

## Ione students learn about America's flag



First- and second-grade students from Ione Community School were enthused when local Lion's Club member Dean Robinson presented each student with a flag. Robinson also spent time teaching about our nation's flag and its history. Pictured (L-R): Bottom: Sunem Calvillo, Callie Yates, Kelly Doherty, Madison Orem and Karensa Jones. Middle: Elizabeth Calvillo, Daralynn Teeman, Cameron Proudfoot, Kalvin Rietmann, Fernando Ramirez, Andrew Stanger and John McElligott. Back: Carson Eynetich, Lewkus Burright, Lexi Gurinko, Nevaeh Chamberlin, Dean Robinson, Charlie Smith and Bryce Rollins. —Contributed photo

## Ione gears up for Red, White and Blues

Ione's Red, White and Blues Fourth of July celebration is right around the corner.

Though the schedule has yet to be finalized, this year's event promises to be another firecracker of a good time; the celebration will start with a bang the Saturday before the Fourth with a Texas Hold 'Em and cribbage tournament at the Ione Legion hall at 7 p.m. June 29.

Wednesday, July 3:

events include a golf tournament at Willow Creek Country Club, a book sale at the Ione Legion Hall, and a talent show at the city park, with music by Frank Carlson to follow.

Fourth of July events will start early with a fireman's breakfast and then continue with a 5k walk/run; craft fair; book sale; Blues Cruise car show; kids events in the park; food and merchandise vendors; Altar Society pie sale; Red,

White and Blues parade; and, of course, blues bands on stage leading up to the fireworks that evening. This year's blues lineup looks to include Tommy Tutone, HiFi Mojo, Billy D and the Hoodoos, and Vicki Stevens and Sonny Hess.

Ione's Fourth of July celebration is sponsored in part by Morrow County Unified Recreation District. Look for more details as the date approaches.

## Army seeks 40 years of veteran volunteers' stories

Uncle Sam wants you. Again.

The U.S. Army celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the all-volunteer Army July 1 by asking veterans who served since 1973 to share their Army story.

It is asking those millions of veterans to answer three questions: Why did you volunteer for the U.S. Army? What did you get out of your service? What do you think you contributed to the Army and the nation through your service?

"Your stories of courage, service and sacrifice inspire new generations of Americans to follow in your footsteps," said Maj. Gen. David Mann of Army Recruiting Command.

"As Army ambassadors in your communities, our Soldiers for Life, we urge you to continue to share your Army Story wherever you go."

Veterans can answer these questions via email at armyrecruitingcommand@yahoo.com or through the Facebook page "Army All Volunteer 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary." Also, include your name, rank, years of service, city and state where you currently reside, and, if possible, a picture of yourself in uniform.

President Richard Nixon ended the draft and began the all-volunteer Army in 1973 in the wake of Vietnam and the military's preference for men

and women who wanted to serve.

"I personally believe one of the fundamental reasons our Army is respected and viewed as the preeminent combat land power is the highly qualified young men and women on our team," Mann said.

"It's critically important to the health and future of our profession that those who are on our team truly want to be on the team and are dedicated to serving something larger than themselves...the security of our nation."

Veterans Affairs estimates there are presently more than 22.3 million veterans in the U.S., 9.7 million of them Army.

## AMAZON SIGNS WITH CREZ

—Continued from PAGE ONE again that the list would not include organizations involved with politics, and no churches. The board also made an apparent change from earlier discussions and indicated that all government agencies, including special districts, would automatically qualify for the charitable organization list.

Anyone who would like their organization included on the list was urged to contact CREZ manager Carla McLane at cmclane@co.morrow.or.us, or by calling 541-922-4624.

In other business, at its June 3 meeting the CREZ officially appointed McLane as the Enterprise Zone Manager. She had been acting in that capacity already.

The board approved an agreement to have the

City of Boardman act as the CREZ Fiscal Agent. After approving the new fiscal agent, the board said it would instruct Morrow County Treasurer Gayle Gutierrez to forward the \$300,000 from Amazon to the zone fiscal agent.

In other business, the CREZ board discussed hiring its own legal council instead of using county council. Several attorney names were discussed who would be contacted about possible representing the new organization.

"We need to identify an attorney who can answer some questions for us," board member Gary Neal said.

The board also discussed how compensation for the CREZ manager's time would be handled. McLane is also the Morrow County Planner and so far

the county has not asked for reimbursement for her time spent working for the Zone.

The board also discussed naming a financial institute in which to keep the CREZ funds, and indicated that the recently named City of Boardman fiscal agent would be responsible for finding the best bank. The board indicated that, if possible, it wanted to keep the funds within the county; however, one board member said it should consider banks outside the county to save money.

In other business, the board approved a revised fee schedule for businesses applying to the enterprise zone, and sharpened up some of its policies for negotiating with companies making application to the zone.

## Dinner-at-the-Cemetery returns to Heppner

"As of last Sunday, the weather forecast for Heppner for this Friday, June 14, was 'mostly sunny skies, 74 degrees, and only 10 percent chance of rain,'" reports Sharon Harrison.

Harrison has not taken up weather-forecasting but has been closely watching the Weather Channel this month, since she is co-producer of the Dinner-at-the-Cemetery dramatic production scheduled for the stage at the Masonic Cemetery Friday evening.

"Memories of the Flood" is an encore performance first produced in the cemetery on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1903 Heppner Flood. On this 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that historic event, fair weather promises to hold, with no threat of a storm like the one that surprised Heppner residents on that tragic day. Guests should have a comfortable evening under a canopy for their dining and theatre experience.

Dinner will be catered by Alvin Lui, who explains his plan as "elegant." Members of the local FFA group will serve, as they are working to earn money for their national convention expenses.

"Memories of the Flood" will feature some of the Dinner-at-the-Cemetery Players familiar to audience members who have enjoyed them in previous productions: Cara Osmin, Jack Meligan, Dan Van Schoiack, Janet Greenup, Brian Kollman, Sheridan Tarnasky, Tim Dickenson and Zech Hintz. Travis and Kyle Harrison will also make an important cameo appearance.

"This is probably our most informative production and surely our most somber production," Harrison offers. "In the play, we remember some of the victims and we pay tribute to some of the survivors. Many of these people were ancestors of people still liv-

ing in Willow Creek Valley. But for our citizens with deep roots here and for our newer-comers, we will end the evening on a lighter note with an epilogue that will introduce Tammy Malgesini, reporter for the East Oregonian."

Tickets, \$25 each, are available at Murray's Drug,

Bank of Eastern Oregon, Community Bank and the Heppner chamber office. Seating is limited to 100.

If weather becomes inhospitable, "Memories of the Flood" will be performed at the St. Patrick Church parish hall, located behind the church on Gale Street.

## Local pitcher helps in championship win



On Sunday, June 9, the Washington Explosion Gold softball team won the regional championship tournament in Selah, WA. Local player Baily Bennett is a member of that team and was the winning pitcher for the championship game versus the Washington Angels Gold team out of Richland, WA. Explosion won the championship with a score of 8-5, in which Bennett also batted 2-4 with two RBIs. The winner of this tournament also earned a berth to the ASA National Tournament in Clearwater, FL in late July. Only 64 teams across the country qualify for the national tournament, so the team is very excited to have achieved this honor. —Contributed photo

## Elks plans flag ceremony, youth night

The Elks Club will host (members and non-members welcome) the annual Flag Day Ceremony and Youth Night on Thursday, June 13, starting at 6

p.m. After the Flag Ceremony, there will be a kid-friendly dinner and lots of raffle prizes. Contact Corey Sweeney at 541-256-0355 for more details.

## Wheat League social and dinner set for June 13

The 2013 Morrow County Wheat League Social will be held on Thursday, June 13, at Charlie and

Marcia Anderson's place, 69530 Condon Highway. Social hour begins at 5 p.m., and dinner is served at 6 p.m.

The dinner is a potluck—steaks are provided, and attendees are asked to bring a dessert or side dish, if possible.

Participants will enjoy the musical talents of John Wambeke, Eric Jepsen, and/or Joe Lindsay while there.

There will be a short field demonstration on summer-planted winter canola.

This will be at Bill and Nancy Jepsen's place (3.2 miles north on Dale Brown Road) before things get started at the Anderson Ranch.

Contact Larry Lutchter (541-676-9642 or 541-571-4454) with questions.

## MUSIC IN THE PARKS 2013

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CONCERTS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM

- Monday June 17 Boardman Marina Park - Skweez the Weezle
- Monday June 24 Irrigon Marina Park - Brass Fire
- Monday July 1 Boardman Marina Park - Rolling Hills Chorus - "Honor our Veterans"
- Monday July 8 Irrigon Marina Park - 98% Angels - "Honor our Veterans"
- Monday July 15 Boardman Marina Park - Bram Brata - Steel Drums
- Monday July 22 Irrigon Marina Park - BlueZettle - 60's 70's
- Monday July 29 Boardman Marina Park - Mariachi Los Tenerosos
- Monday August 5 Irrigon Marina Park - Cale Moon - Cbuntry Gospel
- Monday August 12 Boardman Marina Park - Barb Nelson - Country
- Monday August 19 Irrigon Marina Park - Too Tall Pappas

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Annual Youth Night  
Elks youth night flag ceremony June 13

6:00 - Dinner, then Flag Ceremony followed by drawings for prizes. All youth 17 and under are invited. There will be raffles including a Rossi Trifecta Youth Rifle

Questions contact Corey Sweeney 541-256-0355