

## Lots of activities, food & music planned for Ione Blues Festival

The annual Ione Blues Festival week get underway this Sunday, July 2, with the First annual Texas Hold'em tournament, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Ione American Legion Hall. The entry fee is \$40 with proceeds benefiting the Ione Fourth of July Fund. The tournament pays first, second and third place. Food will be included and beverages are no-host. Contact Marvin Padberg, 422-7276, for more information.

The annual Fourth of July Golf Tournament will get off to an early start on Monday, July 3, with the bus leaving at 7:30 a.m. for the China Creek Golf Course in Arlington from the Ione Schools. Team set up is 8:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$50 per golfer with proceeds benefiting Ione High School scholarships. The bus is free of charge, sponsored by the Ione Community Agri-Business Association. For more information call Stacie Miller, 422-7410, or Craig Holland, 422-7455.

The talent show will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the Amphitheater stage at the Ione Park. Contact LynnDee Ramos, 422-7559 for more information or to sign up.

Golf tournament awards will be presented on the stage following the talent show. After the awards are presented, a live karaoke contest, with emcee Samarra Van Doorn, will begin.

On the big day, Tuesday, July 4, the celebration will get underway at 7:30 a.m. with the Dawn's Early Light Fun Run. Call Dale or Karen Holland, 676-5034, for more information.

Kids' games will start at 10 a.m. with the

Children's Fish Pond. Kids' games also include the Straw Money Pile for ages three to eight, the Frog Jump contest (frogs approved) and a bicycle raffle drawing. The horseshoe pits will open at that time also, along with the used book sale sponsored by the Ione Topic Club held outside the fire hall. The book sale will accept donations. The day will also feature open volleyball, a dunk tank, a water slide, weather permitting, and a T-shirt sale sponsored by the Ione Booster Club.

The Ione Fourth of July Parade, with Grand Marshal Wayne Rietmann, and Classic Car Cruise, along with the Blues Cruise Classic Car Show will begin at 11 a.m. Contact Chuck Nelson, 989-8148 for info concerning the car cruise and car show.

At noon food vendors, too numerous to mention, will open in the park. Pie and coffee, sponsored by the St. William's Altar Society Ladies, will be served at the fire hall. Local businesses, including Collier's Market, Taylor's Restaurant and Lounge, The Office Pub and Grill and Sunflower Junction, will be open that day. Bingo will be held at the Legion Hall. Call Harold Rietmann, 422-7472.

The Ione Pool will tentatively hold a free swim from 2-4 p.m., if maintenance work on the pool can be completed in time.

Musical entertainment, with local talent, will begin at 2 p.m., featuring Wayne Seitz, Dustin Padberg and Matt Greenup.

The Blues will begin at 3 p.m., featuring The Etouffee Band, Harper, a

blues musician from Australia, and Hillstomp. The music is sponsored by the Morrow County Recreation District.

Chuck Nelson will present the Blues Cruise Classic Car Show awards at 4 p.m. Also at that time, the Fourth of July button numbers will be drawn and posted at the ICABO hot dog booth.

## Portland Band Hillstomp to perform at Blues Festival

Hillstomp, born in a basement in southeast Portland in the spring of 2001, will perform its particular brand of "North Mississippi trance-blues" on stage during the Ione Blues Festival Tuesday, July 4.

The "bastard child of Henry Christian and John Johnson's mutual need to make music and drink beer," Hillstomp was born in a basement in southeast Portland in the spring of 2001. Within a few weeks, the guitar and drum duo played its first open mike at the Green Room in Portland to a "rousing response." Unfortunately, Johnson's drumset (a cardboard box, plastic bucket and Weber-grill lid) didn't survive the ordeal, so the pair went back under the basement stairs to build some new drums and practice. In June 2002, Hillstomp emerged from the dust and dark with its raucous brand of hill-country blues-rock stomp.

According to a news release, "Hillstomp's blues differs dramatically from the 12-bar style practiced by most Chicago and delta blues men. It draws inspiration instead from such hill blues men as R.L. Burnside, Junior Kimbrough and Robert Belfour. Even as a duo, its sound completely fills a room, leaving the defenseless crowd to wonder why most other bands have so many people standing around."

After releasing two extended plays in 2003, Hillstomp released its first full-length album, "One Word," to a sold-out crowd at the White Eagle Saloon in Portland. The duo hit the road this spring on a West Coast tour that hit San Francisco, Las Vegas and Ashland, among other points south.

## Thibodeaux, Etouffee Band to take stage in Ione

Kelly Thibodeaux and the Etouffee Band of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, will perform this year at the Ione Fourth of July Celebration.

Led by fiddler Thibodeaux, Etouffee combines "red hot fiddle, shufflin' rhythm and blues,

The jet boat fishing trip auction, benefiting the Mike Mathews Scholarship Fund, The Ione Education Foundation and other Ione community organizations, will be held at 7 p.m.

And then at dusk, what we've all been waiting for—the fireworks will get underway. The fireworks are made possible by donations and the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

## Blind Pig recording artist "Harper" brings world blues from Australia to Ione Fourth

"Imagine a singer with the deep soul of Motown, a harmonica player who can graft Sonny Boy 11 and Little Walter with Sugar Blue, a song writer who tells his own compelling stories in an unhurried, J.J. Cale-like manner, and a musical visionary who is unafraid to mix the didgeridoo, an important part of his Australian Indigenous culture, with infectious modern percussive rhythms, and you have a glimpse of what Harper is about," says Art Tipaldi, Hartford Advocate, CT.

Raised in the beautiful coastal city of Perth, Western Australia, Harper is known for his soulful vocals, unique harmonica performances and his innovative song writing style. He also includes the intensely spiritual didgeridoo, an Australian indigenous instrument.



Harper

Harper grew up listening to folk, soul and blues music and surfing on Western Australia's incredible coastline. Harper has been taking his music to the world, performing in Australia, the USA, Canada, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Singapore and France. He has received multiple Australian Blues awards for "male vocalist of the year", and "song of the year" and "acoustic artist of the year". His 2003 release, "Way Down Deep Inside," also was awarded "album of the year" and two harmonica awards.

In recent years Harper began a journey of self discovery and revelation which began with a chance meeting with a Hopi, "Dan Running Bear," in Silverton, Colorado. Harper became fascinated with the spirituality and culture of the American Natives. He also became aware of how little he knew about the Australian Aborigines of his homeland. He set himself a course which completely changed his whole concept of the indigenous culture of the land in which he lives. Harper dedicated his "Way Down Deep Inside" CD to the first Australians. Harper's latest CD, "Down To The Rhythm" (Blind Pig Records), continues his spiritual journey, according to a release. Written, arranged and produced by Harper, "Down To The Rhythm" is Harper's most powerful work and follows his multi award winning CD, "Way Down Deep Inside". His rich soulful voice, virtuoso harmonica solos and didgeridoo rhythmic sounds, combine to create a truly Australian take on the roots music genre. It is also a disc layered with incredible songwriting and meaningful lyrics.

Harper is currently touring the U.S. His American band features Tyler Mac on guitar, James Pace on keyboards/djembe and Scott Key on drums. Harper, a blues singer from Australia, will perform at this year's Ione Fourth of July Blues Festival. Other major festival appearances include: The Portland Waterfront Festival, The Chicago Blues Festival, Florida's String Break, The Fort Madison Blues Festival, Iowa, Waterfest, Wisconsin, The Sleeping Bear Blues & Dune Grass Festival, Michigan, The Paola Roots Festival, Kansas, The Tawas Blues by The Bay Festival, Michigan, The Traverse City Film Festival, Michigan and The Festival of the Forks, Michigan. May 5, 2006 was declared "Harper Day" by the Mayor of Fort Smith, Arkansas for Harper's contribution to the "Blues in the Schools" program and his performances at The Fort Smith River Front festival.

For tour dates, video clip, reviews & info please go to Harper's website: [www.harper.biz](http://www.harper.biz) or [www.myspace.com/harperband](http://www.myspace.com/harperband) or Blind Pig Records: [www.blindpigrecords.com](http://www.blindpigrecords.com).

plus a kickin' Southern rock to create an exciting new sound known as Swamp Rock."

"This is music that will roll you down Bourbon Street or lead you into the darkest swamps, music so eminently danceable, almost no one-young or old-can resist."

Thibodeaux and Etouffee have shared the stage with: Buckwheat Zydeco, C.J. Chenier, Joe Louis Walker, Sonny Landreth, John Hammond, Jr., Elvin Bishop, The Marshall Tucker Band, Joe Houston and Charlie Musselwhite.

## Drawing contest open for all ages

This year Morrow County 4-H will host the First Annual Heifer Futurity on September 30. To kick off the festivities, the Futurity is opening a drawing contest to create the first year's logo. The logo will be on jackets, shirts, hats, and any advertising for the Heifer Futurity. Winner will receive prizes and recognition. The winner and his/her chosen logo will be announced at the Morrow County Fair, with the time and place to be announced.

The deadline to submit drawings is Wednesday, July 12, by mail to: Morrow County Extension Service, P.O. Box 397, Heppner, OR 97836; or by dropping off at the office

at 54173 Highway 74 Heppner, OR 97836

Requirements are as follows: Artists may be of any age, and may submit up to two drawings. Preference will be given to Morrow County residents. Drawings must somehow include a cow or heifer. Drawings can be no larger than 8 1/2 inches x 10 inches and no smaller than 4 inches x 4 inches. Drawings cannot be in pastels or pencil.

The deadline is drawing near, so don't miss this opportunity to win great prizes, says Darcee Slater. For more information, contact the Morrow County Extension Service: 541-676-9642.


## Class on autism planned in Heppner

A class, "Understanding Autism-An Overview," has been planned for Wednesday, August 9, from 1-3 p.m. at the Morrow County Behavioral Health Conference Room, 120 S. Main, Second Floor, in Heppner.

There is no charge for the program, which is sponsored by the Eastern Oregon Regional Crisis Program and Morrow County Behavioral Health. Instructor is Alice Massey with the Eastern Oregon Regional Crisis Program.

"This session will provide and overview of the condition of autism. Common characteristics of the disorder will be covered and participants provided with a worksheet to map how autism appears in a person they support. The class will also present a brief introduction to creating visual supports for persons with autism to give them predictability and structure in their daily routines," according to a news release.

Call Betty McTavish, 676-9161, to register. Registration deadline is Monday, August 7.



# IONE'S BLUES FESTIVAL

## Red, White and Blues Cruisin' to the Blues

### July 2nd, 3rd and 4th

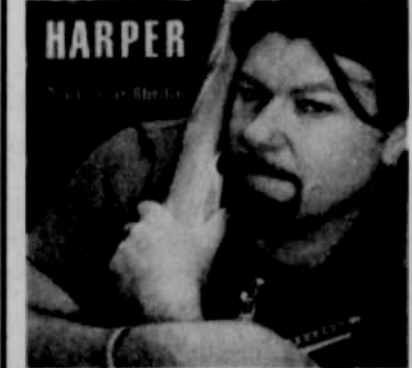
- SUNDAY, JULY 2nd** FIRST ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT at the Ione American Legion Hall. \$40 entry fee. Contact Marvin Padberg, 422-7276 for more information.
- MONDAY, JULY 3rd** ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY GOLF TOURNAMENT at China Creek Golf Course in Arlington. \$50 per golfer. Free busing from Ione to China Creek and back. Contact Stacie Miller, 422-7410 or Craig Holland, 422-7455 for more information.

Don't miss the TALENT SHOW on Monday evening, 6:30 p.m., at the Ione Amphitheater stage! Contact LynnDee Ramos, 422-7559, for more information.

**TUESDAY, JULY 4th** PARADE and Classic Car Cruise starts at 11 a.m. with Grand Marshal Wayne Rietmann.  
**BLUES CRUISE CLASSIC CAR SHOW!**  
 Contact Chuck Nelson, 989-8148 for more information.

**ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF GREAT MUSIC...**

Starting with the Opening Act "BASELINE" at 2 p.m. featuring local talent Wayne Seitz, Dustin Padberg and Matt Greenup.



**BLUES MUSIC**  
 Starting at 3 p.m. with  
**Etouffee Band**  
**HARPER**  
**Hillstomp**  
 (Sponsored by the Morrow County Recreation District)

**AT DUSK - FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS! FIREWORKS!**  
 (Made possible by your generous donations and the Morrow County Recreation District)  
 Please, no dogs or fireworks in the park during our celebration. Thank you!



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