

Local & Entertainment

Economic Development Council to pen FTC letter

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He also mentioned that the Chamber's local component of Hatch Oregon (Nelson also serves on the Chamber Board of Directors) currently has four local business owners attending Community Public Offering (CPO) training, with possibly an event to be held at the Chamber, to allow the business owners to share their ideas with the community.

Harvey mentioned a new tenant in his office complex at 3370 10th Street (Harvey's also a local custom builder, who built the complex, owned by Rock Creek Developments, LLC, which both he, and his wife, Lorrie, manage). Norco Medical, in the building since March 1st, is a component of Norco, Inc., "...the nation's largest privately owned welding, safety, medical and gas supplier..." according to Norco's website.

Drugge spoke about her role in Business Oregon, covering the Eastern Region (Baker, Grant, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa counties), and about activities over the course of 2015, including visiting with over 94 manufacturing-type companies, regarding potential business expansions, and related barriers, and other issues. This year, she said, she'll be visiting with around 55 companies, ones which have shown interest in moving forward with expansions, and she'll be coordinating the effort with local Economic Development entities to accomplish this. She mentioned that Chris Harder, appointed

by Governor Kate Brown, began work as the new Director at Business Oregon, on Tuesday, March 22.

Cutler said that Chamber membership is up, with many renewals from businesses who were members in the past, as well as some new business memberships, and she said that she thinks the Chamber is meeting its goals, and making the community happy.

Smith provided an Economic Development update, first mentioning that the Oregon Legislature has allocated \$260,000 to the Burnt River School District in Unity, to assist in bringing Portland area students, with a higher level of academic achievement, as part of an exchange program, to Unity, in order to learn about agriculture, environmental science, local culture, etc. Initially, Smith said, the students will be from Roosevelt High School, to begin possibly during the fall semester. Funding is currently available for up to 20 students a year, and the goal is to send back 20 ambassadors of eastern Oregon every semester, he said.

Smith said that negotiations are continuing, regarding the Albertsons/Safeway grocer situation, but they're private companies, on private property, so Economic Development is just assisting where desired, with the communication process. He said he's doing what he can to ensure that the community has two major grocers (there is only one currently, Safeway, owned by Albertsons, which also has a lease agreement for the vacant, larger building across Campbell Street,

where Albertsons, and then Haggen, had previously been located).

He said that he's been in regular contact with an entrepreneur, with existing grocery stores, who's very interested, and prepared, to have a store in Baker City, but they're waiting for Albertsons/Safeway to resolve some issues. Whether the grocery store would be located in an existing building, or there would be one built, is unclear at this point, Smith said.

Smith said his opinion is that a letter should be written from the committee, to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), requesting information regarding the FTC's plans, relating to a local grocer monopoly (Safeway, as the current sole grocer), and to make the FTC aware of the current situation, that one company has control of two prime grocer locations, resulting in issues with prices, and stock, among other items.

Keen moved that a letter be written to the FTC from the EDC, making the FTC aware of what the EDC considers a grocer monopoly, and if necessary, the City will provide attorney Drew Martin as legal counsel. Jerry seconded the motion, and it carried.

Among other update items, Smith said that the closing of the local Radio Shack was prompted partly by issues with competition with Amazon, as well as issues with theft. He also said that Governor Kate Brown has asked Smith to serve as a member of the Small Business Advisory committee. He said that this opportunity will give him a chance to be a voice for eastern Oregon.

Bebe's word search

Easter

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 34 letters spell a secret message.

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| BREAD BUNNY | EGG HUNT EGGS | LENT MARY MASS | RESURRECTION ROAST |
| CALVARY CELEBRATION | FAMILY EUCHARIST | MEAL NEW TESTAMENT | SACRAMENT SATURDAY |
| CHOCOLATE CHRIST | FASTING FESTIVAL | PALMS PARADE | SUNDAY THURSDAY |
| CHURCH CROSS | FRIDAY HOLIDAY | PASSOVER PENANCE | TOMB TRADITION |
| CRUCIFIXION CUSTOM | HOLY WEEK | | VIGIL |

The Littles' crossword puzzle

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- Across**
- 1- Computer owner;
 - 5- Misfortunes;
 - 9- Running wild;
 - 14- ___ on the Range;
 - 15- Agreed!;
 - 16- Verso's opposite;
 - 17- Medical suffix;
 - 18- ___-European;
 - 19- Dined at home;
 - 20- Kidney bean;
 - 22- Pungent sauce;
 - 24- Furnishings;
 - 26- Half of MCII;
 - 27- Indistinct;
 - 30- Like the Acropolis?;
 - 35- Milo of "Barbarella";
 - 36- Peek follower;
 - 37- ___ Like It Hot;
 - 38- Wages;
 - 39- Male European deer;
 - 42- Haul;
 - 43- Red sign;
 - 45- Coconut-husk fiber;
 - 46- Approaches;
 - 48- Greedy;
 - 50- British island;
 - 51- A Gershwin;
 - 52- No longer fresh;
 - 54- Staying power;
 - 58- Illness;
 - 62- Rudner and Moreno;
 - 63- "James and the Giant Peach" author;
 - 65- Folk singer Burl;
 - 66- Cavern;
 - 67- Native Oklahoman;
 - 68- Maryland athlete, for short;
- Down**
- 1- Oops!;
 - 2- Slammin' Sammy;
 - 3- Islamic chieftain;
 - 4- Remainder;
 - 5- Stupidity;
 - 6- Slow, to Salieri;
 - 7- Young man;
 - 8- Token taker;
 - 9- Fit for farming;
 - 10- Keeps;
 - 11- Locks up;
 - 12- Ear-related;
 - 13- ___ avail;
 - 21- Cupressus;
 - 23- For a specific purpose;
 - 25- Burrowing rodents;
 - 27- Thicket;
 - 28- Atty.-to-be exams;
 - 29- ___ Beautiful Doll;
 - 69- Remains;
 - 70- Prophet;
 - 71- God of love;
 - 31- Travel from place to place;
 - 32- Smidgens;
 - 33- Love, to Luigi;
 - 34- Informative;
 - 36- Long time;
 - 40- Indian, for one;
 - 41- Mournful sound;
 - 44- First in rank;
 - 47- Recluse;
 - 49- Van Gogh masterpiece;
 - 50- Lockup overseer;
 - 53- Chevy SUV;
 - 54- Ladies of Spain: Abbr.;
 - 55- Hue;
 - 56- ___ boy!;
 - 57- Hoo-has;
 - 59- By any chance;
 - 60- Fiddling emperor;
 - 61- There are six in a fl. oz.;
 - 64- Did lunch;

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