

## Ione performance of 'Oklahoma!' more than OK



On Nov. 6-7, the Ione choir performed Rogers' and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!". According to Ione music teacher Jordan Bemrose, the students did an "amazing" job preparing and performing this well-loved musical. Ione's winter concert will be Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. Pictured are cast members (back L-R) Stacy Shelton, Yvonne Morter, Jorge Aguilar, Lexi Garrett, Charlette Burghard, Joel Stillman, Hannah Flynn, Jim Raible, (front L-R) Emily Holland, August Peterson, Payton Miller, Morgan Orem and Jordan Bemrose. —Contributed photo

## Ione volleyball players named to all-state



Three Ione Cardinal volleyball players received all-state recognition this year. Ione senior Emily Holland was named 2013 East Side First Team All Star, while sophomores Jesse Flynn and Rachel Holland received Honorable Mentions for 2013. The Cardinal volleyball team placed third in 1A. Pictured are (L-R) Jesse Flynn, Rachel and Emily Holland, Ione High School Cardinal Volleyball. —Contributed photo

## LIGHTS OF HOPE

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tree will have a special addition this year. Snowflake ornaments with the names of those who have passed away this past year will also adorn the tree.

After ceremony in which those names have been read in their memory, a special string of lights, probably clear or white, will be lit to keep their memories burning this holiday season.

"We know that grief is difficult, especially during the holidays, when people normally spend time together as families," says Di Salvo. "We just want to help the process for those who are grieving during the holidays."

While the home health and hospice program will accept donations from those who wish to make them, Di Salvo and Disque say no donation is necessary to have a loved one's name

included in the ceremony and on the tree, nor does the person who requested the remembrance need to be present at the ceremony.

Disque says the idea came from a similar, more widespread, campaign that helps raise funds for hospice programs.

"There's a Light Up A Life campaign they've been doing for many years, but its more of a national thing," she says. "(Lights of Hope) is kind of based

off that to honor people in our own area. We wanted to do something more local."

"It's just nice to know it's for here," she adds. "We wanted to do something special for the area we serve."

Disque also mentions that the home health and hospice did something similar several years ago but that it didn't catch on.

She and Di Salvo agree that they would like to continue from this point

and make Lights of Hope a yearly event.

"We want to keep it simple and yet something people can remember. We just hope to continue this tradition," Di Salvo says.

Also, though the Lights of Hope is represented mostly by the hospice program this year, they say they would like to branch out and include others who have lost friends and family members.

"Any community

members who have loved ones they'd like included on the tree, we'd be happy to include them, whether they're hospice or not," Disque says.

Anyone who has a loved one they would like remembered during the Lights of Hope ceremony on Dec. 5 can call Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice at 541-676-2946 and speak with Di Salvo or leave a message.

## CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES LIEN

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Healy as an authorized check signer and add the public works director Chad Doherty as a check signer. All city checks need to be signed by two city officials.

In other business the council agreed that city hall will be closed on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve day. As with all holidays, public works will be on call. The council heard an update from Cutsforth on city construction projects, and she said the Barratt Blvd. project is completed, with the handrails being installed and the last of the landscaping complete. She said the sidewalks and paving are complete on Elder, Quaid and Center streets and the chip seal on Hager will be done this spring.

The council also heard a report from Doherty, who said the city had to replace a 20-foot section of sewer line on Willow Drive that

had filled with roots to the point that the line had become plugged. Doherty also reported he had been reminding people to insulate their water meters. He said one of the best ways to do it is take some regular R11 insulation available at the hardware store, put it in a plastic bag and place the bag over the water meter.

"Don't use packing peanuts (those white Styrofoam pellets used in packing)," he said. "They make a big mess."

Doherty told the council public works was also in the process of moving some "good dirt" from the Sperry Street project over to Hager Park to use to even out around the sidewalk, and also make for better soil for the lawn.

It was also reported that the city hired a new part-time public works person. There were 11 "good applications," it was reported.

## Animal science class learns big lessons with miniature donkeys

Ione Community School's Animal Science class had the unique opportunity to spend some time with miniature donkeys recently. Thanks to Sharon Woodside and Tom Shear, students groomed, trimmed hooves and cut bridle paths on each of the animals.

"We are hoping that this experience turns into a regular outing for our class," said teacher, Erin Heideman.

"I'm very appreciative of Sharon and Tom's willingness to offer students hands-on experiences, especially since there are several students in the class that have limited involvement with livestock to this point."

The Ag department is always looking for guest presenters and opportunities in our community for students to experience new things, said Heideman.

Anyone who would like to provide one of these occasions, contact Erin Heideman at 541-422-7131 or erin.heideman@ione.k12.or.us.



Pictured (L-R): Brianna Snyder, Larrisa Jones and Vicki Gluderer during the Ione school's Animal Science class outing to visit the miniature donkeys belonging to Sharon Woodside and Tom Shear recently. —Photo by Erin Heideman

## Winter

The upcoming winter storm season is near and Morrow County Road dept. would like to remind all motorists **there is NO winter maintenance on Coalmine hill** (USFS route 53) towards Ukiah. For the rest of the County winter maintenance practices include plowing and sanding. The combination of practices used at each site may vary to accommodate the different climate, traffic, and storm conditions encountered. Morrow County's goal is to provide a safe roadway. However, it is always up to the motorist to drive according to conditions. Please use extreme caution and common sense. They will do their best and would appreciate your patience. For your convenience the road department would like to direct your attention to a towing service in the area if needed. Lexington Auto Body 541-989-8565, Cell 541-561-5700. Again be prepared and be safe. Questions or concerns may be addressed 541-989-9500.

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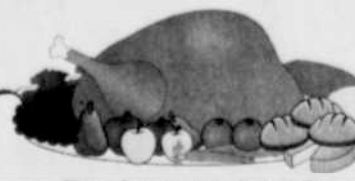
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