

The Official Newspaper
of the City of Heppner and the County of Morrow

**Heppner
GAZETTE-TIMES**

U.S.P.S. 240-420

Morrow County's Home-Owned Weekly Newspaper

Published weekly and entered as periodical matter at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon under the Act of March 3, 1879. Periodical postage paid at Heppner, Oregon. Office at 147 W. Willow Street. Telephone (541) 676-9228. Fax (541) 676-9211. E-mail: gt@heppner.net or gt@rapidserve.net. Web site: www.heppner.net. Postmaster send address changes to the Heppner Gazette-Times, P.O. Box 337, Heppner, Oregon 97836. Subscriptions: \$24 in Morrow County; \$18 senior rate (in Morrow County only, 62 years or older); \$30 elsewhere.

David Sykes Publisher
Katie Wall Editor

News deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

For Advertising: advertising deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Cost for a display ad is \$4.75 per column inch. Cost for classified ad is 50¢ per word. Cost for Card of Thanks is \$7 up to 100 words. Cost for a classified display ad is \$5.35 per column inch.

For Public/Legal Notices: public/legal notices deadline is Monday at 5 p.m. Dates for publication must be specified. Affidavits must be required at the time of submission. Affidavits require three weeks to process after last date of publication (a sooner return date must be specified if required).

On the HEPPNER WEBSITE: www.heppner.net

- Start or Change a Subscription
- Place a Classified Ad • Submit a News Story
- View Real Estate for Sale • City Council & Planning Minutes
- Local Businesses • County Park • Willow Creek Park Reservations
- Free Digital Postcards • Senior Housing • and more!

Chamber Chatter

by Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir. September 8, 2002

A year passes so quickly, or so slowly depending on where one is coming from. For the many who lost loved ones in the 9/11 tragedy they may have wished for it to go much faster so they could pass the one year mark and move on. What have we done with this past year? Have we lived life with more emphasis on being a better person? Have we reached out to others? Have we stopped to smell the roses? Have we tried to live life's commandments? Have we given thanks, found compassion, realized what's really important, learned anything, and shown appreciation for others? Only by looking inward can we know the answer; only by responding outwardly can we show the answer.

Heppner has some very positive projects going on thanks to numerous volunteers. Just drive by the new soon-to-be operating Assisted Living Facility to see people in motion, putting on the finishing touches for the new occupants and preparing for the public open house from 1 to 4 p.m., Sept. 15. The committee members who have put in many long and difficult hours are to be commended. Their dedication made this reality. It is a wonderful spot for our senior citizens to enjoy life to its fullest. Drop by and say "thanks".

Our youth are excited too. Get around kids these days and you hear enthusiasm for the BMX Bike trails in Hager Park. Drive by and you will see youth in action, challenging their personal expertise. Randy Reyburn has been putting in long volunteer hours to make this a reality. Soon there will be a place for riding without jeopardizing the elderly on our Main Street sidewalks. The community and parents are encouraged to pitch in and help complete this youth activity. Now if we can get a combination rollerblade/ice skating area at the old pool site we will be well on our way to having varied family activities for all tastes.

Word has it that tickets for the first ever "Evening On Cemetery Hill" dinner theatre are selling fast. This first-ever event, sponsored by the Morrow County Museum Flood Committee, has been created to assist in funding the 2003 Flood Commemoration Memorial. Participants are having fun putting together an entertaining and educational evening of historical/musical presentations with a catered dinner to tantalize your taste buds. Attendance is limited so stop by Klamath First, The Heppner Chamber, or the Morrow County Museum for tickets today.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "He who is discontented in one place will seldom be happy in another."

Church plans after-school program

Beginning on Thursday, Sept. 19, the First Christian Church will be offering a once a week after school program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Children who wish to attend can come to First Christian Church after school and the activities will last until 5 p.m.

There will be snacks, games, crafts, stories and lots more fun, all free of charge.

If your child would like to come or needs someone to walk with him/her to the church, or for more information call C.J. Johnson at 676-9209.

School board *continued from page one*

from 213 last year; Lone Schools had an enrollment of 154, down from 156 last year; Sam Boardman Elementary School had an enrollment of 480, down from 487 last year; A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon had an enrollment of 414, down from 430 last year; Columbia Middle School had an enrollment of 397, up from 394 last year; Riverside High School had an enrollment of 460, up from 451 last year. Principals indicated that their attendance peaks around mid-October and declines somewhat around the holidays and at the end of the year. "My guess is yes, we will be lower than last year," said Crippen.

-received a report from Mike Wittmayer of the Oregon School Board Association on the district's policy review. The review pointed out inconsistencies between the board's policies, the district's student handbook, collective bargaining agreement and Oregon statutes. Wittmayer said the cost for the policy update is around \$6,850, with additional travel expenses and additional costs for continued maintenance and updates.

-approved an expenditure of approximately \$1,152 each time for publication of a district newsletter by the Education Service District to be mailed to district patrons four times this year and six times next year. Additionally, the district would also have to increase their labor costs to prepare the newsletter.

-accepted resignations as follows: Teri Palmateer, half time media assistant at Lone Schools; Brenda Griffin, A.C. Houghton educational assistant; Anne Bedortha, Heppner High School special ed assistant/food service clerical assistant; Malynnda Barron, Sam Boardman Elementary special ed one-on-one assistant; Judy Daniels, Columbia Middle School assistant track coach.

-approved recall for: Wally Greer, CMS technology education teacher position, replacing Benn Houk; Kathi Dickenson, HHS special ed assistant/food service clerical assistant.

-approved employment for Rebecca Porter, Lone Middle School science teacher; Trixie Pullen, Riverside High School reading specialist; Debi Stratton, CMS assistant cook; Malynnda Barron, SBE one-on-one special ed assistant, replacing Kristi Orcutt; Lonnie Rill, CMS ed assistant; Marta Barron, ACH English-as-a-second language assistant; Lori Grieve, ACH ed assistant, replacing Brenda Griffin.

-approved extra duty contracts for: Molly Rhea, HHS assistant volleyball coach; Steve Schaber, IMS assistant football coach; Karen Holland, IMS head volleyball coach; Nicholas Budge, CMS assistant football coach; Phyllis Danielson, CMS Talented and Gifted program coordinator.

-approved attendance variances for a student who is moving into the Umatilla High School attendance area to attend Umatilla High School; a student to continue attendance at Umatilla High School; and a student to attend Riverside High School to be released from the Hermiston School District.

-approved a donation of books and school supplies from Jack and LaVern Bozarth to Sam Boardman Elementary School.

-did not approve a request from an Irrigon family to enroll their child in kindergarten early. The child missed the birth date deadline of Sept. 1 by one day.

-honored HHS teacher Les Payne for serving 25 years with the district, HHS classified staff Darcy Robinson for 10 years with the district, and HHS classified staff Elaine Miller for five years.

-approved a two-year contract with the Port of Morrow for services from district technology coordinator Nate Arbogast. Arbogast would divide his time between the school district and the port. The port will reimburse the district for half of Arbogast's salary.

-appointed Doug Strebin of Irrigon to position #4 on the budget committee. Position #5 is still vacant.

-approved a resolution concerning legislative policies and priorities to be hand delivered to the state legislature by board member Larry Mills.

-learned from HHS/HES Principal Wade Smith that Heppner High School food service is providing meals for Lone Schools and HES, both of which are lacking kitchens, and the satellite system is working smoothly.

-recognized lone teacher Marlene Pointer for printing the board goals.

-heard the following announcements: the lone back-to-school potluck is scheduled for this Thursday, Sept. 12. Lone High School's first home game is Friday, Sept. 13; the Heppner Elementary School open house is planned for this Thursday, Sept. 12, beginning at 6:30 p.m.; the next board meeting is Monday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Riverside High School.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following report:

-Robert Joe Palmer pled no contest to two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a Class-C felony. Palmer was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, 80 hours of community service for the first count, with a concurrent sentence of 18 months formal probation for the second count, and \$2164 in fines.

Sharon Lee Liedtke pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, a Class-C felony, and tampering with public records, a Class-A misdemeanor. Liedtke was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, 80 hours of community service, and completion of a drug package with the Morrow County Behavioral Health for the first count, with a concurrent sentence of 180 days in jail, suspended, 18 months bench probation for the second count, and \$914 in fines.

OLCC distributes July 2002 revenues

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission distributed its July 2002 revenue allocations. The revenues are generated by the sale of distilled spirits to liquor licensees (bars, restaurants, nightclubs) and the public in 237 liquor stores, privilege taxes on beer (\$2.60 per barrel) and wine,

license fees, and fine for liquor law violations.

Morrow County received \$3223, with the cities of Boardman, Heppner, Lone, Irrigon and Lexington receiving additional funds totaling \$5742.

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. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. (Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$7.)

Elementary school remembrances

(Editor's Note: This letter from Claudine Drake Warren was sent to Grace Drake, of Heppner.)
To the Editor:

I appreciated your letter in the Gazette.

It was hard for me to hear that my school was being torn down. I also realize that these days it would be financially prohibitive to remodel it for continued use.

When I started to first grade my oldest brother Raymond drove our family car as the school bus and my three brothers, the neighbor girl, Ruth Turner, and myself were all passengers. The next year we had a bus.

My first grade teacher was Beth Bleakman and I really liked school. I played on the play ground bars a lot, jumped rope, played hopscotch, jacks and all those fun things that we used to do.

"Dad" Driscoll, as we all called him, kept the coal furnace in the building going and everything in good condition. I especially liked the wide hallways in the building and the shiny hardwood floors that always looked so nice.

Our hot lunch was usually a cup of cocoa or soup that parents helped provide and prepare. This we ate with our sandwiches in the basement lunchroom.

My second grade teacher was Elizabeth Dix. She had such wonderful penmanship and encouraged all of us to learn to write our best. The third grade teacher was Audrey Beamer, fourth grade, Mrs. O'Shea, fifth grade Maude King, sixth grade Mary White, seventh grade Juanita Leathers and eighth grade was Harold Buhman. I thought all of these people were exceptional teachers.

I went all through high school here too, as my twin brother Claude did also. We had a big study hall or assembly room with a stage, on the top floor and a lot of fun programs etc., were presented there. There was also a fire escape right off this room and students were known to slide down for a quick exit, even when we didn't have a fire drill! This old fire escape can be seen on the hill, about two miles out of Heppner across from the golf course now.

I had a lot of good times in this building, some great teachers and a lot of memories. I also am appreciative of the many friends that I met there.

In 1948, I was hired as the secretary to the superintendent, Leonard Pate, and clerk of the school district in this same building.

Also, in 1949, Paul Warren was hired as the plant engineer and custodian of this building, a job which he had for 32-plus years. A year after he started working there, he became my husband and we both worked there at that time.

(s) Claudine Drake Warren

Blue Basin hike offered

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument will offer a ranger-conducted hike into the spectacular Blue Basin fossil beds. The two-hour hike will feature the geologic landscape and fossil history of the basin.

The tour will begin at 10 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 14, the only hike scheduled for September.

It will begin at the Blue Basin trailhead, located three miles north of the Sheep Rock Unit Visitor Center, along State Route 19. Participants should bring good hiking shoes, a sun hat, jacket, water bottle, and a camera. For further information call 541-987-2333.

**We Print
Business Cards**
Heppner Gazette-Times
676-9228

We know where Maggie's Drawers are

To the Editor (and any other interested parties):

It should ease Lance Tibbles' worried mind to know that the Van Schoiacks have been managing livestock around "Maggie's Drawers" since the late 1940s; and that "Maggie's Reservoir" is honored by its own GPS location by the Forest Service. It is also providing year around water for deer, elk, cougars and cattle.

(s) Bob Van Schoiack
Heppner

Found stragglers at Maggie's Drawers

To the Editor:

Thursday, Sept. 5, 4 p.m., Maggie's Drawers- found two pair of stragglers (cattle) at the Maggie's pond after another day spent riding in the USFS allotment that has been used by our family for 56 years;

Same day, 8 p.m., home- read the Gazette and was surprised that Mr. Tibbles thought maybe only a few older fellows would know the location of Maggie's Drawers. I'm sure many other folks, besides my family, know of Maggie's.

My immediate concerns are not of removing a portion of the Pledge of Allegiance, but rather of keeping our hometown alive. We are struggling in all aspects of life here and I pray to God that life, as we know it, can be maintained.

With the ongoing drought, our family is especially thankful to have a mountain grazing allotment. We love, cherish and care for "Maggie's" and our grazing land and we know others do too.

May God help us all to preserve what we have. Let's not waste time and money on changing something that is fine the way it is.

(s) Patricia (Van Schoiack) Maben
Heppner

Betty Gray's run for mayor

To the Editor:

I understand that Betty Gray is once again running for mayor of Lone for the fifth time. I have to laugh at how ironic this seems. First and foremost-Mayor Gray owns and operates a business called the Beecher's Restaurant and Bar. Now if anyone knows Lone at all, they would know that this facility is closed down for lack of payment of taxes. Also, as a matter of public record she is now being foreclosed on her personal home which she has not paid taxes from 1998-2001. How can Ms. Gray say she will be looking out for the citizens of Lone if she cannot even maintain her own business or pay the professional or personal taxes thereof thus benefiting our schools and city? If she cannot manage a business or her own personal life, how can she manage the city of Lone?

It has also been brought to my attention that her constituents have questioned the qualifications of Ms. Eynetich, who, along with her husband owns the Lone Repair Shop and Parts, where she is in charge of all accounting, ordering and bill paying. Guess what? That business is solvent and paying their taxes.

It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out who should be the next, and the better, mayor of Lone. I would be embarrassed for the city of Lone if they would re-elect Betty Gray for mayor now or ever.

(s) Vivian
Dudley-Smith,
Homeowner in Lone,
Gresham, Ore.

**Order Magnetic Door Signs
HERE**
Heppner Gazette-Times

DOHERTY & BALLARD, LLP
Attorneys at Law

John L. Ballard
Valerie B. Doherty

"Straight Talk About Criminal Defense & Divorce Law"

Criminal Defense	Drunk Driving (DUII)
Driving While Suspended	Sex Crimes
Assault/Domestic Assault	Forgery/Theft
Drug Charges	Divorce & Custody Cases

Evenings & Weekends by Appointment
125 S.W. 3rd, Hermiston, OR • (541) 564-2569

Please join us for the Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living PUBLIC GRAND OPENING

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Music by Amy Jepsen, harpist plus local fiddlers and violinists

Cookies, punch and coffee will be served

400 Frank Gilliam Drive Lakeview Heights Subdivision Heppner