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## Heppner busy with activity

Heppner will be busy with activities as the fall and winter seasons come upon us. From the scarecrow contest to the Christmas tree auction, there will be many opportunities for community members to come out and have fun. Some of the activities include:

**Welcome Scarecrow Contest-** Oct. 1: Stuff some clothes and put on a welcoming face for the friendly scarecrow event. Create a teacher, pastor, football player or cheerleader. Use your imagination. Then vote for your favorite during the Oktoberfest, on Oct. 9, when winners will be announced. Check with businesses to display an entry downtown. Be sure to remember to register your scarecrow at the Chamber.

**Oktoberfest-** Oct. 9: This is a new event sponsored by various entities. Contact Nancy Gochmayer to have a booth or enter the cake-baking contest. It's an opportunity to make money for your organization and to be visible. Food, music, dancing, children's activities and contests, it's an all day Heppner family happening. We may even have a live scarecrow style show.

**November-** make time to give thanks.

**Light Parade-** Dec. 2: Start thinking now about an entry. The more participation, the more fun for the community and the prize money is great. Share the community spirit. Working on lighting your entry is a fun group project. How about entering for a class competition or as an organization and business. Plan ahead.

**Christmas Tree Auction-** Dec. 2: The Heppner Chamber has invited Hospice to work together on the auction this year and receive part of the proceeds. We invite you to think about donating a tree or planning on bidding on one for your Christmas or someone else's.

And there you are... all kinds of opportunities to have some fun and be a positive part of our great community.

Also remember to nominate deserving folks for the Town and Country awards. The categories are youth, business, man, woman and educator. Please call the Chamber at 676-5536 with ideas.

## Team Oregon offers motorcycle safety class

The Team Oregon motorcycle safety program is sponsoring a basic motorcycle rider course in Pendleton, Oct. 1-3.

This 16-hour course includes both classroom and on-cycle instruction and will be conducted over a three-day period. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. Motorcycles and helmets are provided for student use during the course. Tuition is \$95.

Motorcycle riders under the age of 21 must successfully complete this course to become eligible for a motorcycle endorsement on their Oregon operator's license. DMV will waive motorcycle

examinations for course graduates.

For registration information, visit the Team Oregon website at teamoregon.orst.edu.

The Team Oregon Motorcycle Safety Program is sponsored by Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Transportation. Team Oregon's goal is to foster and promote safe motorcycle operation through quality rider education programs and public information campaigns. Team Oregon is funded by a fee on motorcycle license endorsements.

## 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.)

### Tillamook State Forest recreation

To the Editor:  
The counties have always recognized the value of recreation. Tillamook County is proud to be third highest provider of county parks in Oregon. A comprehensive recreation management plan has been in place since 1993. A recreation program enables the Department of Forestry to manage existing and future recreational uses.

Cooperative agreements are important to the users groups and the Northwest Oregon State Forest Management Plan. Cooperative agreements involve the Department of Forestry, interagency (school district, U.S. Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife, etc.), user group organizations, businesses and individuals.

The Management Plan identifies different uses and the interaction between those uses.

The Rain Forest Coalition's 50/50 plan ignores the management of recreation by saying hands of 50 percent of the Tillamook Forest. Voting for measure 34 would cut out the money that provides the opportunity for camping, hiking, access, bicycle, hunting, equestrian, etc.

(s) Charles J. Hurliman  
Tillamook County  
Commissioner

### St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Hope, Valby and All Saints Ecumenical Parish is the host for the Sept. 29 Senior Center noon meal. The menu for that day is oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, fresh carrot and apple wedges, hot rolls and Baby Ruth bars.

Four representatives, Ed Baker, Tom Wilson, Grace Drake and Sheila Piper will attend the regular Morrow/Umatilla Area Agency on Aging (AAA) meeting in Pendleton on Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. in the CAPECO office. An official from the state office will be presenting updates on policies and services available to seniors through the agency.

At the regular Center board meeting, the "Memorandum of Understanding" between the Senior Center Board of Directors and RSVP was signed. The agreement concerns the division of responsibilities between the local board, RSVP and CAPECO. The weekly senior meal is provided by a cooperative commitment between the three entities. The conditions of the agreement are reviewed and signed annually.

### Wheat Commission to hold meeting

The Oregon Wheat Commission will hold a regular meeting on Oct. 8 at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, 5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles, at 9 a.m. Dress is business casual.

Commission meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to participate is encouraged to do so. Persons interested in participating by

### Keep SAIF, vote no on measure 38

To the Editor:  
I'm writing because my 12,000 Oregon small business members want to urge you to vote no on Ballot Measure 38, a scheme to abolish Oregon's SAIF Corporation. Abolishing SAIF would cost Oregon businesses more than \$108 million a year. An average employer's workers' compensation rates would increase by nearly 20 percent, costing Oregon thousands of jobs.

The company behind Measure 38, Liberty Mutual Insurance of Boston, has made Oregon's SAIF Corporation its most recent target of a national campaign to eliminate competition from state workers' compensation funds. Liberty has spent millions browbeating Oregonians with misleading and false attacks on SAIF. The plain truth is this: only Liberty Insurance stands to gain if SAIF is abolished. Official state estimates show Measure 38 would cost Oregon \$2.2-\$2.4 billion to implement.

SAIF is required by state law to keep rates as low as possible. Over the past five years, SAIF saved Oregon businesses including businesses not insured by SAIF - an average of over \$40 million a year. Since 1990, SAIF has returned \$734 million in dividends to its customers, providing a needed boost to Oregon businesses. And Oregon's low workers' compensation rates have been a major economic development asset, one of the few attractions bringing jobs to Oregon. In contrast, Washington workers' compensation rates have gone up 29 percent and California's rates have risen 20 percent in the last year. Oregon's basic rate hasn't increased in 14 years - thanks to SAIF.

SAIF insured more than 60 percent of Oregon's small businesses and many high-risk businesses that private insurers like Liberty don't want to insure (such as nursing homes, firefighters and farmers). If SAIF is abolished, these small and high-risk businesses would be forced to pay rates 30-50 percent higher than what SAIF charges them.

The vast majority of NFIB/Oregon's members choose SAIF for their workers' compensation insurance. Please join us in saying No to Liberty Insurance and No to increasing Oregon workers' compensation rates to raise profits Liberty sends back to Boston. Please vote No on Measure 38.

(s) J.L. Wilson, Oregon  
State Director  
NFIB/Oregon

## Ione to apply for charter school

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"if the student's IEP Team determines the Ione Community Charter School is the appropriate placement for the student."

The application projects student enrollment of approximately 170 students in grades kindergarten through grade 12. Current enrollment is 164 students.

A public hearing for citizen input on the application has been set for Monday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m., prior to the next regular Ione School District Board meeting. Copies of the application will be available at the school. If the application is approved by the state, the "Ione Community Charter School" could be in effect by Jan. 18, the first day of the second semester.

Besides Rietmann, others contributing to the drafting of the application include Ione School District superintendent/principal Bryn Browning, Ione School Board member Anne Morter, Tim Holtz and Eric Orem.

The board also approved the first reading on a home schooling policy and approved an agreement with the city of Ione to provide grounds maintenance.

In other business, Browning submitted an administrative report as follows:

-the reader board is ready to go and replacement panels with the correct red cardinal will arrive in a few weeks. Installation, wiring and construction of the pole were donated. The city of Ione has decided to play the entire lot, put in an underground sprinkler system and plant grass. The natural resources class will build and plant a decorative planter around the base of the pole.

-the plaza brick project is complete with a dedication of the plaza by the school board prior to the Education Foundation auction of Sept. 25.

-the pool, which was used by classes during the first of the month, will be closed at the end of the month.

## Ione Education dedication, auction

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Eastern Oregon in Ione. Tickets will be sold at the door if available.

For all who attended this event last year, there will be the same great food. The live auction will be limited to around one hour. There will be a silent auction for some memorabilia, allowing for more time to socialize. Last year's dinner and auction was a huge success, helping the foundation to fund many Ione School projects.

The IEF has approved a Tier One grant worth \$25,000 to Ione School District for the 2004-2005 school year. The grant will be used to fund a music teacher. The Foundation plans to provide a similar grant to the Ione School each year.

In addition to the Tier One grant, the IEF has made all dues collected available to the Ione School in the form of Tier Two grants. For the current school year through December of 2004, grants totaling \$9250 are available. These grants are available for teacher/student learning projects. Tier Two grants

-teacher Jim I has taken on responsibility of yearbook and concession sporting events. Throu creation of the Ione Business Club, studen receive work experie small business, as w earn credit towards th and CAM and will c wage for wo concessions. Student also create a busines that incorporates sup demands, adverti purchasing, budgeting of facilities and j sharing. Money earned the concessions will g student body account later date.

-the foc program with Arling going well and they asked about the poss of joining together : Browning sugg discussing this iss spring or late summer

-the zero p natural resources cl planning a trip to the 5 on Sept. 26-29.

-the eleme teachers are wrappi pre-assessments for fi -enrollment is K-12 students: 54 in 9 nine-12, 51 in grades eight and 61 in grad four.

-the first in-s day is set for this Frid the morning, ESD sta provide e-mail technology training: afternoon, there will b for organization assistance with auctio up and also time to w the classrooms.

-the schoo working with the department to develop safety plan to ensure fire escape for classroom.

-the first Council meeting w held on Oct. 18, at 4 p the library.

The board approved a recommendation to Blas Elguezabal o teaching staff.

The next School District meetin be held on Monday, O following the public h on the charter sc application.

have been used to pa fund field trips, pr learning materials support teacher works The IEF has applied for and recei matching grant of \$75 the Wild Horse Found The grant has been u: fund the construction green house. Foundation has agre match the \$7500 prov a total of \$15,000 fo project. The green hou been built on Ione S District property and v owned and operated l district.

Please come enjoy the afternoo evening in Ione and su the Ione School.

## Heppner Boosters Club to hold steak feed and auction

Mark calendars. The Hej Booster Club Steak and Auction are comi Oct. 16. Dinner ticket be bought ahead of tir \$10 each at Hollon Heppner Hardwar Morrow County ( Growers.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the proposed Morrow County Health District Levy on Wednesday, September 29th at the Ione Legion Hall, Ione at 7 p.m.

Officials from the Morrow County Health District will explain the levy and take questions from the audience. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.