

Ione Education Foundation's 13th annual dinner and auction set for Sept. 26



Dustin Padberg will return as auctioneer at this year's Ione Education Foundation dinner and auction, planned for Sept. 26. —Contributed photo

The annual dinner and auction to benefit the Ione Education Foundation will take place Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Legion Hall in Ione.

The evening will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. The prime rib and cedar plank salmon dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by the auction. Dinner tickets are available at Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione or at the door. Prices are \$25 for adults and \$10 for ages 7-12; children six and under are free. The dinner ticket includes two drinks.

The auction will feature a variety of fun and practical items. There will also be raffle items and grab bags with set prices for children and adults. Dustin Padberg will again regale the crowd as auctioneer.

The event is the primary fundraiser for the Ione Education Foundation. All proceeds from the event benefit students at the Ione Community School. Dinner sponsors include the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Devin Oil, ICABO, Mid-Columbia Producers, Morrow County Grain Growers and Wheatland Insurance. Marvin Padberg and his team work hard to catch and donate fresh salmon. Event organizers say no one will go away hungry.

Everyone is invited to join the Ione community for an evening of food, fun and fellowship on Saturday, Sept. 26, in Ione. To donate auction items, please contact Joe McElligott at 541-422-7257 or Tara Proudfoot at 541-422-7538.

Lady Cards launch into volleyball season



Top: Hannah Flynn serves as her teammates Payton Miller and Renee Peterson look on at Ione's JV game against Irrigon Sept. 3. Ione lost to the Knights. Bottom: Rachel Holland blocks against Condon/Wheeler at the tournament in Condon. Ione won their game against the CW Knights. —Photos by Sylvia Sandford

TransCanada shows appreciation to Ione community

The company's GTN pipeline has been a neighbor for more than 50 years

TransCanada, the energy company that owns the Gas Transmission Northwest pipeline, showed its appreciation to the people of Ione at the Back to School barbecue on Thursday, Sept. 10.

"We were pleased to be part of the Ione barbecue," says David White, TransCanada's business development director for the West Coast. "We've been neighbors a long, long time, and this is just one small way of saying how much we have appreciated our relationship over the years. We have always done our best to be a safe and efficient operator of this natural gas pipeline, and we intend to be a supportive neighbor for years to come."

As part of the annual event, which drew a crowd of more than 250, representatives from GTN and Michels Corp. presented ceremonial checks to represent contributions made to fund scholarships to the Ione school and to help the Ione Rural Fire Protection District purchase a much-needed brush rig.

GTN has operated natural gas transmission lines in Morrow County since 1961. It was joined in check presentations by Michels Corp. the general contractor on the 24-mile Carty Lateral Pipeline that will deliver natural gas to a Portland General Electric generating facility. That pipeline is currently nearing completion.

Mayor Linda LaRue introduced White and Verlyn Bailly, TransCanada community relations specialist, along with Michels representatives Mark Zogg and Anthony Fetters. The mayor accepted a contribution to the Jason Halvorsen Foundation, and Marvin



(L-R) Ione Mayor Linda LaRue, TransCanada representatives David White and Verlyn Bailly, Adam McCabe, Virgil Morgan and Marvin Padberg with the \$16,000 ceremonial check presented by TransCanada to the Ione community. —Photo by David Sykes



(L-R) Adam McCabe of Ione, Michels Corp. representatives Mark Zogg and Tony Fetters, and Ione Fire Chief Virgil Morgan during the ceremonial check presentation of the \$3,000 Michels Corp. gave to the IRFPD. —Photo by David Sykes

Padberg accepted a check on behalf of the Mike Matthews Scholarship. Adam McCabe and Virgil Morgan accepted a ceremonial check on behalf of the Ione Rural Fire Protection District.

During the summer of 2015, TransCanada contributed \$1,000 to the Fire Protection District at its Fourth

of July pancake breakfast fundraiser. The company made an additional \$10,000 donation to the Fire Protection District for the purchase of the brush rig.

TransCanada is also sponsoring academic scholarships for Ione High School for the classes of 2016 and 2017, contributing \$3,000 for the Jason Halvorsen Scholarship Foundation and \$2,000 to the Mike Matthews Scholarship. Including

the ceremonial check presented at the barbecue, TransCanada's contributions to the Ione community totaled \$16,000.

Michels Corp. also contributed \$3,000 to the Fire Protection District.

The Mike Matthews Scholarship has been in place for 30 years and is named after Ione native Mike Matthews, Ione's "Number one fan." The scholarship committee,

Ione volleyball opened the month with contests against Irrigon and Walla Sept. 3 and 4. Ione girls won their first three sets in each non-league game, securing shutout wins over the other two teams.

Friday, Sept. 11, the girls went head-to-head with Echo, with both the varsity and JV teams taking those games, the varsity team by a score of 3-2.

Saturday, the Lady Cards went on the road to

a tournament in Condon, where the varsity team defeated Condon-Wheeler 2-0 before losing their next three games to Union, Pilot Rock and Heppner.

The girls, with a 4-3 overall record for the season, played their first league game Tuesday versus Mitchell/Spray.

They battle Arlington in another league game Thursday before turning their attention to Riverside for a non-league contest next Tuesday.

Ione library board to meet

The board of directors of the Ione Library District will meet Thursday, Sept. 24, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. 2nd Street, Ione.

The public is welcome to attend.

in consultation with Ione Community School Principal Henry Ramirez, chooses each year's recipient.

The Jason Halvorsen Foundation, which was created in memory of Ione High School student Jason Halvorsen, is awarded to one or more Ione High School senior each year. The scholarship committee notes that knowledge and education are gained not only in the classroom but in every aspect of life.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

-Thai Bao Tranbui, 28, of Garland, TX was found guilty by default (Failure to Appear) of Violating the Basic Rule 78/55 and was fined \$260.

-Dennis Ferdinand Holbrook, 72, of Boardman was found guilty by default of No Resident Angling License - No Culpable Mental State and was fined \$112.

Veterans & Spouses
TOWN HALL
 Friday, September 18th
 9 a.m. Heppner City Hall

Topics related to Safety Concerns for Veterans & Seniors

Please pre-register
 541-922-6420
 Morrow County Veterans Services
 Public Welcome

Sunday, September 20
9:15 at Parish Hall
 St. Patrick's Education Program starting for Elementary grades pre-K through 6th grade

Wednesday, September 30
7:30 at Parish Hall
 High School Education Program starts

Sunday, September 20
Coffee Hour at St. Williams
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