

# Ione holds annual 4th of July celebration



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## NRCS to host information-gathering meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be hosting a meeting to gather input regarding the natural resource opportunities and priorities across the county.

The Morrow County strategic conservation community meeting will be held July 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the USDA Service Center conference room at 430 Linden Way in Heppner.

The goal of the meeting is to "bring together individuals with a variety of expertise and knowledge, allowing NRCS and others to build on collective successes while focusing efforts to make the greatest impact with available staff and funding."

The NRCS is seeking

help to identify where the best investments can be made to address natural resource problems, find out what work has already been done in the county and learn community members' visions for what the county will look like when these natural resource concerns have been solved.

The NRCS will be using the information provided to create a long-range strategy for Morrow County. This will help guide conservation efforts and funding over the next five to 10 years.

"The information provided in this process will help all of us work towards a stronger, healthier more economically viable community and agricultural industry," states the NRCS.

## Over the Tee Cup

The Willow Creek Country Club ladies held their 9-Hole Tee Bird Invitational on Tuesday, June 28. Ladies from Oregon and Washington clubs joined local golfers for a day of competition, a salad luncheon and prizes.

**Low gross of the field:** Carol Mitchell, WCCC.

**Low net of the field:** Laura Rogers, WCCC.

**Other Winners:**

*Buckskin Golf Club*

Low Gross—1<sup>st</sup>, Charla Casey

Low Net—1<sup>st</sup>, Mary Brose; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Velma Sparks

*Canyon Lakes Golf Club*

Low Gross—1<sup>st</sup>, Connie Richardson

Low Net—1<sup>st</sup> (Tie), Enes Shonka and Jean Brooks

*La Grande CC*

Low Gross—1<sup>st</sup>, Kathy Shanks; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Iva Warness;

3<sup>rd</sup>, Leslie Steele

Low Net—1<sup>st</sup>, Carol Summers; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Betty Hyde;

3<sup>rd</sup>, Gin Drew

*Meadow Springs CC*

Low Gross—1<sup>st</sup>, Kathy Beecher

Low Net—1<sup>st</sup>, Mary Bell Peterson

*Willow Creek CC*

Low Gross—1<sup>st</sup>, Karen Thompson; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Virginia Grant; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pat Edmundson

Low Net—1<sup>st</sup>, Ann Elgin; 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tie), Betty Carlson,

Lynnea Sargent and Lorraine Montgomery

**Special Events:**

*Long Drive*—Guest, Connie Richardson; Home, Burul DeBoer

*K.P.*—Guest, Mary Brose; Home, Karen Thompson

*Long Putt*—Guest, Willie Vance; Home, Karen Thompson

*Chip-ins*—Connie Richardson, #7; Ann Elgin, #8

## WCCC golfers place in Sasquatch Tournament

Ladies from Willow Creek Country Club placed third and fourth net at the recent Sasquatch 4s Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament at The Dalles Country Club.

Twelve teams of golfers competed over two days in a four-woman Best Ball event. The 48 players came from throughout the states of Oregon and Washington.

A chip-off was held to break a tie for low net of the field. The winners of the primarily "net" tournament were the Hood River and Indian Creek team of Kathie Guthrie, Marty Losee, Cynthia Brocklesby and Elizabeth Whelan.

Second net went to a TDCC team of Joanie Pifher, Nancy Jacobsen, Mindy McHale and Kristen May.

Third net went to the TDCC/Willow Creek team of Marylee Webber, Pat Edmundson, Darlene Barber and Beverly Mckinney.

Fourth net was held by Vicki Edmundson, Lesa Buntin, Kandy Boyd and Carol Mitchell from Quail Ridge/Willow Creek.

## Bikeway recommended for designation

A public meeting will be held Monday, July 11 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Heppner City Hall to discuss a proposed scenic bikeway.

Blue Mountain Century Scenic Bikeway—a 108-mile loop connecting Heppner, Ukiah and Vinson—is one of nine routes which have been recommended for designation for the Oregon State Designated Scenic Bikeway.

The bikeway program is a partnership between Cycle Oregon, Travel Oregon, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

The meeting in Heppner on July 11 will provide an opportunity for the public to check out the proposed bikeway, make comments and ask questions.

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**BURNING BAN**

Effective July 7, 2011, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a CLOSED SEASON for open burning based on local fire safety concerns.

This burning ban is for the City of Heppner. A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel."

The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per ORS 478.960.