church, with graduation being held Friday, June 2 at 7 p.m. at the IHS gymnasium. The class motto this year is Finished, yet just begun.

Heppner High School students will be holding their baccalaureate ceremony on Wednesday, May 31 at 7 p.m., at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Graduation will be held Saturday, June 3 at 2 p.m. at the HHS gymnasium. The class motto is What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Gazette closed for Memorial Day

The Heppner Gazette will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Due to the closure, the news and advertisement deadline will be Friday, May 26 at 5 p.m., for the May 31 edition. Office hours will resume as normal on Tuesday, May 30.

Doggie station installed at Heppner City Park

"DogiSpot" clean-up station at Heppner City Park.

Visitors to Heppner City Park who bring their four-legged friends with them now have a way to keep the park enjoyable for everyone. A new "DogiSpot" pet waste station has been installed. The station offers plastic bags for cleaning up pet waste and a receptacle to then place it in.

Primary Election Results

Tuesday, May 16, 2006 - Morrow County
CONTESTED RACES - MEASURES
Preliminary, unofficial results only

	HEPPNER	HARDMAN	LEXINGTON	IONE	IRRIGON	BOARDMAN	TOTALS	%
County Commissioner, Position No. 2								
Loyal Russell Burns, Jr.	85	11	88	83	54	321	27.88	
Ken A. Grieb **Goes to General Election**	303	109	89	149	179	829	72.02	
Judge of the Circuit Court, 6th District, Position 5								
Christopher R. Brauer **Goes to General Election**	188	61	97	194	208	748	30.73	
Steven Fogelson	82	13	52	114	107	368	15.11	
Annetta L. Spicer **Goes to General Election**	514	124	129	315	231	1313	53.94	
District Attorney, Morrow County								
Elizabeth Ballard **Winner**	458	97	172	265	302	1294	51.98	
John L. Ballard	66	14	20	108	95	303	12.17	
Valerie B. Doherty	253	101	104	245	183	886	35.59	
25-45: Speedway District Excise Tax to support Speedway Development — Yes	596	123	208	580	525	2032	77.76	
No	193	74	86	125	103	581	22.23	
25-46: Ione Three Year Option Tax for General Operating Expenses — Yes			60			60	42.25	
No			82			82	57.74	

NEWS & ADVERTISING DEADLINE FOR MAY 31st ISSUE:

FRIDAY, MAY 26 AT 5:00 P.M.

THE G-T WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 29th

At the MCGG GREEN FEED STORE in Heppner:

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