

Ione American Legion & Auxiliary to hold Texas Hold 'Em Poker and Bingo Fund Raiser Extravaganza

The Ione American Legion & Auxiliary Post #95 will hold their 2008 Texas Hold 'Em Poker and Bingo Fund Raiser Extravaganza on Saturday, March 8, at the Ione Legion Hall.

Attention all poker faces, buy-in for the poker tournament is \$40. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. with poker play to begin at 6:30 p.m. No late buy-ins will be allowed. Whether you Hold 'Em or Fold 'Em, if you are one of the last four poker players still bluffing your way to the final table, you'll walk away with a fist full of cash by the end of the night.

Anticipation and anxiety grows with the call of each number until some lucky duck breaks the antagonizing silence by screaming at the top of their lungs for all the world to hear clearly and precisely...BINGO. Die hard bingo players will enjoy 25 cent bingo cards and the cash that comes with each win.

Treasure hunters

will be in awe over the silent auction items up for bid this year. A 'no minimum bid' agenda has been adopted for this year's auction action. Don't be shy about your bidding...as it has been said before...."A big bid will get you what a little bid won't."

Did someone say Bake Sale? You better believe it. Betty and the Dough Boy had better run for cover because the best bakers in town are strappin' on their aprons, pullin' out their spatulas and are getting ready to mix up the best. Be ready for the biggest bakery bazaar this place has seen in a long time. You had better whip out your cash and slap it down fast, buddy, this stuff will be selling quicker than flapjacks at IHOP!!

Don't even think about leaving the Legion Hall hungry. A sandwich and salad bar with a variety of scrumptious sandwich fixings and salads will be available for a donation of your discretion. Taylors Beverage

Bar will be there stirring things up a bit by creating thirst quenching beverage concoctions for all ages at a reasonable price.

Who says that you have to wait until March 8 to get the action started? Two raffle items are up for draw this year. The Legionnaires are selling raffle tickets for a Winchester 1300 pump action shotgun. As for the Auxiliary, they are selling raffle tickets for a 15" digital photo frame. All tickets are selling for \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Tickets may be purchased at Colliers Market, Taylor's Restaurant, and the Bank of Eastern Oregon Ione Branch or from any legion or auxiliary member.

For more information call: poker and bingo questions, shotgun raffle tickets: Lloyd McNary 422-7569; silent auction and bake sale questions, photo frame tickets: Irene Holtz 422-7487, Jean Jepsen 422-7421, or June Crowell 422-7171.

ICABO holds annual meeting in Ione



Anne Morter (center) talks with Nancy Snider, president of the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, last Wednesday night at the annual meeting of the Ione Community Agri-Business Organization (ICABO).

ICABO asked different community organizations to set up displays at the Legion hall while people from the community looked over the displays and asked questions. Also pictured is Jean Jepsen (right) and Del and Lina LaRue (left). Finger food and drinks were served to the guests.

"Leprechaun Run" a new event at this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration

Doris Brosnan

"Leprechauns love to run" is a provable statement. One only need ask the next leprechaun one sees to find out for sure. Maybe this is why the leprechauns have added a "Leprechaun Run" to this year's St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The leprechauns are inviting all children in kindergarten through sixth grade to join a run to a pot of gold on Saturday morning, March 15.

"They love children and know that children love to run, also," a leprechaun spokesperson reports. (The silent Heppner Leprechauns need a spokesperson.) "Tis easy as one, two, three! Children in kindergarten through sixth grade, who love to run, simply: 1) hand in the registration forms that their

parents have signed (the leprechauns will be bringing the forms to grade schools and have them at the beginning of the run); 2) put on their racing shoes (no rollers); and 3) run like an Irish breeze to the Pot O' Gold. The Leprechaun Run will take place on Saturday, March 15, at 11:30 a.m., beginning at the Veterans Memorial Park at the North end of town and ending on the Shamrock in the center of town. All runners who complete the run will receive a wee bit o' the leprechauns' treasure! (And what, one might wonder, do the leprechauns truly have in their treasure troves?)

Interested runners will want to watch for the leprechauns and the registration forms, coming soon, and will want to start training, no doubt. For more information call Peggy Fishburn, at 676-5246.

Palmateer and crew to participate in Weapons Load Crew of the Year Competition

A1C, Kyle Palmateer, of Heppner, has been stationed down in Almagordo, NM for the past year. His specialty is Armament Systems where he gets to work with the weapons and bombs that go onto the F-117 Stealth, which is being phased out, so now he will be working with the F-22 Raptor.

His crew, which is a three man crew, recently participated in a competition for Weapons Load Crew, which they won and that earned them a spot in the Weapons Load Crew of the Year Competition. Load Crew of the Year is a competition to find the Best of the Best at what they do. They compete against three other teams.

The competition load, a complete combat loadout of the F-117A, is the highlight of the event and accounts for the majority of the competition points. It begins with the load crews applying power to the aircraft for a stray voltage check. The munition is then



Kyle Palmateer and his crew recently participated in a competition for Weapons Load Crew.

checked for serviceability and the aircraft prepared for the upload. The munition is transported to the weapons bay, locked in, and prepared for release. A final check of the aircraft is made, the aircraft forms are documented, and the crew requests that the competition timer be stopped.

Points are deducted from the load for safety/reliability errors, FOD, procedure violations, improper tool/equipment use, and missed/over steps in the

loading checklist. Points are awarded for completion of the load under the established time standards but the fastest crew is not always the winner. The winner of this competition is announced at a later date.

Kyle enjoys working around and with the aircraft. He is pretty excited about the Raptor coming in and giving him something new to work with. Kyle also stays busy by going riding with friends on his 4-wheeler, camping and trips to El Paso.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

Dec. 28: -MCSO deputy was out with a vehicle that had a flat tire. The subjects were able to fix the tire.

-MCSO received a report involving a stolen vehicle that was spotted.

-MCSO investigated a possible Driving under the Influence driver that turned out to be a driver not feeling well.

-MCSO received a report from a female reporter regarding a male and female subject who continuously called her.

-MCSO received a report from a male reporter who reported that his business that he works for had been broken into.

-MCSO received a request for traffic control for a cattle drive across the highway.

-MCSO arrested Christopher Ross Simmons, 44, for Harassment-DV and interfering with making a report.

-MCSO received a

MC Fair and Rodeo coronation to be held



Pictured is Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Becky Schiller with PGG Assistant Manager Joann Kinder. PGG is donating a Western Art picture for the Queen and Court Coronation on March 2 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, to be used for the auction. Along with the coronation there will be a dinner at 6 p.m., a silent and live auction, live entertainment and much more. The public is invited to come and congratulate Queen Becky Schiller and her princesses, Torrie Lovgren and Cheyenne Ward. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to 422-7330 or 422-7026.

report regarding a large white dog that was hooked to a 10 ft. chain had been running loose.

-MCSO received a report about a female who had been assaulted by a male to whom the reporter thought was breaking a restraining order. It was reported that the female missed three days of work due to injuries. The reporter also advised that the female reporter was too scared and that was the reason she had not contacted law enforcement.

-MCSO received a report regarding a female who gave out credit card information and then cancelled her cards thru the bank.

-BPD inquired about a vehicle parked in a field with keys in it. BPD checked with the neighbor for the reason why the vehicle was parked at this particular location.

-BPD received a report about an area where the lights were out when they should be on. The area was checked.

-BPD received a report about people banging on the reporter's door.

-BPD received a phone report from a residence just west of the Econo Lodge. The residence's door had been kicked in. The residence was vacant at the time.

-BPD received a report regarding a large black dog attempting to attack the female reporter.

-BPD officer received a report of a verbal dispute in progress.

-BPD officer went to a residence to investigate a paintball incident.

-BPD arrested Luis Alberto Navarro Jr., 19, for Criminal Trespass II.

-BPD was advised by a male reporter that a female subject kept going to his father's house asking him for money.

-BPD arrested Jesse Robledo, 44, for unlawful dealing and possession of Meth.

-Heppner Ambulance assisted a male with severe back pain.

-Heppner Ambulance transported a patient to Lexington Airport.

-Irrigon Ambulance received a request for a 42 year old female who had fallen.

Dec. 29: -MCSO received a report from a reporter who had run over metal and had discovered it was a license plate.

-MCSO received a report regarding two male subjects involved in a motor vehicle accident near Yakima Bend. The reporter had a head injury and was bleeding. The subjects were advised with directions on where they could go for their

injuries.

-MCSO and BPD received a report about a vehicle that had slid off the road. It was a non-injury accident.

-MCSO received a report about four dogs running lard in a field just north of the RR tracks and to the west of Paterson Ferry Rd.

-MCSO received a report from a female reporter who had just came back from vacation to find her residence broken into. The reporter was not sure what all had been other than her \$1,000 from her dresser.

-MCSO received a report regarding debris being removed from the road.

-MCSO received a request for extra patrol in the area of River View Mobile Court.

-MCSO received a report regarding a seven year old male subject who was unconscious but still breathing. The male subject was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

-MCSO received a phone call from a female subject who advised she received a text message from her neighbor in Scottsdale, Arizona stating her neighbor's husband went crazy and to call the cops. MCSO made contact with Scottsdale PD and advised them of this ball and the information

Futuristic Tundra showcased at 2007 FFA convention



Lane Wright, left, of Heppner and Taylor Disque of Lexington, stand next to Toyota's TRD Tundra Street Concept truck during the 2007 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN which was attended by more than 50,000 people (Oct. 24-Oct. 27). Wright and Disque are members of the Heppner FFA chapter.

Send your pictures and articles to editor@rapidsolve.net