

## Easter sunrise service to be held at fairgrounds

An Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the fairgrounds this Easter Sunday, April 24, beginning at 7 a.m. The service will be sponsored by the South Morrow County Ministerial Association.

Local pastors from many of the area churches will lead the service, and Pastor Keith Price will give the message. Ms. Jordan Bemrose and several of her Ione students will accompany Easter hymns with trumpet and trombone. An offering to benefit the work of the Neighborhood Center will be gathered. All members of the community are invited.

In the event of bad weather, the service will be held at Hope Lutheran Church at the corner of Cowins and Alfalfa (near the dam).

## Ione Easter egg hunt planned

Ione's annual Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 23, at 10 a.m. in the Ione City Park. Children up to the fourth grade are invited. Anyone wishing to make a donation to this annual event may drop them off at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Ione branch.

## Community Lunch Menu

Church of the Nazarene and Seventh Day Adventist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, April 27 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, mixed veggies, fruit cocktail, rolls and lemon bars. Menu is subject to change.

## 11" ANNUAL IONE TV SHOOT

(METAL GONG SIZE OF A 27" TV)

Date: Saturday, April 30th, 2011

Location: Frank & Joe Halvorsen's Farm  
Directions Drive 3 miles up Gooseberry Road and turn right on Halvorsen Lane, go West 4 miles, there will be signs from there.

Registration: 8:30 am-9:30 am

Fees: \$20.00 per person

\*\* All proceeds will be used to purchase children's prizes for the Ione 4th July Celebration \*\*

Lunch: Cost: \$8.00 adults

\$4.00 for kids 10 & under

BBQ Beef Sandwiches, Hot Dogs & Brats, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, and Chips

(Lunch price includes breakfast pastries, juice and coffee in the morning)

For more information contact:  
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## FLETCHER

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their Ball grandparents.

"Having grandparents in town has been a godsend," says Fletcher.

After spending years enduring long commutes, Fletcher says he now looks forward to the simple things about rural life, like spending more time with his family.

"I'm looking forward to attending my kids' sports games and participating more in raising them," he says.

He's also anticipating boating and hunting in the summer, and getting back in the mountains to go after elk, but he says he'll be hunting with a rifle.

"I tried hunting with a bow, but it didn't work out for me," says Fletcher. "It's hard, and you have to be quiet and sneaky, which doesn't seem to bode well for me."

Fletcher's job as MCSD business manager is making sure school district revenue meets the needs of the budget. That's no small

task in this economy, he says.

"The biggest challenge in the state right now is inadequate revenue to cover the increasing cost of doing business. That's a problem across the board," says Fletcher.

Fortunately, the MCSD is in great shape. Thanks to careful management, Fletcher says, Morrow County isn't facing the woes other state districts are facing.

That means one of Fletcher's bigger challenges will be transitioning from the private sector to government work, because they have different financial standards. His other concern is filling the job's role as well as Lorenz.

"I'm following in the footsteps of someone who was intimately familiar with the district. Those are big shoes to fill," says Fletcher. "I'm sure the terrors will wear off after a while."

## Over the Tee Cup

Fifteen ladies turned out for a day of beautiful golf weather at Willow Creek Country Club on Tuesday, April 12.

The low gross of the field was taken by Coral Mitchell, while Burl DeBoer walked away with the low net of the field. Loa Heideman had the least putts.

For team play, Nancy Prophet, Karen Thompson and Ann Elgin carried the low gross. Virginia Grant, Lynnea Sargent, Jackie Alstott and Bev Steagall had low net, and the team of Pat Edmundson, Lorrene Montgomery and

Betty Carlson had the least putts.

Loa Heideman placed number one for birdies and Coral Mitchell had the long put on hole number 8.

Ladies play is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Tuesdays for the remainder of April. Ladies are asked to come to at least 20 minutes early to sign up for the play of the day. Latecomers can also call the club house at 676-5437 to reserve a spot.

Have a News story or Photo for the Gazette?

Email to editor@rapidsolve.net

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175  
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161  
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

## NEWS EDITOR

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jobs in the Virginia Beach area, including copy editor for Lifestyle Improvement Centers, editor of AVA Magazine and marketing assistant for NewReality, LLC. She has also had freelance articles and fiction appear in a variety of publications, including the Libraries of Eastern Oregon anthology, "A Sense of Place."

After the birth of their daughter in 2008, Di Salvo and her family relocated to Heppner for a fresh start. She took on the role of full-time mother, but remained active in church and the community. She and her husband started a part-time business, Di Salvo's Italian Ice Cream, which

she says has surprised them with its popularity. She also continued to write and edit on a freelance basis.

Di Salvo says the break from the workplace was nice, but she's now excited to be back at work and interacting with the community.

"This is my hometown, and these are the people I care about," says Di Salvo. "I can't wait to dive in and start taking part in the life of this community again. There's no better place to be."

Anyone interested in submitting a story to the Gazette-Times may contact Andrea at editor@rapidsolve.net.

## First annual Eastern Oregon 2011 Walk MS held



The All Saints Hope for the Cure Team took part in the Oregon 2011 Walk MS on April 16. Back Row: Katy Anderson, Bill McDowell, Steve Rhea, David Sykes and April Sykes. Front Row: Joan Basile, Merilee McDowell and Molly Rhea. -Contributed Photo

The first "EO 2011 Walk MS" was held in Pendleton, Saturday, April 16. Heppner volunteers, walk teams and individuals joined forces with Pendleton for this year's MS Walk.

"The 'combined walks' brought a spirit of joy, enthusiasm and hope with one common goal: 'A world free of MS'" said co-chair, Merilee McDowell.

It was the 13<sup>th</sup> year for Heppner and third year for Pendleton to sponsor a walk. A total of \$7,000 was raised, with more donations coming in daily.

"Close to 200 walkers from many Eastern Oregon communities shared their experiences, strengths and hopes, with bonds being made, and new friendships developed," McDowell said.

After the walk, Pendleton volunteers served hot dogs for the hungry walkers. Darrin Umbarger, co-chair, gave out raffle items donated by the Pendleton Wal-Mart store.

After an enjoyable day, the question was, "Where will we have the walk next year?"

## "Good Luck at State"



### STATE SPEECH AND DEBATE



Western Oregon University



April 21-23 2010



## Ione Speech & Debate Team

(L-R) Kevin LaRue, Julianne Carlson, Thomas Holland, Jeremy Coleman, Mary Gates

**Congratulations Ione Speech & Debate Team!**

## COLUMBIA RIVER COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY!

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**Columbia River Community Health Services**

For Donations or Questions Call Mindy at 541-481-7212

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