

Ione Ag students go green with visit to tree farm



Members of the Ione High School Ag Program visited the Collins Company Mill and Greenwood Tree Farm this past week. Students toured the mill and tree farm escorted by Tim Patton, Manager of Collins Co., and Don Rice, Manager of Greenwood. Above: Pictured in the trees are (back L-R) Donald McElligott, Jason Juarez, Sam Gilbert, Alonso Cambera, John Maier, Greenwood Tree Farm Manager Don Rice, Rory Baresse, (front L-R) Vicki Gluderer, Brianna Snyder, Miranda Taylor and Marisol Avila. Right: Ione students examine the inner workings of Collins Company Mill.

-Photos by Erin Heideman



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-Continued from PAGE ONE performance over the last 29 years as an administrator are impeccable. We are looking forward to what Phil can bring to make the Ione Community School even better."

Mulvihill said he's appreciated his time working with the Ione staff, but needed to take a step back.

"I really enjoyed my experience at Ione for the past four years, but the extra assignment simply became too time-consuming when coupled with my IMESD responsibilities," he said.

Starkey has spent the majority of his 35-year career in education as a principal, and has been the superintendent/principal at Spray since 2009. Prior to that, Starkey served as an elementary and middle school principal for 24

years in the Hermiston School District. Starkey also spent seven years in the classroom as an elementary school teacher in Hillsboro and Springfield.

"Making a difference" is at the core of Starkey's administrative work at all levels. He has made an impact in his schools by adhering to core values and focusing on hiring and developing strong teaching staff. He says he works with vision and tenacity to build a culture of promise among staff, parents and students.

Starkey says that he knows that working together with Ione School Principal Sarah Crane-Simpson will be a growth opportunity for them both, as "iron sharpens iron." He also brings a wide range of experiences and a deep understanding of the culture and needs of a rural school

district.

"There are many small school districts in Oregon. Each has its unique story and most often the school is the center of the community and the bond that connects people," Starkey told the Ione School Board. "Even though I do not have an intimate knowledge of Ione, I have followed its rise over the last two decades. It is a story of a town that wants to preserve its independence and pride, and took action to do so."

Starkey received his superintendent credentials from Lewis & Clark College, his administrative credentials from Portland State University, and has a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from the University of Oregon.

Annual poker, cribbage tournament planned in Ione

The 2014 Red, White & Blues annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker and Cribbage Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, at the Ione Legion Hall.

The evening will begin with a barbecued chicken dinner at 5 p.m.; dinner will be by donation and will include Traeger barbecued chicken quarters, pork sausages, baked beans, assorted salads and cookies. Route 74 will serve beverages.

Game sign-ups begin at 6 p.m. with play beginning at 6:30.

Poker buy-in is \$40; re-buys will be allowed. Cash prizes will be awarded. Cribbage buy-in is \$20.

All proceeds will be used by the Ione Fourth of July Committee to promote and present Ione's Red, White & Blues annual celebration.



Cribbage play got intense during the 2013 Texas Hold 'Em and Cribbage Tournament. More fun and prizes are planned for this year's tournament, June 21 in Ione. -File photo

The committee is also still looking for dealers for the poker tournament; anyone interested in dealing or with any further questions regarding poker can contact Arlynda Gates at 541-422-7534, 543-256-0334 or gatesarlynda@hotmail.com.

Cribbage information

calls should be directed to Betty Gray at 541-422-7335.

More information on the tournament and the Ione Fourth of July celebration will be on the Ione 4th of July Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Ione4thOfJuly>, as it becomes available.

Ione High School elects ASB officers



Ione High School elected 2014-2015 ASB officers on Thursday, May 29. The new officers (L-R) are: Rachel Holland, Activities Director; T.J. Patton, Vice President; Ann Rietmann, Secretary; Daniel Holtz, Treasurer; Oskar Peterson, President; and Morgan Orem, Public Relations. -Contributed photo

Free fishing derby this weekend

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Morrow County Parks will hold a free youth fishing

derby for children 14 and younger on Saturday, June 14, from 8:30-11 a.m. at Cutsforth Park.

For more information, contact Betty Gray at Morrow County Public Works, 541-989-8214.

Extension Office closed June 23

Normal hours resume June 24

The Morrow County OSU Extension office has

announced it will be closed Monday, June 23. Normal

business hours will resume Tuesday, June 24.

Pups for wolf OR7

PORTLAND, OR—biologists returned to the area Monday, June 2, and observed two pups. Scat samples from the area have been collected and submitted to a laboratory for DNA analysis, which will take several weeks.

It is likely there are more pups, as wolf litters typically number four to six pups. The pups mark the first known wolf reproduction in the Oregon Cascades since the mid-1940s.

"This is very exciting news," said Paul Henson, state supervisor of the Oregon U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office. "It continues to illustrate

that gray wolves are being recovered."

Wolves throughout Oregon are protected by the state Endangered Species Act. Wolves west of Oregon Highways 395, 78 and 95 are also protected by the

federal Endangered Species Act, with the Service as the lead management agency.

At the end of last year, there were 64 known wolves in Oregon. Most known wolves are in the northeast corner of the state.



Two of wolf OR7's pups peek out from a log on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest, June 2, 2014. -Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, June 19, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room. Kimberly Lindsay will give an update of Community Counseling Solutions.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Bucknum's will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than Tuesday, June 17.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce also extends a welcome to its newest member, Windwave Communications.

Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will serve lunch on Wednesday, June 18, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will a taco bar with black olives, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and salsa, refried beans, and flan. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

Nominations sought for 2014 Oregon Rural Health Hero Award

PORTLAND, OR—The Oregon Office of Rural Health at Oregon Health & Science University is seeking nominations for the 2014 Oregon Rural Health Hero of the Year Award. The award will honor an outstanding person, program or organization that has improved the quality and availability of health care in rural communities.

"Rural Oregon is full of heroes," said Scott Ekblad,

director of the Oregon Office of Rural Health. "Think of the people or organizations that have had an impact on health care in your community—access, education, delivery. These are the heroes that make our communities great places to live and are the people you can honor by nominating them for the health hero of the year."

The 2014 Oregon

Rural Health Hero will be announced at the 31st Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference Oct. 15 - 17 at Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, OR. Nomination forms will be accepted from now through July 25.

For more information about the award, contact Linda Pepler, Oregon Office of Rural Health, 503-494-4450 or peplerl@ohsu.edu.

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