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Heppner Schools announce January schedule

Students will have to part with their winter break and return to school on Monday, Jan. 5.

The HES Site Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m. The HES Parent Club will also meet on Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.

The HES Geography Bee will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m.

On Monday, Jan. 12, the Morrow County School Board will meet at Sam Boardman Elementary at 7 p.m.

HHS Site Council meets at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 14. HHS Booster Club will also meet on Wednesday, at 7 p.m.

The first semester ends on Thursday, Jan. 15. School will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19 for the Martin Luther King holiday, which means there will be school on Friday, Jan. 23.

The Community Education Committee will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m., at HES.

The month of January is also peppered with numerous basketball games. Make sure to get out and support our teams.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

"May your year be merry and bright..." a wish extended to the community from St. Patrick's Senior Center, which includes residents, volunteers, Board of Directors and employees. The Center relates to the community in many quiet ways and in more publicized ways. It has become an increasingly important entity on which we depend.

A special meeting for the Board of Directors is called for Jan. 7 at 12 noon, in the Center office. Planning for the annual meeting is the main item on the agenda.

People who regularly attend the noon meal are reminded that they, who are over 60 years of age, are voting members at the annual meeting. Three one-year board members are being voted on at this annual meeting, scheduled for Jan. 21 at 12:15 p.m.

Volunteers from St. Patrick's Catholic Parish will serve the first meal of the New Year on Jan. 7.

SWCD announces state conservation poster contest winner

The annual Morrow County conservation poster contest sponsored by Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District was held in May of this year. The first place posters were entered in the Oregon Association of Conservation District's contest in November.

Cassandra Feyder, a student at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon, was selected as the state first place winner in the fourth through sixth grade category.

On Dec. 18, an employee of Morrow SWCD presented Cassandra with a \$100 savings bond from OACD along with a certificate for her accomplishment. We are very proud to have a student from Morrow County receive this honor, stated a district spokesperson. The poster contest theme was "Food for the Future." "It was a reminder to the students of the importance of having an ample supply of food for now and the future."

WVSC starts the New Year

The Willow Valley Service Club will begin its 2004 meetings with a business meeting on Thursday, Jan. 8, from 12-1 p.m., at John's Place in Heppner. There will be a no host lunch.

Included in this meeting will be election of officers for 2004 and review and suggestions for meetings, fundraisers and service projects.

Dues of \$24 are payable at that time or via the mail to P.O. Box 102, Heppner, OR 97836.

Anyone interested in WVSC is invited to attend this meeting.

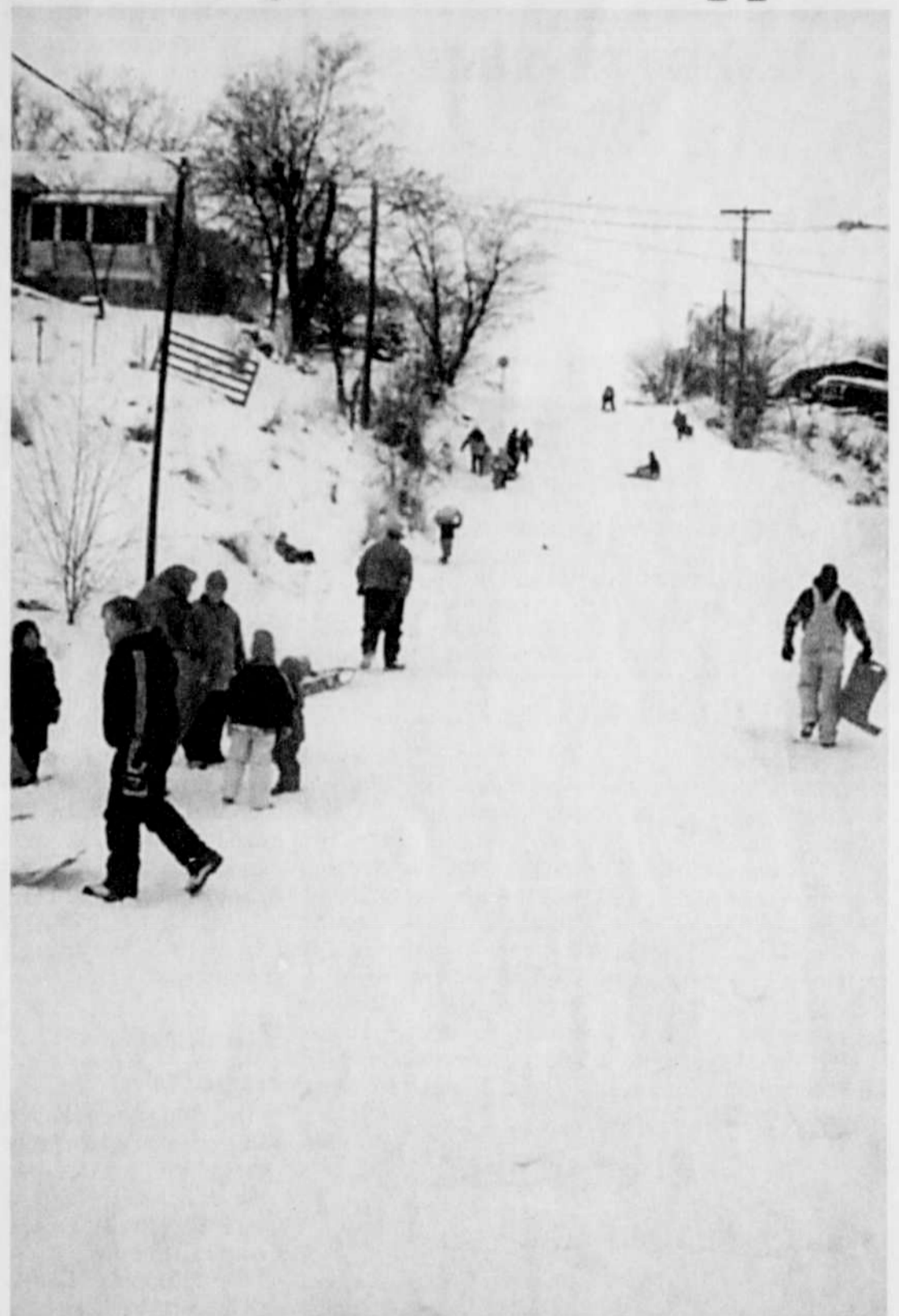
Morrow County receives funds for emergency food and shelter aid

Senators Gordon Smith (R-OR) and Ron Wyden (D-OR) announced today that Oregon will receive grants totaling \$2,571,031 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Emergency Food and Shelter (EFS) Program to supplement food, shelter, rent, mortgage and utility assistance programs for Oregonians with non-disaster related emergencies. Of the \$2.5 million, Morrow County will receive \$9122.

"Federal relief working in concert with local charities is the best way to aid Oregonians who face some serious and unexpected hardship," said Smith. "The importance of helping out a neighbor isn't lost in Oregon and these funds are welcomed with enthusiasm."

"With these funds, local aid and social service agencies will be able to direct money where the need is greatest and where funds will count the most," said Wyden. "These grants are a great start at putting money into local hands to aid Oregonians."

Snow days return to Heppner



Kids and adults alike enjoyed the recent snow fall from Monday and Tuesday as they sled down a closed off Water Street.

Heppner Little League to hold meeting

The Heppner Little League will be holding a monthly meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 7 p.m., at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Those interested in little league are invited to attend.

New DUII laws take effect Jan. 1

A number of new laws go into effect Jan. 1 dealing with the crime of driving under the influence of intoxicants. The intent behind the new laws is to make the roads safer for the driving public.

"These new laws will help reduce traffic fatalities and injuries," said Gretchen McKenzie, coordinator of the Oregon Department of Transportation's Impaired Driver Program. "They give law enforcement, the courts, and drug and alcohol treatment professionals new tools to get the impaired drivers off the road and into treatment."

News laws include the following:

-Senate Bill 342 allows school district boards to request ODOT to suspend driving privileges for a student who has been suspended or expelled at least twice for using, delivering or being under the influence of controlled substances on school property or at a school event. This aligns with a similar law regarding alcohol. The goal is to act as a deterrent for habitual drug abuse by minors and to get them into evaluation or treatment early on, before they develop a lifelong addiction and cause themselves serious physical damage.

-Senate Bill 348 allows a fine of up to \$10,000 if a person is convicted of DUII and has a passenger under 18-years-old who is at least three years younger than the driver. The goal is to protect child passengers from death or injury caused by family members or others who

are under the influence of intoxicants.

-Senate Bill 421 elevates criminally negligent homicide and manslaughter in the second degree if caused by a driver under the influence of intoxicants. With the elevation of criminally negligent homicide to a Class B felony, the state will be able to continue requiring three years of post-prison supervision after a defendant is released from incarceration.

-House Bill 2885 requires a permanent revocation of driving privileges for the third conviction of a misdemeanor DUII. The bill affords stricter and earlier consequences for repeat offenders. It allows the courts to protect the public by taking repeat offenders off the road sooner.

-House Bill 2900 subjects a person who refuses to take a breath test to a fine of between \$500 and \$1000 in addition to any other consequences prescribed by law. It gives law enforcement, the courts and treatment professionals another way to

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Ione Little League to meet

The Ione Little League will be meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m., at the Windmill Café in Ione.

The meeting agenda is to organize for the 2004 and discuss league officers. Anyone interested in helping out for the 2004 year is invited to attend the meeting.

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