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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Executive Director

It's always nice to meet new friends and to pass on positive things I hear about Heppner. Last week, Dan, who had never visited our home before and had no clue that my job had to do with the well-being of Heppner and the success of our business community, shared the following: he had stopped in Heppner for groceries and "couldn't believe that all the food items purchased at Central Red Apple, with the exception of one, were less than they cost at the Portland grocery store." I told him if he had more time I would put pen in hand and have him write a letter to the editor. So often we forget to check our local stores out before assuming we can get it for less elsewhere.

Mary Bosch, of Marketek will be presenting the results of the Morrow County leakage study on Monday, Sept. 23 from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Bank of Eastern Oregon conference room. Her free presentation will be "Creating a Healthy Retail Base for Heppner" and will include retail market overview, analysis, strategies for retail success; Heppner's assets and liabilities; and organizing for retail development. The public is invited to bring a brown bag lunch and

Hearing screening to be conducted

The Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District will be providing hearing screening to public elementary school students, including all kindergarten, first and third grades, new students to the county, and referral students from other grades. Children who fail the initial screening will be re-screened within a three-week period.

Screenings will be held at Sam Boardman Elementary on Monday, Oct. 21, at 8:30 a.m.; at Heppner Elementary on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 8:15 a.m.; and Ione Elementary on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 10:30 a.m. Re-screens will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 6, for Heppner and Ione, and on Tuesday, Nov. 12 for Boardman.

Parents who do not want their child's hearing checked should notify the appropriate school as soon as possible. Any questions may be directed to the school principal or to the audiology department at the

attend all or a portion of this presentation. With an early call, Chamber members Bucknum's, Commuter Cafe, or the Red Apple Deli will prepare a lunch ahead for attendees "on the go". Hope to see you there.

One and all are encouraged to begin your scarecrow entry for yet another Heppner happening. Come by the Chamber office for an entry form if you wish to enter. Scarecrows are to be displayed in front of or in stores, on front porches, wherever they lend themselves to welcoming visitors and locals alike. There will be recognition for the most welcoming (friendly), the largest, the funniest, the tiniest and the most unique. These are to be displayed from Oct. 1-31. Have fun.

Do you have your tickets for "An Evening At The Cemetery", put on by the FARM Museum foundation and helpers? The event includes fine dining, music and history of some of our historic residents, all done in a respectful way to provide a first-ever experience to assist in funding the 2003 Flood Memorial. Call right now, 676-5536, so you won't miss out and at the same time will be helping to remember the victims of the historic 1903 flood.

Thought for the week: "You've got to be careful if you don't know where you're going 'cause you might not get there." -Yogi Berra

Umatilla-Morrow ESD by calling 966-3140.

Corporation appoints new builder

Stratford Building Corporation announces the appointment of Gentry Homes of Heppner as their newest authorized builder/dealer. Gentry, a builder in the eastern Oregon area for many years, will oversee the operation. According to a Stratford Building Corporation news release, he is anxious to show this new housing product and answer questions about modular construction.

Located in northern Idaho, Stratford Building Corporation opened its doors in 1994. Their homes are made to be energy efficient, and are constructed in a controlled atmosphere.

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.)

Please tell Rep. Smith to slow down

To the editor:

We love our children here in the Willamette Valley as much as you folks in Heppner and Morrow County love yours, so it was with considerable anger that I read in the Sept. 14 edition of Statesman Journal that Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) was clocked by Salem police traveling at 41 mph in a 20 mph school zone. It was also reported that he asked for immunity while his excuse was that he was late to the Capitol for an 11 a.m. session.

According to the story, Representative Smith offered no apology or feeling of guilt for what he had done. It would, after all, be one thing if he were caught

speeding on I-84 as much of that goes on. But in a school zone! What's more, the Legislature has had a regular session and now five special sessions. What's the hurry to get to what's become a totally dysfunctional activity?

I would hope you folks in that part of Oregon will tell Representative Smith to slow down and watch for children when he's driving in this part of Oregon. As I said, we love our children here too and don't appreciate speeders who come up with unacceptable excuses for illegal behavior and try to get out of it by declaring their immunity from traffic laws.

(s) Gene H. McIntyre
Keizer, Oregon

Petition started to keep BMX track where it is

To the Editor:

I was dismayed when I read in the Gazette this past Wednesday about a petition to move the BMX bike track. Before it was built there was very little for the kids who are too old to play on the equipment at the city park but too young to afford to hang out at the bowling alley. This is especially true since the old school was torn down, destroying one of the basketball courts. The kids were constantly building their own jumps all over the place, on sidewalks, in the old car wash and where ever they could find a board and set it up. It was only a matter of time before

someone got hurt. This track seems to be quite harmless yet still enjoyable for kids of varying ages. If the track is moved outside of town or to the outskirts it will make it difficult for most kids to get to it. Where it is now the kids can get to it even if they only have a few minutes in the evening to enjoy it. They can hop on their bikes and ride over and stay for a half hour then ride home. I think it should stay where it is and if you agree with me I have a petition which I will place throughout town for you to sign or you can contact me at 676-9209 to put your name on the petition.

(s) C.J. Johnson
Heppner

Kids need a safe place to play

To the Editor:

When my mom came home today she told me there were community members that wanted to close down the new BMX track. This disappointed me. There are community members that have given time and effort to make that BMX track so the kids in this community can have fun and stay out of trouble off the streets of Heppner. I think they should keep the BMX track open

so kids have a safe place to play. I hear the community members that live across from the BMX track do not like the sound of laughter of kids on the track. I think they should be happy to hear kids laugh. So, I hope to keep it open. I also encourage other young people to voice their opinion respectfully and responsibly.

(s) Orion Donner
Heppner

Mannix for governor

To the Editor:

Out of all the 50 states, Oregon is ranked number one for having the highest unemployment rate. Why is the unemployment rate so high? It's because Oregon's current bureaucracy is not friendly toward businesses that cause the unemployment.

Kevin Mannix says that, as governor for Oregon, he will improve the business climate to provide more jobs. He promises to cut government regulations by about 50 percent in order to reduce the excessive regulations that have kept our unemployment rate so high. This will attract new businesses to the state and help the businesses we have. Mannix will also aggressively use the governorship to invite job

producing businesses to the state. This is the kind of leadership Kevin Mannix will provide as Oregon's next governor.

(s) Calvin Smith
Echo

American Legion, Auxiliary meeting cancelled

The September meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary has been cancelled. Their next meeting will be announced at a later date.

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Hardman oyster bake almost ready

Hardman Community Center members are anticipating serving their annual Salmon, Oyster, Ham dinner to more than 400 hungry hunters and visitors, Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Hardman Community Center Hall at Hardman.

Hardman is a ghost town with many of its old buildings still intact. The town originated in 1870 and had its first school in 1879 in an area then called Dairyville. Locals in the community also gave the town the name of "Red Dog". Another town sprang up a mile away and was called "Yaller Dog". The two communities were then united when David Hardman applied to have a post office in 1882. The application was approved, but it came back as Hardman, Oregon. Some residents also referred to the new town as "Dog Town".

The town prospered with over 300 residents, and was the main stop over for the freight line and was the stage route from The Dalles to Canyon City.

The town boasted three hotels, a post office, livery stables, grocery store and an assortment of saloons.

The Oyster/Salmon/Ham dinner includes crisp coleslaw, baked potato, cake, coffee and punch at \$12 for adults, \$4.50 for children under 12 years and free to preschool children. Serving will start at 4:30 p.m. and continue to 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to preserve the historic Hardman Community Center.

New membership is welcome. Interested persons may become members by paying a membership fee of \$10 per year, and will be accepted at the gate.

Hardman is located 25 miles south of Heppner on Highway 207.

Assisted Living open house

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grounds with shrubbery, lawns, flowers and a stone retaining wall.

"It's still a work in progress," says Doris Brosnan, one of the committee chairpersons. After setting the date for the grand opening, many people rushed in to help with last minute details. For instance, some of the lawn sod and the dining room furniture arrived on the

DA's Report

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

Scott Ray Bass admitted violation of probation allegations for two counts of first-degree Theft, and one count of possession of a controlled substance. Bass also pled guilty to Theft-1, a Class C felony, Burglary-2, a Class C felony, and Unlawful Entry of a Motor Vehicle, a Class A misdemeanor. Bass's probation was revoked. All time sentenced is to be served concurrently, with 13 months in jail and 24 months probation.

Obituaries

Hugh McLaughlin

Hugh McLaughlin, 77, of Spokane, Wash., died Sept. 9, 2002, in Spokane.

Mr. McLaughlin was born Jan. 8, 1925, in Heppner, to Cor and Mary (Doherty) McLaughlin. He graduated from Heppner High School and went on to graduate from Oregon State College in Corvallis. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and then moved to Spokane, WA, where he worked for the post office.

Survivors include one son, Kevin, and one daughter, Erin; sisters, Kathryn Wright and Virginia Conlon Penner, both of Pendleton, Nonie Pointer of Heppner, and Sally Connelly of Gig Harbor, WA; brothers, Jim McLaughlin, of Mead WA, Joe, Herb, and Mike McLaughlin, all of Pendleton, Bob McLaughlin of Bend and Terry McLaughlin, of Huntington Beach, CA

Mr. McLaughlin was preceded in death by his wife, Agnes, in 1988, two sons, Dan and Jack McLaughlin, and his parents.

St. Patrick's catechetical classes have begun

St. Patrick's Church Catechetical classes for children ages preschool through eighth grade resumed on Sept. 15. Classes will be held in the parish hall from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., each Sunday.

Teachers volunteering again this year are: Patti Pappas, Kimberly Lindsay, Bill Kuhn, Mike Armato, Mark Miller and Mary Ann Elguezabal.

For more information please contact Mike or Kim Armato, 676-9777. The Armatos have volunteered to continue as the directors of education for the parish.

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WEDDING RECEPTION

for
LEN & MICHELLE RIETMANN

Saturday, October 5th from 2 - 4 p.m.
at the Ione Legion Hall • Dress Casual

Reception given by Wayne and Vera, room mothers & friends

Len and Michelle were married on August 18, 2002

They are registered at Murray's and Wal-Mart



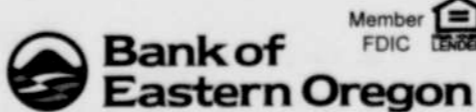
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Nothing really ever stays the same.

What we do today will decide the future.

When we shop and invest locally we are making it possible to have the continued service of local merchants in the future.

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The Children Are Our Future

Notice BURNING BAN

The Burn Ban for the City of Heppner will no longer be in effect beginning Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002. A 5-day burning permit is required for all open (out of container) fires and may be purchased for \$1.00 at Heppner City Hall, 188 NW Willow Street. Rusty Estes, Fire Chief