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## Heppner Schools Calendar

The Heppner Elementary/Junior High/Senior High schools lists its January events calendar:

Wednesday, Jan. 14-Heppner High School Site Council, 6 p.m., and Heppner High School Booster Club, 7 p.m.;

Thursday, Jan. 15-End of the semester. Basketball C-team at Stanfield, 6 p.m.;

Friday, Jan. 16-Boys and girls JV and varsity basketball teams vs. Umatilla, 3 p.m., junior high girls basketball vs. Weston-McEwen, 3 p.m.;

Saturday, Jan. 17-Boys and girls JV and varsity basketball teams at Sherman County at Moro, 1 p.m.; junior high girls basketball at Pilot Rock, 9 a.m.;

Monday, Jan. 19-Martin Luther King Day Holiday. No school;

Tuesday, Jan. 20-Boys varsity basketball team at Wahtonka (make-up game); Community Ed. Comm., 7 p.m. at Heppner Elementary School;

Thursday, Jan. 22-Basketball C-team vs. Riverside, 6 p.m.;

Friday, Jan. 23-School day; boys and girls JV and varsity basketball teams vs. Pilot Rock, 3 p.m., junior high girls basketball at Umatilla, 3 p.m.;

Saturday, Jan. 24-Boys and girls JV and varsity basketball teams at Culver, 1 p.m.; junior high girls basketball vs. Stanfield, 9 a.m.;

Monday, Jan. 26-Basketball C-team at Umatilla, 6 p.m.;

Thursday, Jan. 29-Basketball C-team at Grant Union, 6 p.m.;

Friday, Jan. 30-Basketball C-team at Weston, 1 p.m.; boys and girls JV and varsity basketball teams at Weston, 3 p.m.; junior high girls basketball at Columbia, 3 p.m.;

Saturday, Jan. 31-Boys and girls JV and varsity basketball teams vs. Stanfield, 1 p.m.; junior high girls basketball vs. Columbia at 9 a.m.

## Ione Schools Calendar

Thursday, January 15-Semester ends.

Friday, January 16-Middle school basketball at Arlington, 10 a.m.; high school basketball vs. Wheeler at Fossil, 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 17-High school basketball vs. Horizon Christian at Ione, 4 p.m.

Monday, January 19-Martin Luther King Day, no school; Ione School Board meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 20-High school basketball vs. Helix at Ione, 3 p.m.; Site Council, 5 p.m.

Friday, January 23-Middle school basketball vs. Arlington at Ione, 3 p.m.; high school basketball vs. Central Christian at Ione, 5 p.m.; drama class presents "Kokonut Island", 9:45 a.m.

Saturday, January 24-Middle school basketball tournament at Sherman County at Moro, 9:30 a.m.; high school basketball at Cascade Locks, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27-High school basketball at Condon, 3 p.m.

Friday, January 30-Middle school basketball vs. Spray at Ione, 2 p.m.; high school basketball vs. Wheeler at Ione, 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 31-Middle school basketball at Dufur, 10 a.m.; high school basketball vs. South Wasco County at Ione, 1 p.m.

## 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. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

### Plan offers best chance for

#### Tillamook Burn

To the Editor:  
Managing for biodiversity is the philosophy behind Oregon's State Forests Management Plan (January 2001).

The integrated forest management strategies look at the health of the forest within adaptive management context. The plan calls for the development of a variety of stand structures across the landscape. This will, in turn, benefit local and regional economies with the opportunities for forest recreation (such as hunting,

berry picking, wildlife viewing, hiking etc) as well as aid fire protection and forest health. The plan also has strategies for properly functioning aquatic and riparian habitats which will benefit the recreational and commercial fisheries.

The 50/50 initiative petition sets 50 percent of the Tillamook State Forest off limits to any kind of management. This however gives the Tillamook State Forest the best chance to be the Tillamook Burn yet again. Is that what we want?

(s) Charles J. Hurliman  
Tillamook County  
Commissioner  
Tillamook, OR

### Tax defeat a tragic loss for Ione

To the Editor:

The board of directors of the Ione School District wishes to convey its public support for the tax issue that is coming before the voters of the state of Oregon. While we are sensitive to any tax measure, we are also aware that there are no other realistic solutions available to our state at this time.

By our calculations, the failure of this short-term taxing solution will cost the Ione School District approximately \$117,000 per year. When converted to realistic terms, this is approximately the cost of two teaching positions. In a district the size of Ione, this would be

a tragic loss. Since education budgets are primarily built around people, there are few other areas where cuts can be made.

At a time when Oregon's economy is struggling, unemployment is high, and people are concerned about any added expenses, we still believe that there is never a time when we can afford to cease investing in the future of our children.

Joe McElligott,  
chairman  
Greg Rietmann, vice  
chairman  
Ann Morter  
John Rietmann  
Debbie Radie  
Ione School Board

## Arts & Crafts group plans workshops

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts will schedule workshops in oil, watercolors, colored pencil and scratch board at their meeting January 22 at the GD's banquet room in Heppner at 1 p.m.

Members are asked to attend so they can pick dates that are available for everyone.

The artists will be Joyce Anderson for watercolor and Betty Crosswhite for oils. Sandra Haynes will do scratch board with watercolors on January 17 and 18. Contact Judie Laughlin at 676-9781 to sign up.

A colored pencil workshop with Sandra Haynes is scheduled for February 14 and 15. Those interested are asked to sign up now by contacting Judie Laughlin.

All workshops are open to the public and beginners are welcome. Some

classes are limited in size, so those interested are asked to sign up early.

The January meeting is a guest month, so anyone interested in arts or crafts is welcome to attend and listen to the club's yearly plans. A no-host luncheon is planned before the meeting.

Donations are being sought for the mural drawing at the Ag Museum. "With the mural drawing on the ag museum, a donation to the Farm Foundation now will help see the painting done this year," said Betty Mills. Contact Mills, 676-5546, for more information.

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## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Executive Director

Town and Country week is here. There are still a few tickets available for the banquet. It's a great time to overcome cabin fever brought on by winter. Come out and enjoy visiting, congratulating award recipients and hearing Pam and Peggy, the famous Slob Sisters, talk about prosperity in the New Year.

During the Chamber luncheon Tuesday, Victor Vander Does took the helm as Chamber president for 2004. Goal setting will take place later this month. All members are encouraged to share ideas and thoughts with board members prior to the planning session. Remember: diversity, change, growth, new faces, and a bathroom for the Chamber. (Sense of humor is important too.)

Heppner for all seasons...there's no question what season we are in now. Maybe I'll think twice before decorating next year's Chamber tree with "let it snow" snowmen! The good news is that the ground is not frozen and therefore our ranchers and farmers are reaping the benefits of much needed moisture soaking into the ground. It's been a few years.

Dues are coming in. The first three members for 2004 are: Rolling Hills Hunting Preserve, Horseshoe Hereford Ranch, and Gordon O'Brien. An investment in Chamber is an investment in Heppner's future.

It has been suggested that the Main Street tree lights be left up until the snow melts to make removal safer for all the tremendous volunteers. While the lights would look festive for St. Patrick's weekend, we hope not to wait that long. An added benefit is the look of the lights on the glistening snow for those out walking at night or driving through Heppner. They are welcoming on a cold winter's night.

Thought for the week: "Success is never final, and failure is never fatal; it's courage that counts."

### Free stop-smoking clinic planned

A "Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking Clinic", sponsored by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, is planned for January 25-29 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on Minor Street in Heppner.

The clinic will be held in two-parts. The class is five days long and then a second week of meetings is available for support.

"This well-known plan is used nation-wide and has a good success rate," according to a spokesperson. The program is non-denominational and has physical, emotional and spiritual support. The medical information will be presented by Dr. Ken Wenberg and videos.

There is no charge to attend. Anyone who needs help with a New Year's resolution to stop smoking may pre-register by calling 676-5036.

### Births

**Kodie Jayde Walchli**-A daughter, Kodie Jayde Walchli, was born to Jamie Jean Walchli, Heppner, on December 24, 2003, at Good Shepherd Health Care System in Hermiston.

## Obituaries

### Rose Nelson

Rose Marie Nelson, 71, of Condon died Saturday, December 27, 2003, at her home.

At her request, no funeral service will be held. Disposition was by cremation.

Mrs. Nelson was born September 26, 1932, at Trout Lake, Washington, the daughter of Theodore and Frances Kessinger Pierson. She attended schools at Moro and graduated from high school at Heppner in 1950. She attended Eastern Oregon University, graduating in 1954 with a degree in elementary education. She taught school at Pendleton until her marriage to Jim Nelson on December 26, 1954, at Condon.

The couple farmed in the Condon area.

Mrs. Nelson enjoyed winters in Maui and spending time with family. She enjoyed cooking, reading and working crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed sewing and music.

She had won several cooking awards at the Gilliam County Fair and Oregon Wheat League.

Survivors include her husband, Jim, of Condon; sons, Jeff and John, both of Condon; daughter, Danone Smith of Portland; seven grandchildren; sisters, Marj Yung of Tumwater, Washington, and Pat Rauch of Milwaukie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Becky and sister Frances Irene.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gilliam County Medical Center, P.O. Box 705, Condon, OR 97823, or to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Condon, was in charge of arrangements.

### Milton R. Morgan, Jr.

Milton R. Morgan, Jr., 90, of Ione, died Saturday, January 10, 2004, at Columbia Basin Care Facility in The Dalles. Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 15, 2004, at 1 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Ione.

A complete obituary will be in next week's Gazette-Times.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

### Helen M. Kruger

Helen M. Kruger, 88, of Lexington, died Monday, January 12, 2004, at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston. Graveside service will be held Friday, January 16, 2004, at 1 p.m. at the Gibbs Cemetery in Sherwood.

A complete obituary will be in next week's Gazette-Times.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

### SMART topic of Lex Grange meeting

The SMART program (Start Making a Reader Today) will be the topic of the Lexington Grange meeting set for Monday, January 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Virginia Carnes, state SMART coordinator, is tentatively scheduled to speak, along with Tracy Bunch, Morrow County SMART coordinator.

The evening will include a potluck supper.



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*to*

*Abraham Anthony McNamee*

*son of Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McNamee*

*on Saturday, January 17th, 2004*

*at 12 o'clock Nuptial Mass*

*St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Heppner*

*Reception following at the Morrow County Fairgrounds*