

Chevron station gets 'Shafted' by Heppner City Council

Tom Troxell, owner of Tom's Chevron in Heppner, is "hot about getting the shaft" concerning bids taken by the City of Heppner for gasoline and service of city vehicles.

At a special city council meeting June 26, city council approved that Cal's Arco will service and provide gasoline for the city police car whole Vern's 76 will provide gas and service for the other city vehicles. Tom's Chevron, which also made a bid, "was

left out in the cold," Troxell said. "I am pretty hot about it," Troxell said. "My bid was considerably lower than the other two. It was a put up deal. Why did they (the city) take bids if they are not going to try and save money."

When the three sealed bids were opened at the June regular city council meeting, Cal Sherman of the Arco station said he would discount his pump price 10 cents per gallon for the city vehicles, Vern Wilson of the 76 station said he would discount nine cents per gallon off the pump price while the Chevron sta-

tion would discount 10 cents for unleaded and 13 for regular.

Troxell quoted his current price of \$1.26 per gallon for regular and said he would sell it for 1.13. For unleaded, the cost was \$1.24 and he would discount it for \$1.14.

Troxell said in the past few months, his gas has been considerably cheaper than those other two stations plus he was going to give a larger discount.

"Our (Chevron's) product is just as good and I think my business should have been treated equally," Troxell said. At the June council meeting,

a committee was formed to look at the bids more closely. According to Troxell, Police Chief Gilman and City Administrator Marshall Lovgren told the committee they wanted the police car to continue to be serviced at the Arco station even if it did cost a little more. Troxell added that committee chairman Frank Pearson told him that the 76 station got the bid because it needed the business a little more.

"They could have given all three of the stations that made bids some of the business instead of giving me the shaft," Troxell said.

Troxell added that he is also upset about the servicing of the city because vehicles that was not even a part of the bid-which was just for gaso-

line-but the city council has already decided which stations will do the servicing.

Lovgren said he did not talk to the committee but he did say, "The city council has the right to reject any or all bids." He added that Troxell did not bid a discount on the pump price which was requested by the council.

Chief Gilman said he did not go to the committee either but he was asked by the committee what he thought should be done with the police car. Gilman told the committee he is "happy with where the car is being serviced" and that no matter where the committee decided it should be serviced, he did not want it to be changed around from station to station.

Heppner gets painted

It looked like the City of Heppner was having its spring cleaning in late June as four local business were having their buildings painted last Friday.

Coast-to-Coast was being painted by the local Mace Builders company. The work was done by Cliff Aldrich and Bob Scott. That company has been busy in recent weeks as they have painted the Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Insurance office and the Gardner's Men's Wear department store.

Ron McDonald Chevrolet was being painted by three local men. Doing the work on that building was Greg Groshens, Joe McDonald and Randy Buck.

The Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Oregon was being painted by Belmont Painting Inc. of Hermiston.

Morrow County Extension Office south of Coast-to-Coast was having its window sills painted by the owners of the buildings, Dick and Lynnea Sergeant and their family, as part of a remodeling project.



Bob Scott swipes his paint brush underneath the Coast-to-Coast sign.

Irrigon student gets A's

Lorinda Ann Schnell of Irrigon was one of 222 students at the Oregon College of Education who were named to the President's List spring term for having earned all A grades.

Three other students from Morrow County were named to the honor roll for having 3.5

or better grade point averages spring semester. A total of 343 students were named to that honor roll.

Honored were Kristin L. Edmundson of Heppner, Sharon Anne McCarl of Lexington and Anita Eileen Roger of Irrigon.

Fake drugs available

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dose, he said. But the sampler is not all that was sent back by the imitation drug company.

Also sent was a disclaimer that said the company was out of pills and so it could not send the samples.

The company also sent another ad about books it sells on other drugs.

The company sells 12 books about other drugs. The books include: how to grow mushrooms (cost is \$2.50), the super pot guide for \$1, how to make hash at home for \$1, how to extract LSD from two kinds of seeds for \$1, how to extract mesocaine from peyote for \$1, how to make lettuce opium for \$1, bananas and nutmeg for a high for \$1 and toads and peanuts for a high for \$1. A person can buy the entire collection of 12 books for \$9. Also available is vanish, disappear and change your identity information for \$1.50.

What really bothers Doherty, is that nothing that company is doing is illegal under the present laws.

The Food and Drug Administration does not require a permit unless a company repackages or manufactures drugs and this company only sells them, Doherty said. The creation or delivery of a counterfeit substance is prohibited by law but the company is not making or delivering counterfeit substances.

With the present laws, a counterfeit substance needs to have labeling with the proper trademark, trade name or other identification marks of the true drug. The company has avoided the exact identification marks but has made the drugs the same size, color and they have a similar identification mark.

Doherty said real illegal drugs similar to the ones sent to him are called, "Christmas Trees" and are selling for \$1 apiece in the Willamette Valley.

"People are making money off the youngsters," Doherty said. "But they are within the limits of the law when sold properly. They think they are getting speed but they are being deceived."

Doherty said even though they are imitation, they are not safe because they are an effective body stimulant that can make a person stay awake. Because they contain caffeine, they are not safe because an excess can cause heart defibrillations. A seventh death caused by caffeine has been confirmed recently, Doherty said.

Paedofedrine, which is mixed in with the caffeine in the imitation speed, is also a stimulant and a decongestant that mildly affects the central nervous system. Doherty said he does not know if the drug can be physically addictive but he is sure it can be mentally addictive.

"What worries me is that kids will try the imitation speed and say, 'Speed ain't so bad,'" Doherty said. "And then they are off and running in drug trafficking. Who knows what drugs they have tried? They don't even know what they have tried."

Smith support up

Support for Denny Smith's candidacy has increased substantially since the May primary election, according to Finance Director Fred Pfarrer of Salem.

"We are moving closer to meeting our fund raising goals and the response is very encouraging. Before the primary, the campaign was averaging \$1,118.88 per day in

contributions, since then, contributions have nearly doubled to an average of \$2,013.08 per day. If we can maintain this rate we will meet our finance goal of raising \$500,000 before the election in November," Pfarrer said.

Pfarrer said the campaign has raised \$226,509 with an average contribution of \$34.49

Currin to challenge new judge

Judge John Smallmon was in his first day at the new district in Heppner Tuesday, July 1, when Ralph Currin made it known that he planned to challenge Smallmon for that office.

Smallmon was appointed to the new position temporarily by Governor Vic Atiyeh but he has to run for the office in the election in November.

Currin was nominated for the position too and was actually favored in a bar poll

of attorneys but Atiyeh chose Smallmon, the justice of the peace in Hermiston prior to his appointment.

Currin, who was undecided a few months ago, said Monday he plans to run against Smallmon in the November election. Currin was in Heppner passing out petitions so he can get his name on the ballot for the District Judge of Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

21 get A grades

Honor roll students at Riverside High School for the final semester were announced last week and there are 115 students listed, including 21 with straight A grades.

Among the 65 persons on the 3.5 to 4.0 honor roll were these students that received all A's: Carol Ann Donovan, Mari Evans, Suzie Hascall, Wes

Haws, Buddy Mills, Pat Sharkey, Curtis Viall, Lori Witt, Rosa Anderson, Janice Beyers, Pat Cimmyotti, Scott Daniels, Beth Hellberg, Jim Peck, Lerry Wilson, Danette Daltoso, Jan Tervino, Helen Daltoso, Christine Jones, Mike Stevens and Karen Yarnall. Fifty persons were on the 3.0 to 3.4 honor roll.

Senior Citizens

Seniors in Morrow County are invited to a picnic at Cutsforth Park at noon July 21. The noon meal will be prepared by the senior meal-site crew. Arrangements for busing may be made by calling the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

July 21, all County seniors are invited by the Heppner Soroptimist International members to be their guests for a bus trip to John Day and Canyon City. The ladies ask that senior men and women sign up for this trip by July 14 at the Neighborhood Center. The bus will leave early in the morning and will make a rest stop at Bull Prairie Lake on its way into John Day Valley. At noon, the travelers will dine with the senior citizens in the

John Day Senior Center. A contribution toward the cost of the meal will be appreciated. After lunch, there will be a bus trip around John Day and a tour of the museum at Canyon City before starting home. Menus for next week will include—July 8, at the Heppner meal-site—orange juice, bar bequed chicken wings, mashed potatoes, green beans, cold slaw, biscuits and jelly and applesauce and cup cakes.

Wednesday, in Cutsforth Park, the noon meal will be—apple juice, fried chicken, potato chips, cheese stix, macaroni salad with celery, peas and eggs, baked beans Hawaiian style, pickled beets and relish plate, deviled eggs, butter and garlic French bread and banana sheet cake.

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