

Ione School Board awards construction bids

By April Sykes

The Ione School board, at a special meeting Monday night, awarded a contract to Knerr Construction, Inc., for \$845,000 for construction of a classroom addition at the school.

The board approved two add-ons to the base bid of \$828,000: the addition of a science room sewer, in-

cluding a chemical shower and eyewash for \$12,000, and a special "elastomeric paint" coating designed to fill holes and "mitigate what the woodpeckers are doing" to the outside of one of the buildings for \$5,000.

Knerr was low bid with McCormack Construction Co. second with a bid of \$851,700; Swagert Brothers, Inc., third with \$862,330; and Walkans-Farwell-Moffett Bros. fourth with \$972,747.

The board also approved replacement of the tables in the cafeteria and two additional tables for the opposite wall at \$20,686.

In a construction update, Willamette Education Service District director David McKay told the board, "We're in a very good position. We've had very good bids." He said that although the entire project is "technically" over budget, the scope of the project had increased. He said the entire project still comes well within the contingency amount budgeted. "Considering the total picture, we're still within budget," said McKay. The orig-

inal capital improvement budget was \$2,799,640 with the revised budget coming in at \$2,808,539. He outlined revenue as \$2,800,000 in bond proceeds, \$19,546 in state pool interest; \$104,833 in bond premium funds, \$31,457 for Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) funds and \$12,390 received as a BPA incentive, totaling \$2,968,225. McKay told the board that the monies received from interest, the BETC and BPA incentive could be used for furnishings.

Other bids awarded include:

-Gordon's Electric-low bid for a lighting retrofit project at \$21,922. Culver Electric, LLC, was second at \$25,864; Modern Electric Services Company, third at \$26,980; and Pendleton Electric, fourth at \$40,523.

-Performance Abatement Services-low bid at \$8,760 for asbestos abatement. IRC Abatement Technologies was second with \$9,500; Alpine Abatement was third with \$9,668; and PMG, Inc., fourth at \$12,000.

-Brandsen Hard-

wood Floors, Inc.-low bid at \$70,000 for replacement of the maple floating gym floor. JLD Construction, LLC, was the only other bid for \$101,257. Brandsen also offered an alternate base bid for gym floor replacement for an Aacer RetroCoustic Floor System at \$78,900.

-pool project with Matheson Painting at \$49,686; Purswell Electrical/Mechanical base at \$36,900; Purswell COP for additional pipe repair-\$850; Big River Electrical at \$3,135 for inspector and out of scope work; and Pendleton Plumbing estimated \$1,200 for drainage.

Also at the meeting the board approved a motion to authorize a contract with Ruth Burnett to fill the special education teaching position. Superintendent Karl Ostheller said that Burnett was hired out of 12 applicants for the spot.

The board also held an executive session to "discuss discipline of a public officer and/or hear complaints against a public officer."

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Ione Red White & Blues... Cruisin' to the Blues 4th of July Celebration

Event Schedule

Grand Marshall, Bill Rietmann

Friday, July 3:

16th annual golf tournament	9 a.m.	Willow Creek Country Club
Paintball Course	11 a.m. -7 p.m.	Ione High School
Talent Contest	6:30 p.m.	Ione City Park
Music by Bad Influence/Paintball Shooting Gallery		Ione City Park
Food by Taylor's/Syd's Lemonade Stand		Ione City Park

Saturday, July 4:

Fireman's Breakfast	7-10 a.m.	Ione Fire Hall
5K run/walk	7:30 a.m.	Ione School
Topic Club Book Sale	10 a.m.	Ione Fire Hall
Children's Fish Pond	11 a.m.	Ione Fire Hall
Frog Jumping	11:30 a.m.	Ione City Park
Paintball Course	11 a.m. -7 p.m.	Ione School
Altar Society Pie Sale	noon	St. Williams Church
Red, White & Blues Parade	1 p.m.	Main Street Ione
Cruisin' to the Blues Car Show	1 p.m.	Ione City Park
American Legion Bingo	After Parade	American Legion Hall
Free swimming	2-4 p.m.	Ione Swimming Pool
Spanish Club BBQ Rib Dinner	3-7 p.m.	American Legion Hall
Ione Blues Festival	3 p.m.	Ione Amphitheater
Boat Trip Auction	7 p.m.	Ione Amphitheater
Fireworks Display	at dusk	Ione City Park

Other events throughout the day include: Straw Money Pile, Dunk Tank, Pie Throwing, Ducky Races, Horseshoes, Volleyball, and Paintball Shooting Gallery.

Lion's Club annual barbecue and officer installation held

The Heppner Lions Club recently had their annual barbecue and officer installation. During the informal meeting, club president Dick Paris reviewed some of the club's accomplishments and activities.

Since July 2008, the 22 member club furnished eyeglasses to three individuals, donated \$100 toward a camping scholarship to Gales Creek Camp for Juvenile Diabetics, donated \$100 toward "Riding for Sadie" for the advancement of research and assistance to families with premature sight disable infants, awarded \$500 scholarships to three 2008 graduates of Heppner High School, and furnished the soda and juice for the Kid's Fishing Derby.

The past year's projects included Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup, spreading gravel at the Heppner football field for dust abatement, presentation of American flags to the first- and second-graders at Heppner and Ione Elementary Schools, decorating a booth for the Morrow County Fair (which earned the Superintendent's Choice Award), as well participating as a



Pictured are the new Lion's Club officers: back row (L-R) are Rusty Estes, Dick Paris, Steve Rhea, Molly Rhea, and Jim Fichter; front row (L-R) are Dean Robinson and Joyce Shepherd. -Contributed photo

team, The Tail Twisters, in the MS Walk.

Heppner Lions earned money for the above projects and donations through a rifle raffle, 4th of July firework sale, and rodeo program sales.

This year's featured rifle for the raffle 300 Winchester short magnum with a 3x9 Nikon scope, tickets are available from Steve Rhea at Wheatland Insurance, or Jimmy Fitcher. The firework's booth will be located in the Heppner Family Foods parking lot, with sales commencing June 29 - come by early to be certain to find your favorites.

Anyone interested in joining interested in joining the Lion's Club can talk with any of the members. The club meets the third

Wednesday of every month. Members of the Heppner Lions include: Alan and Debbie Scott, Rusty and Cyde Estes, Dick and Carolyn Paris, Steve and Molly Rhea, Dean and Florene Robinson, Paula and Roger Trueax, Jim Fichter, Joyce Shepherd, Jordan Shepherd, Dan Van Liew, Kathy Warner, George Norris, Rene Devin, Jonathon Enz, Tina Davidson, Tom Mafera, and Forrie and Gail Burkinbine.

2009-2010 officers installed at the meeting are: president - Dick Paris; vice-president - Rusty Estes; secretary - Molly Rhea; treasurer - Steve Rhea; lion tamer - Jim Fichter; tail twister - Dean Robinson; membership committee chair - Joyce Shepherd.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church completes VBS week



St. Patrick's Catholic Church held Vacation Bible School June 8-11. Participants enjoyed classes, crafts, games, music and snacks. -Contributed Photo

Ione to hold annual 4th of July celebration

Ione's annual Red White & Blue's celebration will begin on Friday, July 3.

The 16th annual golf tournament will be held at the Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner. Tee off will be at 9 a.m. and lunch will be provided by Creative Care Preschool. For tournament information contact Stacie Miller at 422-7410. For golf cart rentals contact WCCC at 676-5437.

The Paintball Palace out of Eugene will set up a paintball course across the bridge from Ione Community School. The course will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday the course will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will also set up

a Paintball Shooting Gallery at the park on Friday evening and on Saturday.

The annual talent contest will be run by Katie Garrett will be held on Friday evening. Contestants are encouraged to contact Garrett for a form or with the information she will need to get them on her schedule. She can be contacted at 914-4497. Contestants may also obtain a talent contest form by emailing gatesarlynda@hotmail.com and requesting a form to be emailed to you. The talent show will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening.

Music will be by Bad Influence, food will be by Taylors, and Syd's Lemonade Stand will also

be available.

The Red, White & Blues parade will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Line-up will start at noon at the MCGG elevator at the east end of town. Dave Heagy is heading up the parade and can be contacted at 422-7066 for more information. The grand marshal this year is Bill Rietmann. Parade form can also be obtained by emailing gatesarlynda@hotmail.com.

The 16th Annual Blues Cruise will be part of the celebration this year, organized by Chuck Nelson. Anyone interested in entering their classic vehicle into the car show may contact Nelson at 989-8148. The car show will be held at 1 p.m. in Ione City Park.

Morrow County Fair and Rodeo changes dates

The Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo will be held the first full week of August (5th-9th).

The Morrow County Fair Board, OPR com-

mittee, 4-H, FFA and Livestock Growers have taken this opportunity to decide on a few other changes as well. The Livestock Auction will be on Saturday beginning at 2 p.m. and the

Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo will be at 7 p.m.

For more information call Ren'ee at 541-676-9474. For a full schedule go to www.morrowcountyoregon.com/fair.

Articles wanted for annual fair edition

The annual Morrow County Fair is fast approaching. Once again this year the Heppner Gazette-Times will be put-

ting together a special fair edition. Anyone interested in writing any fair related articles are asked to turn in those articles by Wednes-

day, July 15. Articles can be dropped off at the Heppner Gazette-Times or emailed to editor@rapidsolve.net.

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