

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

The arrival of the first day of a new year is probably the most widely celebrated holiday in the world—although this event is celebrated at different times by different peoples. The Chinese, who have celebrated their New Year's Day for about 4,000 years, seem to hold the record. Their New Year's Day falls between January 21 and February 19 each year.

On the older Julian calendar, the new year began on January 14, but when the Gregorian calendar was adopted in the 1500's that day changed to January 1. The Jewish people celebrate their New Year's Feast about the time of the autumnal equinox, in late September.

Many thousands of years ago the Egyptians celebrated the new year about the middle of June as this was the time when the Nile River usually overflowed its banks. In ancient Rome, the first day of the year was given to honoring Janus, the god of gates and doors after whom the month of January is named. Janus is represented as having two faces, one looking backward and one looking forward. The Romans were great about exchanging presents on New Year's Day. East of Rome the ancient Persians began the giving of eggs to their friends on the year's first day.

When the Romans invaded England, they found that the Druid priests celebrated New Year's Day on March 10 by cutting branches of mistletoe from their sacred oak trees and giving the branches to the people. Later, English people followed the custom of cleaning their chimneys on New Year's Day. This was supposed to bring good luck to the household. From about 1200 into the 1800's the English exchanged presents on the first day of the year. English husbands generally gave their wives money that day to buy enough pins for the whole year. This custom disappeared when machines were developed to manufacture pins at lower costs; however, the expression "pin money" is still used.

Many modern-day world citizens have had more than the usual time to sit watching their televisions reading their newspapers and magazines during the recent holidays with the long weekends away from employment. They may be more puzzled than ever about the economic future of this country as they have tried to understand the many forecasts being given out and to decide which of the many forecasters they feel they can believe.

Everyone now has the reminding forms from the IRS and from the Oregon Department of Revenue on hand which surely tend to dim holiday enjoyment. Somehow it seems that the mailing of these forms could wait until just after the holidays. But then there may be folks who are very eager to get at the computation of their taxes.

My home has mottoes on the walls of most of its rooms. One of my favorites, which I have looked at daily for years now, states "You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying about the future." Another old favorite tells me "Yard by yard life is hard, but inch by inch it's a cinch." Two small, new placards which I added this year have appealing thoughts. One proclaims "Age is a matter of mind—if you don't mind, it don't matter." The other tells me that "Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together."

Oregon Ag. Calendar

- Jan. 12-15 — The Weights and Measures Division will hold their annual staff conference in Room 44 of the Department of Agriculture building in Salem.
- Jan. 14 — A meeting of the Table Wine Research Advisory Board will be held in the Laboratory Services Division library of the Department of Agriculture building in Salem at 10 a.m.
- Jan. 18 — The Oregon Dairy Products Commission will meet at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird at approximately 2:30 p.m. in conjunction with the dairy princess contest.
- Jan. 20 — A meeting of the Oregon Soil and Water Conservation Commission will be held in Room 44 of the Department of Agriculture building in Salem, at 9 a.m.

Ore. students outscore national contemporaries

Oregon high school juniors and seniors last year outscored their national contemporaries on all four tests administered by the American College Testing Program, State School Supt. Verne A. Duncan announced recently. Nearly 1,400 Oregon college bound students were tested for their general educational development and ability to complete college level work in English, mathematics, social studies and science. The Oregon average for all tests was 19.2, while the national average was 18.5. Oregon scores on individual tests with national scores listed in parentheses: English 18.5 (17.8), mathematics 17.7 (17.3), social studies 18.3 (17.2), and natural science 21.9 (21.0). Oregon males did better than Oregon females on all but the English test.

Senior Citizen News

Any senior citizen attending the Heppner senior mealsite for the first time during the month of January will receive a ticket for a free meal. The tickets will be redeemable during January and February.

Anyone wishing to donate playing cards or games to the senior center may do so by calling Lynnea Sargent 676-9621, or by bringing them to the mealsite.

Anyone over 60 that is unable to attend the weekly senior meals, held each Wednesday, 12 noon, at the Fairgrounds in Heppner may receive a carryout meal by calling Mary Nikander 676-5571.

AAA to meet

District 12 of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council will meet at the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op conference room on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. for a regular meeting.

District 12 is made up of five area counties with seniors from each county to represent 17 mealsites, said a spokesperson.

The Project Council will also meet on January 13, 10 a.m. at the Bank of Eastern Oregon Conference Room in Heppner.

The two groups will meet at the Heppner mealsite for lunch and discuss the meetings. About 40 to 50 extra people are expected to attend the dinner, said a spokesperson.

Farm sales from p. 3

increase in sales of 14.9 percent. Hog sales remained steady. Sheep sales increased \$4 million over last year, but because of more animals sold rather than better prices. Sales of horses this year were about \$2.5 million higher than in 1980-81.

Miles said the overall impact of farm sales on Oregon's economy can be determined by using a multiplier of three. "Agriculture generated approximately \$5.3 billion in Oregon in 1981," Miles noted. "This figure is calculated by taking into consideration exchanges that occur with processors and handlers, agribusiness firms, farm purchases, services to farmers, farm employment and family expenses."

Oregon farm sales estimates are made every year by the OSU Extension Service. County Extension agents work with Miles in contacting producers, brokers, handlers, processors and others in the food chain.

Estimates are made on more than 100 agricultural commodities. Figures on major commodities are compared with those estimated for the state by the USDA's Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, the news release concluded.

City league basketball to begin January 10

Heppner City League Basketball will get underway on Sunday, Jan. 10 at the Heppner High School gym.

The S & J team will meet lone at 5 p.m., Johnston meets Dunlap at 6 p.m., Barber vs Gar Aviation at 7 p.m. and the Sod Busters play Eggers at 8 p.m. Devin's team has a bye.

Schedules will be handed out to all players at the Jan. 10 game at 5 p.m.

For more information contact Dave Allstott or Mike Rowell.

Those players who need to join a team should contact Dyrk Dunlap during the day at 676-9157.

What's Your Opinion?



Question: Are you in favor of a state sales tax? "Not really," says George Estes, Heppner. "It would be a pain in the neck for everyone."

Julie Grieb elected OSU sorority pres.

The Oregon State University chapter of Sigma Kappa sorority recently elected Julie Grieb, Heppner, to the office of president.

A sophomore in Agriculture and Resource Economics, Julie has been active in both campus and sorority activities. Last year she received the most active pledge award and is currently a senator for

the School of Agriculture. This summer Grieb will be traveling to the Sigma Kappa National Convention at Lexington, Kentucky. Julie succeeds Betsy Reese of Echo as president of the chapter.

A 1979 graduate of Heppner High School, Grieb is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Grieb, Lexington.

Bowling News

Blue Mt.	Won - Lost
Heppner Bowl	37 - 19
Bucknum's	31 - 25
Bongo & Bait Box	31 - 25
M.C.G.G.	30½ - 25½
Central Market	27 - 29
Cast Offs	26 - 30
Cal's Lounge	22 - 34
Gar Avia	19½ - 36½

High game: Greg Johnston - 222.
High series: Elmer Heath - 534.
High team game: Heppner Bowl - 848.
High team series: Heppner Bowl - 2434.

Koffee Kup Keglers	Won - Lost
Gutter Dusters	48 - 20
Weary Wives	37 - 31
Three Holers	34 - 34
Three L's	33 - 35
Hi Ho's	33 - 35
Newcomers	31 - 37
The Dregs	30 - 38
The Pytts	26 - 42

High game: Linda Schultz - 193.
High series: Linda Schultz - 494.
High team game: The Dregs - 604.
High team series: Three Holers - 1598.
Splits: Neoma Bailey - 5-7, Lucille Massey - 6-7-10, Iris Campbell - 5-10, and Kay Wilson - 6-7-10.

Dime A Dozen	Won - Lost
Seven	4 - 0
Six	3 - 1
One	3 - 1
Four	2½ - 1½
Five	1½ - 2½
Two	1 - 3
Eight	0 - 4

High game: M. Kindle - 236, Lucille Massey - 204.
High Series: M. Kindle - 606, Billie Doherty - 534.
High team game: No. Seven - 817.
High team series: No. Seven - 2271.
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Splits converted: Jackie Allstott - 5-7 and Vonnie Lovgren - 5-10.
High game: Jean Ball - 209
High series: Jean Ball - 529.

To our valued customers

Pay Less Drug Store

Out of today's circular the following 2 items did not arrive:

1. Pg. Item
2. Dazey Seal-A-Meal Kit No. 8500
3. Pre Flex 45cc

We sincerely apologize and hope this does not inconvenience you our valued customers.

Rainchecks will be issued

OPEN DAILY 9 TO 9
SUNDAY 10-5
HEMISTON PLAZA

The Seventh-Day Adventist Health Van will be in this area. Free test for blood pressure, breatholator and medical age.

Heppner-Jan. 13, 11a.m. to 7 p.m. at Murray's Drug

lone-Jan. 14 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rietmann's Hardware.

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Make it a warm New Year.

We have a wonderful offer! A way to bundle up for warmth and comfort against our cold Oregon winters at the same time you create a warm and comfortable future.

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By opening your IRA or Keogh retirement account with us, or adding to an existing account, one of these quality gifts can be yours.

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ACCOUNT DEPOSIT

	\$100 For New Retirement Accounts Only	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	CUSTOMER PURCHASE
SCOTTY SPORT LEISURE BLANKET	5.00	FREE	FREE	FREE	7.50
PENDLETON WOOLEN MILLS SCARF	5.00	FREE	FREE	FREE	10.00
THERMAL WEAVE 102"x90"	10.00	5.00	FREE	FREE	15.00
FLORAL COMFORTER 86"x86"	25.00	20.00	10.00	FREE	30.00

A. Thermal Weave Blankets. Designed to create superwarmth, this deluxe 100% acrylic woven blanket has a nylon binding. 102x90 inches.

B. Floral Comforter. Thick, cushiony and beautifully made. This king/queen comforter is 86x86 inches with deep pleats and filled with 100% fiberfill. It radiates old world charm and quality.

C. Scotty Sport Leisure Blanket. Machine washable 45"x72" polyester blanket. Bright brown or red plaid with snap handle bag.

D. Pendleton Woolen Mills Scarves. The name speaks for the quality of these 100% virgin wool scarves. 12x52 inches in choice of colors.

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