



New Chamber president

OUTGOING CHAMBER President Ray Boyce congratulates Don Cole on his installation as President of the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce for 1978. Lyle Lowe was elected first vice president, Matt Doherty is second vice president, Terry Hager is secretary and Dave Dollarhide is treasurer for the coming year. Directors elected include Ernie McCabe, Dave Harrison, Everett Harshman, Lyle Lowe and Matt Doherty.

Stores open late two nights; Bonanza winners named

There's still time to sign up and be a winner in the Christmas Bonanza currently underway at many Heppner area businesses. The final drawing—for \$200 cash certificates—will be held Saturday afternoon and winners will be announced Tuesday morning.

To aid 11th-hour shoppers, Heppner stores will be open until 9 p.m. both Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22 and 23. Business houses will be open again Saturday with most closing between 4:30 and 5 p.m.

Winners in last week's Christmas Bonanza drawing were Marion Brosnan, \$50; Dianne Walsh, \$25; Gwen Healy, \$15; Neva Matteson, Pat Dougherty, Jo Huston, Harold Kerr, Karen Thompson and Marshall Lovgren, \$10 each.

Winners that have not received their cash certificates may pick them up at the Gazette-Times. Certificates are spendable like cash at any of the participating merchants. Please see page advertisement on page for additional details.

The Gazette-Times will join other area businesses in closing Monday, Dec. 26.

The Post Offices, federal, state and county offices, as well as the City of Heppner office and the Heppner Library and the Morrow County Museum will remain closed the Monday following Christmas.

Area churches invite holiday worshippers to Christmas service

For a truly joyous Christmas, attend worship services at the church of your choice to capture the true meaning of the season—the celebration of the birth of the Christ child in a manger in Bethlehem almost 2,000 years ago.

For your convenience, times and details of services to be held on Christmas and Christmas Eve in Heppner and Ione churches are listed below.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Christmas services at the Christian Life Center Assembly of God Church, 425 N. Gale in Heppner, will be held on Dec. 25, at 11 a.m., preceded by Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. The congregation will gather for another service on Christmas at 7 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church will meet at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day for its service with Elder Clarence Baker giving the Christmas message. Bible school is scheduled at 9:45 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

A celebration of Holy Communion with sermon and carols will be held Christmas Eve, at 9:30 p.m. at the All Saints' Episcopal Church, West Church St., Heppner, with all baptized Christians welcomed to join the open communion.

A simple celebration of the Holy Communion will take place at All Saints' at 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

On Christmas Eve, there will also be a service in Condon for Episcopalians at the Roman Catholic parish hall at 4 p.m.

LUTHERAN

A Candlelight service with communion on Christmas Eve will take place at both Hope Lutheran in Heppner, 675 Alfalfa St. and at Valby Lutheran in Ione. The Hope service is planned at 8:30 p.m., with special Christmas music by Sandy Matheny. The Valby service will be at 9 p.m. A wind trio and piano will play Christmas instrumentals at both services.

The congregations of both churches are invited to a joint intimate devotional communion service at Hope Lutheran Church on Christmas Day at 10 a.m.

METHODIST

The First Methodist Church of Heppner, 175 W. Church, will hold a worship service of lights on Christmas Eve at 8

p.m., symbolizing the light of Christ entering the world. Special music will be performed by the choir and nursery care will be provided.

A worship service celebrating the birth of Christ will take place at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day. The choir plans to perform a special number and Christmas message will be addressed to the children of the congregation.

There will be no Sunday school on Christmas.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

A unified Christmas service will take place at the Church of the Nazarene in Heppner on East Pioneer Drive at 11 a.m., combining Sunday school and worship service on Christmas Day.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Midnight Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner, 525 N. Gale Street, at 12 midnight on Christmas Eve. Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's, with the choir singing carols at both masses.

A Christmas Mass will also be held at 8:45 a.m. at St. William's Catholic Church in Ione, Dec. 25.

Confessions will be heard on Christmas Eve, 3-4:30 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 22, Heppner members of the Seventh Day Adventist Church will hold a Christmas party at 6:30 p.m., featuring a unique gift exchange and special games.

On Dec. 24, the congregation will meet for a Christmas service at 11 a.m. There will be readings on the nativity from Luke 2 with responses given by children. Church members will be invited to give testimonies on what the birth of Christ means to each individual.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The members of the United Church of Christ in Ione will meet for a Candlelight Communion Service on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. A worship service will take place on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. The choir will sing Christmas carols at both services.

Day Care Center closes doors

Heppner no longer has a day care center.

After more than three years of operation, the Heppner Child Development Center closed its doors permanently on Monday, Dec. 19, after a combination Christmas-farewell party at the 4-H Annex building.

Ironically, most problems

which had plagued the Center during its existence seemed to be solved. It was in the black financially and through the cooperation of the Fair Board had a temporary home and strong new support which promised to help greatly in finding a permanent building.

The closure was forced by the fact that many of the

children which used the day care facility at its old base in the Seventh Day Adventist gymnasium didn't return to the Center when it reopened at the fairgrounds after a month long shutdown.

"It takes from 18 to 20 children a day just to come out even", commented Kathy Hazen, the last director of the

Center and a member of the Board of Directors. She said that only from six to 10 children had been coming daily since reopening, adding that Center savings which had floated operations from Nov. 8 to closing day Dec. 19 were almost depleted. "We should have just enough left to pay our bills," Mrs. Hazen said.

Looking back at the time and effort which had been devoted by many people to maintain the day care center's operation, Mrs. Hazen commented, "It's too bad. Whoever decides to open another center will have to start from scratch just like we did three years ago."

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Bill Weatherford services held Saturday

William W. Weatherford, a native son of Eastern Oregon, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the age of 63.

Services were held Saturday at United Methodist Church in Heppner with concluding services and vault interment in Arlington Cemetery with the Rev. Steve Tollefson officiating.

Casket bearers were Dean Gilman, Louis Rucker, Dennis Doherty, James Green, Howard Bryant and Carl Spaulding. Honorary casket bearers were Cornett Green, Harvey Smith, Albert Connor, Dr. L.D. Tibbles, George Curran, and Jerry Brosnan.

Born April 6, 1914 at Arlington, he was the son of

pioneers Marion Earl Weatherford and Minnie C. Snell. Mr. Weatherford's grandfather, William Wash-

ington Weatherford, first settled in the Shutter Flat area and was the first to grow wheat commercially in this area.

Mr. Weatherford was a retired cattle rancher and most recently owned and operated the Heppner Laundromat. During World War II he served as a welding instructor at Kaiser Shipyards in Portland.

Mr. Weatherford is remembered by many for his stories of Eastern Oregon and the people who settled here and he was the author of two books, "Over My Shoulder", a story of his illustrious pioneer family that was published in 1975; and "Blue Mountain

Talewinds", a collection of anecdotes and stories about individuals with Eastern Oregon as the setting, published during Mr. Weatherford's illness in September 1977.

He was a charter member and director of the Morrow County Historical Society and was instrumental in restoring the Democrat Gulch Schoolhouse next to the Heppner Library for the community's Bicentennial celebration.

Mr. Weatherford was a life member of Heppner AF & AM, member of Al Kader Shrine, a member of BPOE 358 and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Justine, at the home; a son,

CPO William W. Weatherford III, Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan; a daughter, Karla K. Weatherford, Bremerton, Wash.; Stepsons, Frank Ross Haberlach, Port Orchard,

Wash., and William P. Haberlach, Medford; stepdaughter, Ann H. Chenhall, Cheney, Wash.; a brother, Marion T. Weatherford, Arlington; two sisters, Edythe Newell, Prineville, and Barbara W. Athearn, Wickersham, Wash.; and six grandchildren.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Heppner Public Library, Morrow County Museum or the charity of the donor's choice.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Weather by Don Gilliam

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Wed., Dec. 14	57	47	.32
Thu., Dec. 15	51	40	.05
Fri., Dec. 16	43	33	
Sat., Dec. 17	42	32	.15
Sun., Dec. 18	44	32	.01
Mon., Dec. 19	43	29	
Tue., Dec. 20	30	20	

School board confronted Lexington residents oppose assignment

A strong contingent of Lexington residents opposed to the prospect of having their children lose the discretion of

attending school in either Heppner or Ione, confronted the School Board with their concerns Monday and were left with the assurance that the Board would devote further study to the issue.

Nearly 40 residents packed the district office for the regular monthly Board meeting after learning the Board plans to reconsider its current attendance area procedures. The Board is looking at the

possibility of assigning Lexington area students to either Heppner or Ione schools to achieve a better balance and utilization of space in those schools. The assignment would be valid only for elementary and junior high students and would not apply to the high schools.

Steve Peck acted as spokesman for a portion of the residents who met late last week to discuss the situation.

He presented a detailed study showing how rearrangement of available space coupled with minor construction of partitions and doorways could result in seven additional academic classrooms at Heppner Junior High.

Peck said that by installing partitions, relocating storage areas and better utilizing space in the shop and band buildings, the school could come up with plenty of

classroom space to accommodate additional students. District architect Bob Smith sat in on Peck's presentation and said it would be difficult to come up with any firm costs or figures without taking a closer look at the proposed changes.

Peck said he had sought to locate some space in the Junior High as a means of alleviating the overcrowding problem that had led to the possibility of assignment.

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Posse accepts family's gratitude

The Morrow County Sheriffs Search and Rescue Posse is \$200 richer this week—the result of a Portland family who donated the money in appreciation of the Posse's successful efforts in locating 15-year-old Mike Miller last October.

Miller was the subject of an all-night search by Posse members after he was reported missing in the Blake Springs area. The youth had crashed his motorcycle into a ditch on an isolated area and had collapsed on the road after trying to walk away from the wreck.

After he was found, Miller was rushed to Portland by ambulance for emergency treatment and he then spent several weeks in the hospital recuperating from head injuries. The family now says he is home and doing quite well.

Two checks, each for \$100, were received from the family by the Gazette-Times this week and were presented to Search and Rescue Posse president Simon Winters and Morrow County Sheriff Larry

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Posse adds to fund

THE MORROW COUNTY Search and Rescue Posse was on the receiving end of a Christmas present this week. Simon Winters, Posse president, (standing) and Sheriff Larry Fetsch hold a Christmas card and two checks for \$100 each from the family of a boy lost here during hunting season. The Posse was instrumental in bringing the boy to safety.