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**Heppner Schools calendar**

The Heppner Schools has released its January 2005 calendar with the following events planned:

Heppner Elementary School Chess Club meets every Monday.

The HES Site Council will meet on Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. and the HES Parent-Teacher Club will meet at 7:30 p.m.

The Morrow County School Board meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at Irrigon High School.

The Heppner High School Site Council will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 6 p.m., with the HHS Booster Club meeting at 7 p.m.

There will be no school on Monday, Jan. 17 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but classes will be held on Friday, Jan. 21.

The Community Education Committee will meet at 7 p.m. at HES on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

In case of school closures, announcements will be made on the following radio stations: KOHU 99.3 FM/1360 AM; KWHT 103.5 FM/1240 AM; KUMA 107.7 FM; KORD 102.7 FM; KONA 105.3 FM; and Q104.5 FM.

**St. Patrick's Senior Center news**

Volunteers from the United Methodist Church are hosts for the Jan. 5, 2005 noon meal at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu of the day is roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, sliced peaches, whole-wheat rolls and chocolate chip cookies.

Don't forget regular Bingo every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. Other activities include: cards and games every Tuesday and Friday afternoon beginning at 1:30 p.m.; exercise class at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday; and a jig-saw puzzle in the common room, ready for anyone, at all times.

The "Go For Table" is open every meal day, during the meal; and also, there is some one to take blood pressures for those needing between time checks.

The annual meeting of the Senior Board and membership is called for Jan. 19 in the Center office at 12:30 p.m. The agenda is election of new members and election of officers for 2005. Three member slots will be elected for the new year.

The Senior Center Board, professional and volunteer staffs, extended a very Happy New Year wish to all community members.

**Birthday party for Graves to be held**

An open house birthday party for Dorris Graves will be held on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2005, from 1-3 p.m. at the Lexington Grange Hall. Everyone is invited to come. Graves has been active in the Grange for 75 years.

**Obituaries**

**Frances Alene  
"Grandma"  
Stanger**

Frances Alene "Grandma" Stanger, 66, of Irrigon, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004, at her home.

A funeral was held Dec. 23 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Boardman with burial at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

Stanger was born Jan. 8, 1938, at Neosho, MO, to Alva Justus and Eunice Iva Mabe Hale. She grew up at Neosho and married Jerry Stanger at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints there. They later sealed their marriage at the Idaho Falls Temple in Idaho. The Stangers lived in California, Idaho Fall and 24 years ago moved to Irrigon.

Stanger was a 30-year member of the Boy Scouts of America. She loved to cook and to help people.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Jerry Stanger, of Irrigon; sons, Newt of Irrigon and Joseph of La Grande; daughters, Alene Crismon of Irrigon, Susan Stanger of Spokane and Goldie Cubur of Stamford, CT; brother, Robert Hale of New Orleans; 24 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alva and Eunice Hale.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

**Donald R. Stevens**

Donald R. "Don" Stevens, 53, of Irrigon, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, at his home.

A private family service will be held later. Private inurnment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery at Columbia Falls, MT.

Stevens was born July 24, 1951, at Whitefish, MT, to Roy and Grace Padgett Stevens. He grew up and attended schools in Montana and later Washington, graduating from White Pass High School at Randle, WA. He joined the Air Force and served in Germany and stateside. He has lived in Irrigon for the last 21 years.

Stevens worked at various jobs including construction and food processing plants.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, cooking, reading, gardening and the outdoors. He loved his family and enjoyed practical jokes. It was said the family would dearly miss hearing his "Donald Duck" voice.

Survivors include his partner, Mary Slape of Irrigon; mother, Grace

Bachmeier of Mead, WA; brothers, Alex Bachmeier and Tom Bachmeier, both in Washington state and Gary Helseth in Arizona; sisters, Kathryn Amburgy of Glenoma, WA, Christine Schroeder in Montana, Sherelle Schroeder in Washington and Karen Bachmeier of Mead, WA; numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father Roy Stevens.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

**Sheriff's Report**

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

**Dec. 21:** MCSO cited David Leroy Brown, 34, for Driving while Suspended-violation.

-MCSO arrested Librado Martinez Dircio, 24, on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Rape III x2, Sex Abuse II x2, Sex Abuse III x2, Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency of a Minor x2. Dircio was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

**Dec. 22:** MCSO arrested James J. Nelson, 38, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Contempt of Court. Nelson was sentenced to 10 days.

-MCSO arrested Michelle Ann Stephens, 31, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

**Dec. 23:** MCSO cited Heather Ann Tyrrell, 24, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report from Umatilla County Jail that Ricardo Reyes, 35, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended-misdemeanor.

-MCSO arrested Kent Wendell Cate, 36, on a Deschutes County warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII, Assault IV, Reckless Endangerment and Reckless Driving. Cate was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO cited Gerald Todd Peterson, 41, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone.

**Dec. 24:** MCSO cited a female juvenile for No Operator's License.

-MCSO cited Patricia Ann Geyer, 46, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO, OSP, Irrigon ambulance and fire department received a report of a vehicle roll-over in Irrigon with one person trapped and unknown injuries. Three subjects were transported.

-MCSO arrested John Martinez Frutos, 57, on

a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Parole Violation/Possession of a Controlled Substance. Frutos was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report from Klamath Falls PD that Brian Andrew Clemens, 32, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

-MCSO cited Emilio Francisco Martinez, 19, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 41 mph in a 20 mph school zone.

-MCSO cited Richard Paul Kaloke, 30, for Driving while Suspended-misdemeanor.

-MCSO received a report from OSP that Fredrick Carl Widman, 37, was arrested for Failure to Pay Fine/Failure to Validate Tag- Adult Steelhead.

-MCSO cited Kim Kahl, 60, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 73 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO cited Julio Mejia Lopez, 31, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 72 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Michelle Marie Hottel, 38, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended.

**Dec. 25:** MCSO cited Gavin Ronald Mims, 32, for Violation of the Speed Limit, 80 mph in a 65 mph zone and Driving while Suspended-infraction.

**Dec. 26:** MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Benito Quijano Gonzalez, 21, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended.

-MCSO cited Nathan Allen Calvert, 20, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 102 mph in a 65 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report from Portland PD that Kraig Richards Sanders, 37, was arrested on a warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

**Dec. 27:** MCSO cited Amelia V. Cortez, 18, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 58 mph in a 30 mph zone.

-MCSO arrested Glenda Grace Winston, 52, on a Umatilla County warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance II and Driving while Suspended. Winston was lodged at Umatilla County Jail, with no local charges.

-MCSO, Boardman PD and ambulance received a report from the Dodge City Inn in Boardman that two females were fighting outside in the parking lot. Juanita Longoria Holeman, 33, was arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest and Attempted Assault of a Public Safety Officer. Connie Jo Raphael, 39, was also arrested for Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest and Attempted Assault of a Public Safety Officer. Both subjects were lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

**Child care classes to be held in Hermiston**

Child Care Resource and Referral will be holding a Family Child Care Overview class and a Child Care Health and Safety series at their Hermiston office in the month of January.

The Family Child Care Overview class will be held Jan. 10, from 6-9 p.m., at 110 NE 4th St., Hermiston. There is no cost for this class. The class is required by the Child Care Division for anyone wishing to become a registered family care provider and will include additional information such as: basic business practices, the USDA food program, DHS listing process and more.

The Child Care Health and Safety series will be held Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, at 110 NE 4th St., Hermiston. There is a \$5 charge per class. These classes cover many basic topics such as healthy growth and development, nutrition, food safety and oral health and preventing illness. A child care provider can take separate classes or the whole series.

For more information about these or other classes or to pre-register, call Child Care Resource and Referral at (800) 559-5878 or in Hermiston 564-6878.

**Bunch graduates from basic training**




Brian Bunch

Air Force Airman Brian Bunch has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Gerald and Annie Bunch of Heppner. He is a 2004 graduate of Ione High School.



**The City of Heppner requests your presence at a no-host Dinner/Roast in honor of Mayor Bob Jepsen who is retiring from sevice as Mayor of the City of Heppner after 12 years.**

**When:** Saturday, January 8, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** All Saints Episcopal Church Parish Hall (460 NW Gale Street, Heppner)

**Menu:** Prime Rib or Baked Cornish Game Hen  
Green Salad, Vegetable, Rolls, Coffee or Tea

**No-Host Wine/Sparkling Cidar Bar available**

**Price:** \$15

**RSVP with payment and menu choice to Heppner City Hall, 111 North Main Street, 676-9618 no later than Monday, January 3, 2005.**

*For additional information, call Heppner City Hall*



**HEPPNER ELKS 358**  
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

**~ Friday, December 31st ~**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**Crab Feed and Ham Dinner starts at 6 p.m.**

**Music by Matt Howard and party favors!**

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