

Local Christmas events return this year

By Bobbi Gordon

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce, along with area businesses and churches, will be holding events almost daily for the Christmas season this year. Many events were cancelled or held virtually last year due to COVID. Events begin this week with a painting party at the Heppner Christian Church on December 9 at 7 p.m.

Kicking off this weekend will be an Artfactory Bazaar sponsored by Heppner Daycare at the Gilliam and Bisbee building on December 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then on Sunday, December 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice will sponsor a scavenger hunt "Searching for Christ in Christmas." Local churches participating in the scaven-

ger hunt include Hopeful Saints Ministry, Heppner Christian Church, Heppner Seventh-Day Adventist, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and St. Patrick Catholic Church. (See related story in this week's issue of the G-T).

Flood Town Books will be hosting Christmas Trivia Night on Facebook Live or in the store at 7 p.m. December 13 and their Merry



The Heritage Park in Heppner gets in the spirit with lighted displays. -Contributed photo.

Ione/Arlington hosts basketball tournament



Pictured (L-R) front row: Cooper Stefani (manager), Tom Rudolf, Oliver Giefing, Jim Swanson (asst. coach), Carson Eynetich, Matthew Hammond, Fernando Ramirez, Calvin Rietmann and Dennis Stefani (head coach). Second row (L-R): Shane Sifford, Kellen Gronquist, Lewkus Burrig, Gary Walls, Bryce Rollins, Taylor Rollins, Azriel Borghese, Jaxson Rogers, Brian Spivey (volunteer), John McElligott and Shaun Troutman (asst. coach). -Contributed photo.

The Ione/Arlington boys' basketball team won the Ione Basketball Bonanza Tournament held in Ione December 3rd and 4th. The Ione/Arlington teams hosted both boys and girls JV and Varsity teams from

Irrigon, Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler and Damascus Christian.

The Ione/Arlington boys won the championship game versus Irrigon after taking the win against

Damascus Christian on Friday. The girls won the consolation side after a loss to Damascus Christian the first day and a win against Spray/Mitchell/Wheeler the next day.

Grinchmas party from 5 to 7 p.m. on December 14. Murray Drug's annual wine and design event will be held December 15 at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 16 is the night to redeem rewards cards, enjoy the all ages coloring contest, meet Santa and Mrs. Claus and pick up some treats from the Parent-Teacher Club bake sale at the chamber sponsored Celebrate Heppner Christmas event from 6 to 9 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

The next weekend brings The Polar Express at the Sage Clothing event center on Friday, December 17, sponsored by

Sage Clothing, Breaking Grounds Coffee and Wheatland Insurance. Saturday, December 18 will be a busy day with the Christmas Light parade at 6 p.m. and a snowball drop at Thomson Square at 7:30, sponsored by the Heppner Outreach Council. A dedication ceremony for Thomson Square will also be held Saturday, with Mexican hot chocolate served by Tacos Home-town.

The all-ages coloring contest requires coloring pages to be picked up and returned to the chamber office by December 13, with judging and winners announced at the Celebrate Heppner Christmas event. The winners will win art supplies provided by TREO and Wilkinson Ranches.

Residents within the city limits of Heppner are encouraged to decorate their homes and enter the Christmas Decorating contest, where three winners will win prizes provided by Ellsworth Real Estate Fund LLC. Categories include

a traditional display, the Clark Griswold excessive use of everything display and a crazy inflatables display, with a minimum of three inflatables required. Residents must submit their names and addresses to the chamber office by December 13 and judging will take place December 14.

"This year's Christmas events will look different than it did pre COVID, but so does everything these days," Chamber Executive Director JoAnna Lamb told the Gazette. "The Christmas Committee really tried hard to reach out to the whole community. Everyone that had an idea and wanted to do something, has been included. We have added in some new programs, and we are experimenting with those to see what we can expand on for next year," she added.

For additional information regarding these events, contact the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@gmail.com.

Ione Arlington Winter Sports Schedule

Boys Varsity Basketball

December 10, 2021, 7:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. TBD at Arlington HS
 December 11, 2021, Noon Ione / Arlington vs. TBD at Arlington HS
 December 17, 2021, 7:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Bickleton at Ione Charter School
 December 18, 2021, 5:30 PM, Sherman vs. Ione / Arlington at Sherman High School
 December 21, 2021, 7:30 PM, Pilot Rock vs. Ione / Arlington at Pilot Rock High School
 December 28, 2021, 3:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Joseph at Ione Charter School
 January 7, 2022, 7:00 PM, Condon vs. Ione / Arlington at Condon High School
 January 8, 2022, 5:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Spray / Mitchell / Wheeler at Ione
 January 11, 2022, 7:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Echo at Ione Charter School
 January 14, 2022, 7:30 PM, Trout Lake vs. Ione / Arlington at Trout Lake High School
 January 15, 2022, 5:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Klickitat / Glenwood at Ione Charter School
 January 21, 2022, 7:30 PM, South Wasco County vs. Ione / Arlington at South Wasco County High School
 January 22, 2022, 5:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Lyle / Wishram, at Ione Charter School
 January 25, 2022, 7:30 PM, Bickleton vs. Ione / Arlington at Bickleton High School
 January 28, 2022, 7:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Horizon Christian, Hood River at Ione Charter School
 January 29, 2022, 3:30 PM, Dufur vs. Ione / Arlington at Dufur High School
 January 31, 2022, 7:30 PM, Pendleton [JV] vs. Ione / Arlington at Pendleton High School
 February 4, 2022, 7:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Condon at Ione Charter School
 February 5, 2022, 5:30 PM, Spray / Mitchell / Wheeler vs. Ione / Arlington at Spray High School
 February 8, 2022, 7:30 PM, Echo vs. Ione / Arlington at Echo High School
 February 11, 2022, 7:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Sherman at Ione Charter School

Boys Jr. Varsity Basketball

December 21, 2021, 4:30 PM, Pilot Rock vs. Ione / Arlington at Pilot Rock High School
 January 11, 2022, 4:30 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Echo at Ione Charter School
 January 29, 2022, 12:30 PM, Dufur vs. Ione / Arlington at Dufur High School
 January 31, 2022, 4:30 PM, Pendleton [JV2] vs. Ione / Arlington at Pendleton High School
 February 8, 2022, 4:30 PM, Echo vs. Ione / Arlington at Echo High School

Girls Varsity Basketball

December 10, 2021, 6:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. TBD at Arlington High School
 December 11, 2021, 4:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. TBD at Arlington HS
 December 17, 2021, 6:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Bickleton at Arlington HS
 December 18, 2021, 4:00 PM, Sherman vs. Ione / Arlington at Sherman High School
 December 21, 2021, 6:00 PM, Pilot Rock vs. Ione / Arlington at Pilot Rock High School
 December 28, 2021, 2:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Joseph at Arlington HS
 January 7, 2022, 6:00 PM, Condon vs. Ione / Arlington at Condon High School
 January 8, 2022, 4:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Spray / Mitchell / Wheeler at Ione
 January 11, 2022, 6:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Echo at Ione
 January 14, 2022, 6:00 PM, Trout Lake vs. Ione / Arlington at Trout Lake High School
 January 15, 2022, 4:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Klickitat / Glenwood at Arlington HS
 January 21, 2022, 6:00 PM, South Wasco County vs. Ione / Arlington at South Wasco County High School
 January 22, 2022, 4:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Lyle / Wishram, at Ione
 January 25, 2022, 6:00 PM, Bickleton vs. Ione / Arlington at Bickleton High School
 January 28, 2022, 6:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Horizon Christian, Hood River at Arlington HS
 January 29, 2022, 2:00 PM, Dufur vs. Ione / Arlington at Dufur High School
 January 31, 2022, 6:00 PM, Pendleton [JV] vs. Ione / Arlington at Pendleton High School
 February 4, 2022, 6:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Condon at Ione
 February 5, 2022, 4:00 PM, Spray / Mitchell / Wheeler vs. Ione / Arlington at Spray HS
 February 8, 2022, 6:00 PM, Echo vs. Ione / Arlington at Echo High School
 February 11, 2022, 6:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Sherman at Arlington HS

Girls Jr. Varsity Basketball

December 21, 2021, 3:00 PM, Pilot Rock vs. Ione / Arlington at Pilot Rock High School
 January 11, 2022, 3:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Echo at Ione Charter School
 January 29, 2022, 11:00 AM, Dufur vs. Ione / Arlington at Dufur High School
 February 8, 2022, 3:00 PM, Ione / Arlington vs. Echo at Ione Charter School
 January 31, 2022, 3:00 PM, Pendleton vs. Ione / Arlington at Pendleton High School

Valby Lutheran Church
 Valby Road
 Ione Oregon. 97843

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Old Country Church All Are Welcome

The North and South Transfer Stations will be closed on December 25th so our attendant can share Christmas with their family.

Pastors Invited to Submit Christmas Messages

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Wednesday, December 22nd

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