

## Ione celebrates senior night



Ione celebrated its seniors Saturday night during the games versus Horizon Christian. Top: Senior girls and their parents Saturday night in Ione. The girls lost the game to Horizon Christian but played hard and were able to celebrate their accomplishments just the same. Pictured in front of their parents L-R are Ione senior girls Yaniva Garcia, Breawna Teeman, Katie Gilbert, Katelyn Bass, Ashley Medina, Hannah Flynn and her sister Maggie Flynn, Sydney Qualls, Ivy Sandford and exchange student Tiarna Church. Bottom: The Ione boys also lost their Saturday contest, but senior boys were recognized for their accomplishments during the game in Ione. Pictured L-R: Ione seniors Henry Padberg, Donald McElligott, Sergio Marin, Colton Hollis, Austin Carter, Danny Doherty, and exchange students Daniel Kelly and Goncalo Silva. -Photos by Sylvia Sandford

## Lady Cards fall to South Wasco



Lady Cardinal Sara Knop prepares to shoot her free throw shots against the Redsidies while Tiarna Church (#24) prepares for the rebound. Despite hard play, the Ione girls lost 21-53 against the South Wasco team. -Photo by Sylvia Sandford

## Ione library board to meet

The Ione Library District Board of Directors will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Ione Public Library, 385 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The public is welcome to attend.

# 120th Elks Annual

ER Seth & Giselle Moses cordially invite you to join us

## "Ticket to Paradise"

Saturday, February 18th

Ladies Tea - 2:00pm  
Lodge/Initiation 3:00pm  
Dinner - 6:00pm

Live music by the Wheatlanders at 8:00pm

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## Ione JV girls battle Redsidies



Ione JV girls played South Wasco in Ione on Jan. 20 and again in Maupin Friday, Feb 10, and almost pulled out the win. Pictured: Exchange Student Tiarna Church dribbles the ball against the South Wasco Redsidies. -Photo by Sylvia Sandford

## Ione JV boys angle for the win against South Wasco



Ione JV boys played a great game against South Wasco Friday. Shown shooting his free throws is Matt Orem (#1) while Jake Heideman (#34) looks on. -Photo by Sylvia Sandford

## Driver's safety class planned in Boardman

An AARP Driver's Safety class has been scheduled for March 1 at the Morrow County Center of Blue Mountain Community College in Boardman. The class will run from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a short break for lunch. BMCC Boardman is located at 300 NE Front Street in Boardman.

The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's

## Ione fourth graders take off on IXL

Students in Jessa Bigsby's fourth-grade classroom are participating in an immersive K-12 learning experience that provides comprehensive, standards-aligned content for math, language arts, science and social studies, called IXL.

Students work electronically to answer questions in core subject areas and work at their own pace. The program automatically knows when a student has mastered something by the number of questions answered correctly. If students don't answer questions correctly, a series of more probing questions is provided to get them to a point where they will be considered a master.

"The best thing about this program is that, rather than just telling a student that the question is wrong, the program will explain the why of the correct answer," said Bigsby. "It been a hit in my classroom and I'm seeing significant improvements in my students test scores and spelling tests. I'm anxious to see how it improves our state test scores."



Pictured L-R: Michael McElligott, Liam Heideman and Victoria De La Torre show their skills on the IXL program. Michael has answered 1,125 questions, Liam has answered 1,776 questions and Victoria has answered 1,103. -Photo by Erin Heideman

As students meet certain marks, they're rewarded with whimsical awards that help students celebrate milestones and motivate them to meet the next challenge. Real-time data also alerts the teacher when students need help so they can step in the moment it's needed. From students' strengths and weaknesses to their progress on state standards, IXL helps teachers refine their instructional strategies to have the greatest impact on their students.

Students in Bigsby's class say they are very excited to work with IXL.

"It's very fun and so much better than writing," says Michael McElligott, while Liam Heideman says he works to get the awards at the end. "I want to answer 3,000 questions before the end of the school year," he says.

"My favorite part is the language arts part," says Victoria De La Torre. "I really like compounds, suffixes and prefixes."

## Ione fire department honors volunteers



Ione Fire Department held its annual Firemen's Dinner Monday night at Route 74 restaurant in Ione. Top: Chief Virgil Morgan presented Wayne Rietmann (left) with a plaque for appreciation for his 20 years of serving on the fire board. They thanked him for his many years of dedication as he retires this position. Bottom: Chief Virgil Morgan presents the Fireman of the Year award to Arthur Ekstrom (right) for his dedication to the Ione Fire Dept. and the many ways he helps the department out. -Contributed photos

## County parks subcommittee to meet March 13

The Morrow County Parks Plan subcommittee will hold a regular meeting March 13 at 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Bartholomew Building, 110 Court Street, Heppner.

The meeting will cover sections regarding recreation, projections, and tourism components from the Morrow County Parks Master Plan.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with

disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to the Morrow County Parks Department at 541-989-9500.

For more information please contact the Morrow County Parks Department Office at 541-989-9500 or by email at [mcparks@co.morrow.or.us](mailto:mcparks@co.morrow.or.us).

## MCGG raffle to benefit local man

Morrow County Grain Growers is sponsoring a raffle to benefit local man John Nelson, to help with his travel and medical expenses while he undergoes treatment for a serious illness.

The raffle item is a Camp Chef Pellet Grill and Smoker, and tickets can be purchased at MCGG or MCGG Green Feed. The tickets will sell for \$5 each, or five for \$20.

The drawing will take place in June.

## Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include build-your-own taco bar, Mexican rice, seven-layer green salad with tomatoes, flour tortillas, and cherry roll-ups.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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