

## Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

The beauty of a small town is one can hear just about anything. Some opinions are informed, others are off the top of heads, one may be fact, another fiction, some are dreams, others reality, but we're all in this together trying to get from here to there.

The Chamber recently hosted a meeting to have discussion on life after the mill. Some comments heard prior to the town hall meeting: "no one wants Heppner bigger"; "Heppner can become a retirement community", "life goes on", "there's nothing we can do".

Responses to these comments vary. Do we want Heppner bigger? During the past 10 years different groups of people have met to document some of the things they felt should be in place to keep Heppner a growing and healthy community. A figure of around 2000 population was what members of the group felt would be a maximum for Heppner to keep the same quality of life. Is growth what people are most concerned about now? I think not. Of utmost concern is keeping the people here, keeping our population at least where it is and having a thriving community.

Retirement community? That is well and good. There are some terrific people who have either returned to Heppner or have chosen to retire here and sink new roots. They would be the first to agree that a community should also consist of young families for a balance. The more children, the more funding available for their education. For young families to move to Heppner, we have to have housing and jobs and hard work to make it happen. We need all generations participating.

Yes, life goes on, but everyone of us has a choice in how it goes on. We can come to the table, share our thoughts and ideas for marketing Heppner, attracting visitors, finding businesses to relocate; or we may choose not to be involved in meetings. However, involved in planning or not, we can recognize the fact that buying in our home town when we can is what keeps the economy turning over, keeps the buildings occupied, keeps improvements happening and keeps Heppner healthy.

The town hall meeting didn't give all the answers, but it made people aware of some of the efforts taking place. There are opportunities for those changing employment. The first step is the most difficult. About the only person who truly likes change is a baby with a wet diaper, but for that baby every day is change. Heppner is kind of like that baby taking its first steps into a whole new type of community and, like that baby, it needs all kinds of advice, opportunity, education, care and understanding. We need to be there for each other in all of the Willow Creek Valley.

Thought for the week: "Count your blessings and proceed with energy, caution, and courage."

## 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.

### Freedom

To the Editor:

This fortunate period of good economy has increased the freedom of all of us, especially women.

It should be very gratifying for modern woman to know that she is not only encouraged to enter the workplace, on equal footing with men, but that she frequently is more important to the workplace than are men.

Women, as a rule, are more dependable than men. Women work harder and longer than men do. Women put up with more "constructive criticism" from supervision before they get angry. Women are more thorough than most men are. Women are sometimes more clever.

In all instances, where very heavy physical work is not involved, women are preferred over men.

Women have worked hard to

earn these new attitudes of society. Women have demanded and mostly received freedom.

Women have demanded and mostly received enrollment rights in educational institutions even those that traditionally have been all male.

Women have demanded and mostly received equality in the workplace. Women have demanded and mostly received relief from the bondage of traditional marriage.

This means that women, mostly, no longer demand the commitment of marriage before allowing the man to co-habituate.

Liberated women must perform better in the workplace, because when the unfettered man walks out, she, by default, has the awesome, sole, responsibility of providing for her children.

(s) F. Green White,  
Heppner

### Cub Scout Pack 66 holds Pinewood Derby

Heppner's Cub Scout Pack 661 held its annual Pinewood Derby Saturday, March 21, at the Heppner Elks Club.

Twenty-six boys from six dens participated. Pack Master Greg Smith was the official starter. Den Leader Dan VanLiew was the official timer.

Twelve boys, the first, second and third place winners from each den, will go on to compete at the District Pinewood Derby, in Hermiston on March 27. Pack 661's 1999 Pinewood Derby Grand champion was Ben McCarl. Second place winner was Zach McCarl. Matt Holland was third place winner.

Other awards given were: Most Creative: Curtis Harper; Best Scout Theme: Drew Johnson; Best Paint Job: Trent Miles; Most Realistic: Colter Raver; Most Colorful: Quinn Chick.

Full race results were: Tiger Cubs: first - Zach McCarl, second - Bryan Holland, third - Curtis Harper;

Wolves: first - Matt Holland, second - Seth Morgan, third - Quinn Chick;

Bears: first - Ben McCarl, second - Trent Miles, third - Zach Alford;

Webelos: first - Scott Maker, second - Michael Merrill, third - James VanLiew.

### Mustang baseball team drops opener

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs baseball team opened up their 1999 season with a 4-1 loss to the visiting Sherman County Huskies on Tuesday, March 16.

The Mustangs were down 1-0 in the bottom of the fifth when Zak Fabian reached base on an error and was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Michael McCabe. Mark McElligott came in to pinch run and went to third, then scored on passed balls to tie the score.

The Huskies loaded the bases with one out in the top of the sixth. Dylan Pettyjohn came in to pitch

and struck out two batters in a row after walking in the go-ahead run. Sherman County scored two more in the top of the seventh as the Mustangs got runners on base, but couldn't score them.

Tim Dickenson had the only hit for the Mustangs on a two-out single in the fourth.

David Bates, Dickenson and Pettyjohn combined for 11 strikeouts of Husky batters and gave up just one hit.

Statistics:  
Sherman County: 0 0 1 0 0 1 2 4-14  
Heppner: 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1-13  
Richelderfer, Fritts (5) and MacNab; David Bates, Tim Dickenson (4), Dylan Pettyjohn (6) and Allan Gribakov.  
W-Fritts, L-Pettyjohn (0-1).

### Tandy scholars announced

This is the 10th year that the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars program has made awards to teachers and graduating seniors at American high schools.

Tim Dickenson, in the top two percent at Heppner High School, has received a certificate.

Currently 17,010 public and private secondary schools have been certified to participate in

the awards program.

The academic top two per cent of graduating seniors are eligible to receive certificates recognizing their academic achievements. There are no cash awards in this category. This year the RadioShack/Tandy Scholars program will honor 30,659 meritorious seniors.

Each school may nominate a senior who is outstanding in mathematics, science or computer science. These students receive a certificate recognizing them as a RadioShack/Tandy Scholar. In addition, they were eligible to compete for the one hundred \$1000 scholarships awarded annually. This year more than one-half of all schools in the country participated in this area of the program.

The 100 student Tandy Prize recipients who will receive scholarships represent schools in 36 states.

Each certified school also may nominate an outstanding teacher in mathematics, science or computer science. These teachers receive a certificate of recognition and are eligible to compete for the 100 \$2500 cash awards presented annually.

The 100 teacher Tandy Prize recipients who will receive cash awards represent schools in 38 states.

## Annie Hisler named Mt. Hood team's outstanding newcomer



Annie Hisler

Freshman point guard Annie Hisler from Heppner High School has been named Mt. Hood Community College Women's Basketball Team "Outstanding Newcomer".

The 5'6" Hisler also played volleyball for the Gresham school.

"Annie got a late start with us this season in basketball due to the success of the volleyball program," stated Saints basketball coach Daryle Broadword. "She played in the

NWAACC tournament in volleyball, the weekend before Thanksgiving, and then we started playing games the Friday after Thanksgiving. It was really tough for our team to not have her with us all the time early to get our timing down. Annie became our starting point guard just after we began league play in January, and the team played much better. She does such an outstanding job of playing defense and distributing the basketball. As a sophomore returnee I look for Annie to be more aggressive offensively and to continue to provide quality leadership," commented coach Broadword.

Hisler averaged 5.5 points per game, 3.2 rebounds, 1.5 steals, and three assists. "Annie's statistical numbers do not tell the true value to our program," states Broadword. "She gives us such energy and leadership things that you can not place a measure on. I'm just very glad to have her coming back next year. It will make my job easier with players like Annie in our program."

## MCURD to meet

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at Columbia Middle School in Irrigon.

At the meeting, the board will hear a report concerning the closure of the Kinzua Resources mill in Heppner and the resulting anticipated loss to the recreation district.

Other business will include: contract updates, legal representation, an insurance review, the March elections, budget committee information and financial reports. They will also set the budget committee meeting schedule and review the new regular meeting schedule.

The next meeting will be April 29 at Riverside High School in Boardman at 7 p.m. Other meetings are as follows: May 27-Ione Library, 7 p.m.; June 24-Morrow County, 8 p.m.; July 29-Columbia Middle School, 8 p.m.; August 26-Riverside High School, 7 p.m.

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**PG & E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation**  
Compressor Station 9  
Four miles Southwest of Ione, on Gooseberry Road  
Has applied for an Modification of a Oregon Title V Air Operating Permit (No. 25-0026)

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has conducted a preliminary review of this application and is providing an opportunity for public comment. PG & E Gas Transmission, Northwest Corporation (PG&E GT NW) is a natural gas transmission company operating a pipeline from the Canadian border through the states of Idaho, Washington, and Oregon to California. PG&E GT-NW's dual mainline is 612.5 miles in length and includes 638.9 miles of 36-inch and 589.4 miles of 42-inch pipeline. Energy to move the gas is provided by 12 compressor stations located along the pipeline all of which are designed for remote, unattended operation from PG&E GT-NW's Gas Control Center in Portland. Compressor Station 9 is located in Morrow County, Oregon, four miles southwest of Ione, on Gooseberry Road. Compressor Station 9 contains two gas turbine-driven compressor units. Unit A is a Solar Mars T14000 gas turbine, rated at 14,100 HP (ISO). Unit B is a Solar Mars T14000 14,100 HP (ISO). Station 9 structures include a control building, a compressor building which houses Units A and B, a lubricating oil storage building, a storage building, a motor control center building, a fuel gas building, gas scrubbers, a scrubber-separator, instrument buildings, and valve shelters. A significant permit modification was required to change the NO<sub>x</sub> concentration limit for Unit A. Since this unit was installed in 1988 it has failed repeatedly to meet the manufacturers guaranteed NO<sub>x</sub> limit of 171 ppm corrected to 15% O<sub>2</sub>. The manufacturer's guarantee was accepted by the Department as the BACT limit. In this permit modification, the NO<sub>x</sub> limit will be raised to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) limit of 202 ppm corrected to 15% O<sub>2</sub>. Unit A has demonstrated compliance with this limit, and there will be no increase in NO<sub>x</sub> emissions. In some cases changing an emission limit established by the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) process would require the agency to reevaluate BACT based on the latest technology. However, because the unit has not been modified and the method of operation has not changed the Department will not require that BACT be evaluated against current technology. This is in line with EPA policy which does not require current BACT to be applied where an error was made despite good faith representations of unit performance. The facility is located in an area designated in attainment for all criteria pollutants. The facility is a major source of Nitrogen Oxides and Carbon Monoxide and is a minor source of Particulate Matter, Fine Particulate Matter and Sulfur Dioxide. More information on this facility's emission of air pollutants is contained in the review report.

The application, draft permit, review report, and relevant information are available for public review, by appointment, at DEQ's Eastern Region, Pendleton Office, 700 S.E. Emigrant, Suite 330, Pendleton, Oregon, by calling (541) 276-4063; DEQ's Eastern Region, Bend Office, 2146 N.E. 4th Street, Suite 104, Bend, Oregon, by calling (541) 388-6146 and at DEQ Headquarters, 811 SW Sixth Ave, Portland, by calling (503) 229-5081. To obtain a copy of the draft permit call Bonnie Hough at (541) 388-6146 ext. 223 or call toll free in Oregon at 1-800-452-4011.

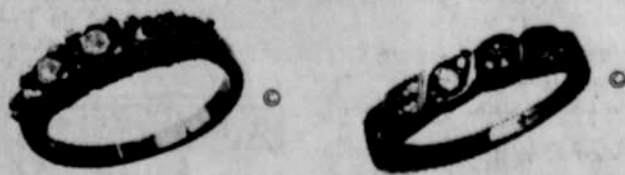
Written comments must be received no later than April 26, 1999 and may be submitted to the DEQ office processing the permit: Department of Environmental Quality, Bonnie Hough/Air Quality Permit Coordinator; 2146 N.E. 4th Street, Suite 104, Bend, OR 97701

If written requests from 10 persons, or an organization representing at least 10 persons, are received on this application, DEQ will provide a public hearing. Requests for hearing need to clearly identify the air quality concerns about the draft permit. Requests for hearing must be in writing and must be received by April 26, 1999.

The Department will review all information received during the public review period. Following this review, the permit may be modified. The proposed permit will then be forwarded to EPA for comment prior to issuance.

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