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**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes Chamber executive manager

Seems like since St. Patrick's weekend "the raindrops just keep falling on our heads." Are we complaining? Not. But it could be just a bit warmer. Our weather has been a potpourri, just as is this column today... scattered bits and pieces of Heppner.

Cyclists in the Columbia Plateau Stage Race again endured weather and rough roads to experience the Willow Creek Valley. Every group of visitors arriving and spending a few hours, or better yet, days here, means our community benefits. We're looking at all venues to make that happen. The Chamber was treated to a sneak preview of the ATV Park this past Tuesday. Visitors from as far away as Seattle have already stopped to spend money in Heppner on their way to AT'ing fun. If we all do our marketing and welcoming jobs, they will come and continue to come. Word of mouth, web sites, signs, and marketing will make it happen.

Speaking of customers, Business Northwest 2003, held in Pendleton last week was excellent. It was a great opportunity to hear quality speakers close to home. Bob Farrell and other keynote customer service speakers gave excellent ideas for making work fun, pleasing the customer (who is boss), and working to hear those three great words "I'll be back". The bottom line is caring about others and our community, supporting those businesses we have in place, making them a bit better, and thinking together creatively. We now have over 100 people commuting to work every morning and many houses for sale. Maybe they can invite their co-workers to come visit Heppner on weekends. Shopping in rural communities is more fun than malls.

It's all about communication. Keep sending letters, e-mails, and calling our congressmen to let them know your concerns for funding our schools, safety, and health.

Some good news... The Heppner Chamber and John Edmundson have been recognized by SOLV for continuing community enhancement and will be receiving a reward in the near future. Pat yourselves on the back if you have been one of John's dedicated "Adopt Highway 74" volunteers.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. I, for one, am hoping to experience the Mother's Day Brunch at John's Other Place. Rumor has it that it will be as good or even better than the Easter Brunch at the same location. Eating out locally saves on gas and gives you more time to relax. There will be a Memorial Day Dinner served by the seniors at the St. Pat's Senior Center on May 25.

Lots to do in the Willow Creek Valley. The 1903 Flood Commemoration is just around the corner with much planned for June 13 and 14, including the dedication of the memorial with the 200 plus names of those who died in the flood. Remember, donations are welcomed to fund this. Many of you may be related to the victims of this historic tragedy.

Next week all entities report during the Chamber luncheon. Plans are in the works for another "Celebrate Historic Heppner" and Pie Auction. So pullout those rolling pins.

Thought for the week: "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." - James Baldwin

**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.)

**Join us in voting for Craig Miles**

To the Editor:  
To The Citizens of Morrow County:

We are hoping you will join us in electing Craig Miles to Position No. 1 on the Morrow County School Board. We have known Craig all of his life; he went to school with our children and has worked for us on our ranch. Craig is a very hard worker and has the qualities to be an exemplary role model and community leader and we are proud to call him our friend.

Some of the reasons, we feel Craig would be an excellent representative of all of the citizens of Morrow County are: Craig was born and raised in Morrow County and graduated from Heppner High School, spent some time in the Military before completing his degree from Blue Mountain Community College, then came back to

Heppner to raise his family. He is dependable, prudent, and excels at whatever endeavor he undertakes. He is also a very hard working young man with strong morals, he cares about his family and wants his three children to experience the same quality education he received while attending Morrow County Schools. Craig's main agenda is to represent the best interest of all of Morrow County's children to the best of his ability. He will diligently study the budget, laws and statutes pertaining to this position and will fight for state dollars when needed to do so. Craig's experience of having served on many previous boards has well prepared him for this position.

Please join us and vote for Craig Miles for Position No. 1 on the Morrow County School Board.  
(s) Bob and Sherree Mahoney Heppner

**Making the voting decisions**

To the Editor:

During a news broadcast recently, I heard that 40+ percent of registered voters still don't vote.

Why? There's the oldest and most steadfast reason: "My vote never counts." Which says that some candidates will say one thing, and do another. Or bow to unseen pressures once in that position or office. Or have a good workable idea outvoted within the group because of something similar to "party lines" or "beliefs" or worse, "special interests", and just as bad as the latter, "I don't want to rock the chairman's boat."

I'm looking at the latest ballot and find 17 that are already done deals; the one name-one vote. Write-ins hardly ever accept the position. The Mickey Mouses and Donald Ducks are fun, but silly. Three, no candidates. That leaves five to actually do some thinking about.

But I find myself in a dilemma. Some names I recognize and would vote for. Some I recognize and don't know. Some I don't know at all.

So, I ask myself, do I

**Picture Perfect**

The Picture Perfect Photography Club held a meeting May 3. Members brought pictures that they had taken on the last field trip and shared them. They then went to different places around lone to practice taking special effects pictures. Some of the things tried were using distance and elevation to change the perspective of the picture. They also stopped at the Lone Public Library and checked out several books on photography. Leader Kristy Crowell encouraged them to try some of the new ideas in the books and bring the pictures to the next meeting.

**Centennial student exchange**

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Bailey family. His favorite activity was helping brand, administer shots and de-horn the cattle. He didn't really like the school environment, but says, "definitely the (small) size is a benefiting factor. "They're all great kids, but I'm trying to get used to a couple of them," says John of the Heppner students. "There's not all that much of a difference, but just all new people. I almost think I entered a parallel universe."

Jocelyn Hays, 13, lives in Portland with his dad, Tom, who works for a window company, mom, Laurie, who works in a nursing home, brother, Jordan, 15, and sister, Jessica, 17. Jocelyn, who stayed with the Mike and Cindi Doherty family, says that her favorite thing was "rodeo" and going to the Rietmann ranch. Her least favorite was going to the museum which was "really boring." The difference between Heppner and Portland? "Here they do things with their families and help take care of the animals. In Portland people do things with their families, but they don't work on ranches." The girls here dress "pretty much the same, but the boys here "wear clothes that actually fit them, and in Portland, they wear all baggy clothes."

Emily Carpenter, 14, lives in Gresham with her dad, Scott, a teacher at Gresham High School, and her mom, a nurse at Providence, brother, Ryan, 21, and sister, Claire 17. Emily, who stayed with the Jay and Kelly-Jo Keithley family, proudly says her favorite thing was "castrating the bulls" which she did all by herself at the Rietmann ranch. A least favorite? "I don't even have one," says Emily. She noticed one difference between Portland and Heppner-the names. "The names here are more unique-Baillie, Cyde, Jode, Sloan-unique and very creative. Back in Portland the kids have normal, plain

names." She also noticed the difference in the size of the schools, with around 450 kids in the eighth grade and around 30 students to a class at Centennial. "Here their whole class is around 30 kids," she said. "Everyone knows everybody. I like how they can walk around town."

Daniel Keys, 14, lives in Gresham with his dad James, who buys and sells cars, his mom, Kris, who is also in the family business, and three brothers, Benjamin, 15, Zachary, 12, and Dakota, 10. Daniel, who stayed with the Ken and Kaedene Bailey family, said his host family took him four wheeling and hitting golf balls and he had fun "wrestling" with them. He also enjoyed going to the rodeo grounds and the Rietmann ranch where he helped dehorn, put on ear tags, gave shots and branded the cattle. "There was a lot of steam in your face," says Daniel. He also liked the trip to Pendleton, where the students toured the Pendleton Underground. "There was a little cupboard (in the underground) that was like a little sneak door. It was really smart."

Bob Mahoney always provides the stock for the rodeo demonstration, including team roping steers and his big longhorn steer called "El Ropo," but this year Chuck Matteson brought the calves for breakaway roping. Assisting the demonstration were Ashley Ward and Lacey Matteson, both Heppner High School, Amy Jepsen, home school student, and college students, Ryan Matteson and Lexi Matteson, Walla Walla Community College, Blake West, Travis Carnine and Duke Williams, all Blue Mountain Community College. The Livestock Growers showed a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association video and catered the lunch Thursday, headed up by Sandy Matthews.

**Trailblazers honor local coach**

John McCabe, co-coach of Heppner Colt football was recognized by the Portland Trailblazers as Coach of the Game.

Greg Grant, of Heppner High School, nominated McCabe for his eight years of coaching Colt football and his dedication to the team.

Fourteen other coaches were recognized with McCabe at a pre-game

reception April 6. The Trailblazers donated \$500 to each coach's school. McCabe's donation is being made to the Heppner football program.



John McCabe

**PMH and Nursing Home Auxiliary to hold annual yard sale**

Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home

**Children's Fair to be held**

The fourth annual Children's Fair 2003, sponsored by Morrow County Behavioral Health will be held May 15, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. The Fair will be held in Boardman at the Port of Morrow building.

The Fair is free to all and the whole family is invited to attend. There will be games, activities and snacks.

Auxiliary is having its annual Yard Sale, Saturday, May 31, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Morrow County Fair Grounds.

Some of the projects the Auxiliary is working towards include remodeling the nursing home beauty shop-new flooring, sink, mirrors, hair dryer and roller stand; also new tape/cd players; and new vcr stands are needed.

Anyone wanting to help with the sale or make donations please contact Nancy Vander Does at 676-5860 or Pennie Miller at 676-9133.

**RCSC to hold outing**

The Rhea Creek Social Club is organizing a trip to Franklin County Historical Museum and County Mercantile on May 8.

Those planning to attend will meet at 8 a.m., at the Heppner library to ride the bus. Anyone interested can call Beverly Wright at 676-9734.

**VOTE JOHN KILKENNY FOR SCHOOL BOARD POSITION #3**

- 1) Places Quality Of Education As Top Priority.
- 2) For The Representation Of The Children And Parents.
- 3) Understands The Different Challenges Facing Each School.
- 4) Always Open To Suggestions From All County Residents.

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