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Ione teacher retires after 35 years

By Andrea Di Salvo

Ione Community School will lose one of its shining stars when teacher Barb Collin retires this year. In her 35 years as an elementary school teacher in Ione, first with Morrow County School District and then Ione School District, 56-year-old Collin has shared the lives and stories of multiple generations of Ione students.

"I've enjoyed all my years of teaching and it's been interesting working with teachers who I taught as children, and kids of students I taught. The teacher I worked with last year, I taught her early in my career, and I've taught all but one of her kids," Collin says.

Collin was born in Heppner but spent her growing-up years in Spray, OR. She graduated from Spray High School in 1973, the only senior in a high school that boasted 14 students and only one boy. After high school, she spent two years at Columbia Basin Community College in Pasco, playing volleyball and basketball on the relatively new girls' teams. She graduated from CBCC with an associate's degree and then went to La Grande to attend

Eastern Oregon State College, now Eastern Oregon University. She graduated from there in 1977 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education and a minor in physical education.

That same summer, Chuck Starr hired Collin to begin at Ione Elementary School that



Barb Collin

fall. She moved to Ione at the age of 21 and hasn't left since.

Collin spent her first 22 years as a third-grade teacher. In her 22nd year, the school started combined classes, and Collin continued with third grade in the morning. -See COLLIN RETIRES/PAGE SIX

Volleyball team to be grand marshals



The Ione Cardinal 2011 IA State Volleyball Champion Team, with coach Dawn Eynetich, will be the grand marshals for this year's Red, White and Blues parade in Ione. -Contributed photo

Dawn Eynetich and the Cardinal 2011 IA State Volleyball Champion Team will be the grand marshals in this year's Red, White

and Blues 4th of July parade in Ione. The parade will be on July 4 at 1 p.m. on Ione's Main Street.

Local people 'star' in Morrow County movie

From cattle drive to sturgeon fishing, volunteers step up to show life in Morrow County



Crewmen from Odyssey Productions install a 280-degree camera on helicopter in preparation of shooting the Morrow County balloon footage to be used at the new Sage Center at the Port of Morrow.

By David Sykes

Port of Morrow Commissioner Marvin Padberg had a big idea on how to show life in Morrow County.

"I wanted to show people from outside the area what we have to offer here in Morrow County, and how we live our lives," he told the Gazette-Times. In order to do that, Padberg and the Port of Morrow decided to film a bird's-eye view of the whole county using a helicopter. That's right, make an aerial movie of the whole

county. On top of that, the movie would show local people living their lives in work and recreation.

The inspiration for the filming was the new Sage Center now being built on I-84 near the Port of Morrow. Part of the new interactive visitor center will include a simulated hot air balloon ride showing all of Morrow County, and the ride will use the movie footage filmed last Wednesday to accomplish this.

Padberg says the balloon ride will take 10 peo-

ple at a time, rise high into the air, and take participants on a bird's-eye view tour of the county.

"The balloon ride will show people that might not otherwise get off the freeway, what we have to offer in all of Morrow County," Padberg said. But in order to accomplish the ride, the whole county needed to be filmed, from the air, and volunteers were needed to show our lifestyle.

Anyone in town last -See BALLOON RIDE/PAGE TEN

Guardsmen lend a hand

By April Sykes

Around 115 Army National Guardsmen enjoyed a picnic supper at Hager Park put on by the local churches and members of the community last Sunday. The picnic served as a thank-you to the Guardsmen for their work with local parks, as well as a kick-off for local vacation bible school.

They members of the 234th Engineer Company out of Camp Rilea (near Warrenton) arrived on Saturday, June 16, and expect to leave this week. The Guardsmen themselves came from all over Oregon, mostly the Portland area, with some from Washington and one from Nevada.

During their stay here, they erected a covered pavilion, swings and a play



Local girls Gracey and Shaylyn DeLoach try out the newly-constructed monkey bars at Hager Park during a picnic honoring the National Guardsmen last Sunday. -Photo by April Sykes

station at Hager Park and cleaned out the spillway at the nearby Willow Creek Dam. They installed around 70 feet of sidewalk at Cutsforth Park, and ran electrical and water lines

to camp grounds. They also provided landscaping at Willow Creek Water Park in Heppner.

"We love this community." -See NAT'L GUARD/PAGE FIVE

Irrigon teach retires after three decades

By Andrea Di Salvo

Irrigon Jr./Sr. High School teacher Gary Hunt retired this year after more than 30 years with the Morrow County School District.

Hunt, 56, has a 32-year teaching history, 31 years of which were in Morrow County. During his time with the MCSD, he

has taught in every town in the county except Lexington and Hardman, including five years in Ione before the town formed its own school district.

He has taught junior high and high school science, math and, briefly, physical education.



Gary Hunt

Hunt was raised in Lexington, the son of Dean and Lois Hunt. He attended school in Lexington for two years before that school closed, then attended school in

Heppner, graduating from science, math and, briefly, physical education. -See TEACHER RETIRES/PAGE SEVEN

G-T deadline remains same for Fourth of July issue

The Heppner Gazette-Times deadline for the July 4 issue of the newspaper will remain the same, with news and advertising due

at 5 p.m. on Monday, July 2. However, the paper will not appear in post office boxes until Friday, July 6, because of the Fourth of

July holiday. The G-T office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

IONE RED, WHITE & BLUES 4TH OF JULY IONE, OR 2012 FRIDAY JUNE 29

BANK OF EO CUSTOMER APPRECIATION BBQ- MAIN STREET - 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
PULLED PORK MEAL & ROUTE 74 BAR - IONE LEGION HALL - 5:30 PM
TEXAS HOLD 'EM & CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT - IONE LEGION HALL - 7:00 PM

TUESDAY JULY 3

GOLF TOURNAMENT - WILLOW CREEK COUNTRY CLUB - 9:00 AM
2012 ART SHOW - IONE LEGION HALL - 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
TOPIC CLUB BOOK SALE - IONE LEGION HALL - 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
TALENT SHOW - IONE CITY PARK - 6:00 PM
MUSIC BY CORY PETERSON ONE CITY PARK - FOLLOWING

US NAVY FLYOVER WEDNESDAY JULY 4 US NAVY FLYOVER

FIREMAN'S BREAKFAST - IONE FIRE HALL - 7:00 AM
PRESCHOOL 5K WALK/RUN (donation requested) MAIN STREET SIGN-UP - 7:00 AM 7:30 AM
2012 ART SHOW - IONE LEGION HALL - 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
TOPIC CLUB BOOK SALE - IONE LEGION HALL - 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
FOOD VENDORS & MERCHANDISE VENDORS OPEN
BLUES CRUISE CAR SHOW - IONE CITY PARK - 10:30 AM
FISH POND, FROG JUMP, BIKE RAFFLE - IONE FIRE HALL/CITY PARK - 11:00 AM
ALTAR SOCIETY PIE SALE - IONE FIRE HALL - 11:00 AM
RED, WHITE & BLUES PARADE (Grand Marshals: Ione Cardinals Volleyball State Champs) - 1:00 PM
PARK ACTIVITIES BEGIN - 1:00 PM
GAZEBO ENTERTAINMENT BY LOCAL ARTISTS - UNTIL 3:00 PM
AMERICAN LEGION BINGO - IONE LEGION HALL - 2:00 PM

BLUES BANDS - ON STAGE - IONE AMPHITHEATER- 3:00 PM
THE VERMEN - IONE ALL-STARS - TERRY EVANS - THE JIM MESI BAND
BOAT TRIP AUCTION - ON STAGE - IONE AMPHITHEATER - 7:00 PM
RAFFLE DRAWINGS - ON STAGE - IONE AMPHITHEATER - 7:00 PM
FIREWORKS DISPLAY - DUSK

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