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HEALTH DEPT.

The Morrow County Health Dept. lists the following monthly schedule for blood pressures and immunizations:
Thursday, Jan. 9-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
Monday, Jan. 13-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon annex, 1-4 p.m.;
Tuesday, Jan. 14-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Thursday, Jan. 16-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
Monday, Jan. 20-blood pressures and immunizations, Lone City Hall, 2-4 p.m.;
Tuesday, Jan. 21-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Thursday, Jan. 23-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
Tuesday, Jan. 28-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Thursday, Jan. 30-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Weather Report
By City of Heppner

For the month of December

	High	Low	Precip.
12/1	53	37	.11
12/2	44	33	.00
12/3	48	27	.17
12/4	41	24	.00
12/5	48	36	.21
12/6	47	33	.08
12/7	47	42	.00
12/8	49	40	.20
12/9	50	38	.13
12/10	51	38	.22
12/11	53	32	.14
12/12	48	32	T
12/13	53	33	.02
12/14	46	28	.00
12/15	47	34	.00
12/16	53	33	.04
12/17	40	17	.00
12/18	34	17	.00
12/19	29	17	.00
12/20	43	22	.01
12/21	47	31	T
12/22	44	28	T
12/23	47	28	T
12/24	46	33	.15
12/25	49	23	.28
12/26	28	17	.35
12/27	45	15	.05
12/28	37	24	T
12/29	26	12	.25
12/30	50	20	T
12/31	53	46	.01

Card, bunko party set at St. Pat's church

St. Patrick's Altar Society has scheduled a public card and bunko party for Sunday, Jan. 19. Games of pinochle, bridge and bunko will begin at 2 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church parish hall. Cash prizes will be awarded for high and second high scorers and a floating prize for each of the three types of play will also be offered. Desserts and coffee, tea and punch will be served. Cost for the afternoon will be \$3. "We think we haven't had a public card party in

Heppner for too long. We hope interest is strong enough that we can hold another party next winter," said a spokesperson. "Winter weather is perfect for gathering indoors for games."

Local teen dance held on Dec. 31

An Oregon Together Teen dance was held on New Year's Eve. Barb Peterson, Doug Rathbun and others helped organize the dance.

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

County school days lowest in state

To the Editor:
A recent report by the Oregon Education Dept. gives the following statistics:

These are the average number of days schools in Oregon's 36 counties operated:

COUNTY	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Baker	173	175	174	174
Benton	172	174	170	169
Clackamas	172	172	172	170
Clatsop	176	177	175	170
Columbia	174	174	167	169
Coos	175	176	176	175
Crook	169	158	153	166
Curry	178	178	177	173
Deschutes	173	173	172	166
Douglas	169	159	156	161
Gilliam	175	177	173	165
Grant	173	170	168	170
Harney	168	170	169	171
Hood River	170	176	174	171
Jackson	175	173	173	172
Jefferson	172	172	174	172
Josephine	173	175	163	170
Klamath	153	139	140	173
Lake	166	169	164	165
Lane	174	175	172	173
Lincoln	171	175	142	158
Linn	174	172	170	170
Malheur	175	175	174	173
Marion	170	175	174	174
Morrow	177	177	150	148
Multnomah	175	175	172	165
Polk	175	176	170	170
Sherman	168	171	176	173
Tillamook	171	172	170	166
Umatilla	175	177	176	173
Union	165	166	166	165
Wallowa	176	176	176	175
Wasco	175	179	171	171
Washington	176	178	172	170
Wheeler	167	167	160	160
Yamhill	174	176	165	166

Oregon is short on days as compared to the rest of the world, but Morrow County has the distinction of being the lowest in Oregon. Oregon teachers' salaries currently rank 14th in the United States. Superintendent Starr reports that average 1995-96 Morrow County salaries are \$33,000. But he neglects to add their pension benefits and health care benefits which would probably raise the average salary to the \$40,000 reported in one newspaper.

As the instruction days in our schools number 148, that leaves 217 days our students are not learning much and less than that amount of time is spent on instruction when athletics are scheduled on days other than Friday. And I am told this is necessary to fit other schools' schedules.

The average Oregon farm income for 1995 has been officially reported as \$9,900 per farm. This 35 percent drop is a near record, marking the worst decline since the Great Depression. The figures for 1996 may be worse due to potato prices being down as much as 75 percent and cattle prices down by half. The temporary good glitch in wheat is apparently over. These people, plus small business owners, are the taxpayers supporting schools and government in Morrow County.

I believe everyone here supports payment of adequate salaries to attract good teachers. We recognize their

investment in time, energy and money to get their education.

But when we do that, as we are doing now, we expect them to accomplish the job of educating students for the next century. If the U.S. does not maintain an educated workforce to secure our economic place in the world, we will be reduced to dumb, brute force (read war) to secure our leadership role.

Who wants that?
(s) Meg Murray
lone

Happy with four-day week

To the Editor:
I go to a four-day week school and I like it. I like it because on the weekends you can spend more time with your family and you can have more time to read over the weekend. I go the same hours as every other kid that goes five days a week. That's why I like four days a week.

(s) Jenny Atkins
Fourth grade, Heppner Elem.

HCC to meet

The next meeting of the Heppner Coordinating Council (HCC) will be held Tuesday, January 14, at 7:30 a.m. at the Forest Service Building conference room.

Agenda topics will tentatively include: the Heppner Strategic Plan wrap up; HCC leadership for 1997; HCC agenda topics for winter quarter; a fiber optics update; and an Internet update.

Justice Court Report

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

- Cameron Ryan Sweeney, 18, Heppner-Careless Driving, \$167 fine;
- Steven D. Arbogast, 25, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, \$167 fine;
- Douglas B. Evans, 28, Arlington-Operating a Vehicle in a Cooperative Road Closure, \$61 fine;
- Jason Lee LaFaver, 20, Maupin-Unlawful U-turn, \$67 fine;
- Christy Dale Howell, 22, Condon-No Operator's License, \$67 fine;
- Christopher Harold Ford, 27, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$67 fine;
- Sheri Lynn Arbogast, 26, Heppner-Violation of the Basic Rule, 36 mph in a 25 mph zone, \$67 fine.

Lions fruit sale begins



Heppner Lions Club member Steve Rhea shows some of the fruit now on sale during the annual Lions Club and Heppner High School senior class fruit sale.

Anyone wishing to order fruit may contact high school seniors Traci Dickenson or Toni Kemp. Lions club members will deliver your fruit order to your home or business.

Cost for a case of grapefruit or oranges is \$15, a half case is \$8, and a quarter case is \$5.

Intro to Herbology offered in county

Introduction to Herbology and Natural Healing is being offered through the Blue Mountain Community College Morrow County office. The weekend class will be held Friday, Jan. 16, from 5:30-9:30 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at Riverside High School in Boardman.

According to Morrow County coordinator Anne Morter, the class is based on Dr. John Christopher's School of Natural Healing in Springville, UT. The instructor, Ben Titus, has received a master herbalist degree from that school.

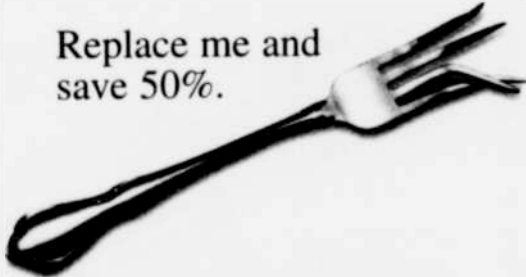
Subjects covered will include cleansing and rebuilding the body. Emphasis will be placed on internal organs, proper use of herbs as food supplements, various herbal

combinations, basic formula preparations, identifying herbs, the role exercise plays in natural healing, and proper diet for rebuilding the body.

Preregistration is required. Cost of the course is \$55 with a \$10 lab fee. Required text for the course will be "Herbal Home Health Care" by Dr. Christopher. The cost of the book is \$12. For more information or to register, contact Morter at 422-7040 or 481-2099.

Willow Creek Park District meeting

Has been changed from Jan. 8 to Jan. 22 7p.m. Heppner City Hall



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