

Heppner Elementary Site Council meets

The Heppner Elementary Site Council held its January meeting on Monday Jan. 6.

HES Principal Bill Karwacki showed the committee drawings of the new playground equipment for the lower grade field. This new apparatus is expected to be delivered by the end of February.

There is a need for volunteers to help assemble the equipment so the cost of labor could be held to a minimum. There was also some discussion on doing some improvements on the fifth and 6th grade playground. A poll of some sort was mentioned to get an idea of what the children who use this area might like to see done there.

It was also brought to the council's attention that parents might not be aware of what booster shots are required and when these need to be given. A volunteer agreed to contact the Morrow County Health Department and set up some kind of a schedule or letters to be sent home with students to let parents know when these are required.

Karwacki also distributed a parent-school communication survey among the parents of the site council. This survey will be discussed at the advisory committee meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Heppner Elementary staff room. The meeting is open to the public, and anyone with concerns is invited to attend.

Ione Site Council holds meeting

The Ione Site Council met Wednesday, January 8, at the high school. Dick Allen, school principal, reported the certified staff is seeking an open date for a community visitation to view new technology at the school. He also reported Barbara Peterson, school counselor, has been working on starting the OSSOM program at Ione. Selected students from grades 9-12 will be trained to work with elementary students. She has also scheduled Judy Cushing to speak about the warning signs of drug abuse at a community meeting February 20.

Two multi-media presentations are planned for January 23 or 24. Elementary students will view "King of the Mountain" and grades 6-12 will view "Take the Lead". Both deal with conflict resolution and self esteem.

The junior high Positive Action Committee is organizing a Valentine's Day dance. The group is also planning to plant a tree in memory of Beth Slottee. The elementary teachers are involving their students in a mock inauguration and inaugural ball, which will take place January 21. Lisa Robertson will be at Ione Schools as an artist in residence in February.

The main focus of the January Site Council meeting was to develop a school improvement plan. Staff members had earlier recommended to Allen that the school work on improving math scores to meet state benchmarks. The following school improvement plan goals were approved by the Site Council:

- increase the percentage of students who meet or exceed state standards in math.

- enhance test environments to maximize test results.

- provide opportunities for staff and students to become competent with appropriate new technologies available at Ione Schools.

Social behavior and attitudes of students may be included in improvement plans. The Site Council did not have enough information from the staff to indicate development of a goal at this time. Allen is to check with staff members regarding the social behavior of students at Ione. He will also ask the staff if they have particular needs for training or supplies to better teach the Hispanic students.

The by-laws committee will meet February 12 at 4:30 p.m. and give an update report at the Site Council meeting that evening. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in room 1 of the high school.

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The Heppner Chamber of Commerce Board was installed during the Chamber's annual luncheon Jan. 15 at the Heppner Elks Club. Officers (L-R) are as follows: second vice president Kevin Erich; outgoing president John Edmundson; first vice president Mike McGuire; second vice president Delanne Ferguson; treasurer Mike Armato; second vice president Dan Brosnan; president Gary Marks.

Engagement



Herrick — Miller

Stacie Jean Herrick of Springfield and Justin Chad Miller of Ione have announced their plans to marry on Feb. 22. Herrick, daughter of Paula and Vernon Herrick of Springfield, is a 1993 graduate of Thurston High School and a 1996 graduate of Blue Mountain Community College. Miller, son of George and Nancy Miller of Ione, is a 1993 graduate of Ione High School and a 1996 graduate of Blue Mountain Community College. He is a wheat farmer. They plan to be married at Thurston Christian Church.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

-:- An informal meeting with the state master will be held at the Ione Grange on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 5-7 p.m. The master and other officials will discuss Grange principles.

-:- The Lexington IOOF card party planned for Saturday, Feb. 1,

will be cancelled.

-:- Mr. and Mrs. Gene Heliker, Casa Grande, AZ, are the parents of a son, Jacob Dalton. Grandparents are Barbara and Eldon Gilbert, Heppner, and the late Don Heliker, Ione. Jacob joins a sister at home.

Bishop to visit All Saints'

All Saints' Episcopal Church held its annual parish meeting on Sunday, January 19.

The church celebrated its programs of outreach. Giving for the last year totaled more than \$5,000. "Much of the money was used to fill local needs and some went to Mongolia and to Bosnia in the aid of children," said Father Al Miller, priest and area missionary. "It was noted that it is tremendous that the community has shared in this giving by supporting some of the fund raisers of the church like the pancake supper and barbecues over the years."

Bill McDowell was reappointed senior warden of the church, a position which communicates and cares for official parish work.

All Saints Episcopal Church will host the Right Reverend Rustin R. Kimsey, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon, on Sunday, February 2. The bishop will preach and celebrate Holy Communion and there will be a baptism.

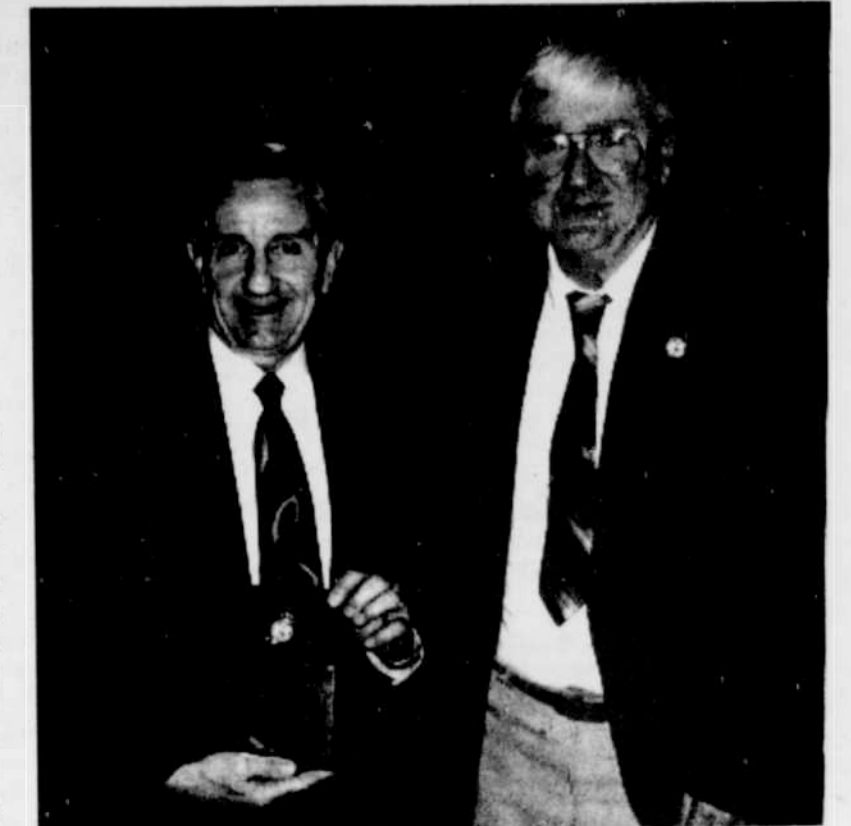
Bishop Kimsey is a native of Eastern Oregon and serves the function of pastoral and spiritual oversight of all Episcopal churches east of the Cascades in Oregon.

The worship service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a potluck following the service and a time for sharing by the bishop in dialogue with the congregation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Outgoing Chamber President John Edmundson (left) hands the Chamber gavel to president-elect Gary Marks, with Chamber manager Claudia Hughes.



Outgoing Heppner Chamber of Commerce President John Edmundson (right) presented a lifetime achievement award to retiring Blue Mountain Community College President Ron Daniels and the annual Town and Country luncheon held Jan. 15 in Heppner. Daniels, keynote speaker for the luncheon, told the assembly of problems and challenges facing BMCC.

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