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**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes,  
Executive Director

Heppner patriotism shows out at the 2003 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro-Rodeo. In the Chamber office parade registrations are coming in and it's looking "true to the red, white and blue" as "board members" are in all stages of dress waiting in anticipation to ride in the parade. Curious? Watch the Saturday morning parade. You still have time to enter.

On August 21 and 22, the Eastern Oregon Alliance will be holding a summit in Burns. Eastern Oregon communities share many of the same challenges in agriculture, timber, transportation, education, public safety, health, finance, tourism, economic development, housing, regulatory issues, and business. Issues and threats seem less daunting when the solutions are approached with a united voice. The goal of the summit is for all of us to create a plan of action for Eastern Oregon to present to the Governor, the Oregon Legislature, and the Oregon Congressional Delegation. Who knows, maybe it will be voices from this side of the state that will bring the longest session in Oregon history to a close. Call the Chamber at 676-5536, if you are interested in contributing solutions and would like to attend. Now is not the time to give up.

There's a fine line between maintenance and going backwards and it's very hard to define. As the cost of living goes up, it takes more dollars to maintain, and more people are needed to share the maintenance. If we don't maintain, we won't have more people or growth, and without growth, we are in danger of losing children, health care, businesses. This translates to jobs. If we don't support our community, services and businesses close, and there are fewer people to maintain what currently exists or to make improvements. It's one of those "What comes first, the chicken or the egg?" situations. No easy answers, but the one thing we all know, we need to work together for solutions. It's far enough to Burns; we ought to be able to have some great discussions on the way.

Remember to give a call to the Chamber if you plan on attending the Tuesday, August 19 luncheon with guest speaker Roland Bergheer. The public is welcome.

And with that, have a great Morrow County Fair and Rodeo weekend... a big part of our history.

**Births**

**Eli Martin Metz** - a son, Eli Martin, was born July 28, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Melissa and Daniel Metz, of Ione.

**Ella Rose Hagel** - a daughter, Ella Rose, was born Aug. 6, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Paula Jeanne and Josh Allen Hagel, of Irrigon.

**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.)

**Matlack resigns City Corporation  
from Irrigon Fire Yard lowers  
District Board property value**

To the Editor:  
*Open Letter to the People of the Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District:*

In the May 2003 election, I submitted by name for consideration for the Board of Directors of the Morrow County School District, the Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District, and the Irrigon Cemetery District. To my pleasant surprise, I was elected to all three positions. I already serve on the Irrigon City Council and the Morrow County Health District Board of Directors. I knew my schedule would be very full and I did make scheduling plans in the event I was elected to all three positions. Unfortunately I didn't anticipate the difficulty in changing meeting days and times when two boards meet at the same time, which was the case with the Morrow County School District and the Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District. I discussed my dilemma with both Boards and after much thought and consideration it was felt by both boards that changing the meeting day and time would be a very difficult thing to do. Because I cannot be in two places at the same time and trying to split time between two boards in not fair to either board, I believe I have no other option but to tender my resignation with one of the boards.

It is with sincere reluctance and disappointment that I feel I must submit my resignation with the Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors and apologize to all those who voted for me and hope you understand that it was my sincere desire to serve on all boards if elected. Thank you very much for your support and understanding.

(s) Kenneth W. Matlack  
Irrigon

**Missing boater found**

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office announced Wednesday, Aug. 6, that they had located the body of Frank Eugene Randle, of Pendleton, near where he disappeared in the Columbia River on Sunday, Aug. 3.

Sheriff's Office personnel and volunteers searched the river for four days approximately 3.5 miles east of the Boardman Marina. The body was located near river marker #46 a short distance from where he was reported missing on Sunday.

To the Editor:  
Some readers may wonder why I seem to be upset with City Hall. I will try to explain in words that even the public servants on NW Willow should be able to understand.

My wife and I spent a lot of time and money to improve and increase the value of our property at 660 NW Sperry, only to have the city not only use the "City Corporation Yard" as a depository for all its debris, but to invite everyone else to use this as a dump site for their junk as well.

This cannot help but decrease the value of our property. The assessed value should not be anywhere near as high as the assessed value of comparable property that doesn't have a dumping ground on the opposite side of the street.

I still think the suggestion to change the title from "City Corporation Yard" to "City Dump" is a good one, and should be considered.

(s) Gene Sonstegard  
Heppner  
**Justice Court report**

Albertico Roberto Villalobos, 32, Heppner, Failure to Drive in Lane, Careless Driving and Following to Close, fine \$177.  
Kenneth W. Hermsen, Jr., 25, Wanic, Driving while Suspended- violation, fine \$297.

Dobie Doran Wilbur, 41, Weston, Illegal Backing, fine \$59.

Kristie Taylor, 29, Heppner, Maintaining a Dog as a Public Nuisance.

Kacy John Childers, 21, Ione, Possession of a Controlled Substance-Less than One Ounce of Marijuana, fine \$596.

**DA's Report**

Challis Craig Noble admitted to violation of probation allegation for DUI. Noble's probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to 10 days in jail. Noble's probation was extended one year from the original expiration date, and the imposition of the sentence was suspended on condition that Noble immediately contact Morrow County Behavioral Health.

Juan Carlos Guzman Madrigal pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class-C felony. Madrigal was sentenced to 18 months formal probation, 80 hours of community service, completion of a drug treatment package and payment of \$919 in fines and fees.

**Obituaries**

**Susan Marie Smith**

Susan Marie Smith, 43, of Condon, died Monday, Aug. 4, 2003, as the result of a motor vehicle accident on I-84, near Biggs Junction.

A memorial service was held Aug. 8 in Condon.

Smith was born Aug. 18, 1959, at Condon, to Al Riney and Peggy Dean Rice Riney. She grew up at Condon and attended Condon Schools, graduating from Condon High School in 1977. She had been a cheerleader for the Condon Blue Devils in high school. She attended beauty college at Salem and became a hairdresser.

On Dec. 22, 1979, she married Robert E. Smith at White Salmon, WA. The couple lived at The Dalles for a time then moved to a ranch at Mikkalo in 1980. In 1986, they moved to Prineville, and in 1990 to Condon. Smith was a beautician at Condon and was active in St. John's Catholic Church and assisted with community events such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July tennis tournament. She had served as tournament director as well as a player.

The Smiths lived at Condon for 12 years before moving to Salem where they lived for a year. They had recently returned to Condon.

Survivors include her husband, "Bob" Smith, son, Caleb, daughter, Shana, and mother Peggy Dean Riney, all of Condon; father, Al Riney of Heppner; sister, Deanna Stinchfield of Salem; brothers, Dave Riney of Condon, and Steve Riney of Prineville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joe Jackson Memorial Tennis Tournament, c/o Condon School District, P.O. Box 615, Condon, OR 97823.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

**Richard Ray Kinne**

Richard Ray Kinne, 74, of Desert Springs, CA, died Sunday, July 27, 2003.

A graveside funeral service was held Aug. 12 at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton.

Kinne was born Aug. 19, 1928, at Yakima. When he was five, he moved with his family to Heppner, and when he was in the sixth grade, moved with his family to Pendleton, where he attended Lincoln School, Pendleton Junior High School and graduated from Pendleton High School in 1947. An avid sports fan, he played basketball, football and softball all three years he was in high school.

He enlisted in the armed services and served during the Korean War as a tank commander. He returned to Pendleton and, in 1952, married Mary Lucille Toomay.

He served with the Pendleton police for approximately nine years before moving his family to Southern California in 1961.

He was employed at North American Aviation in California, and had been an employee at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft for 25 years when he retired.

After retirement, the Kinnes moved to Desert Hot Springs where they had been residents the last 12 years.

Kinne was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Survivors include his wife, Lucille Kinne of Desert Hot Springs; his son, Jock Kinne of Wenatchee, WA; daughters, Cheryl Bench of Pendleton and Lisa Bodeman of Cyprus, TX; and four grandchildren.

**Local bull makes AAA sire evaluation report**

Kathryn Healy of Heppner owns one bull listed in the 2003 Fall Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association headquartered in St. Joseph, Missouri. Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on 6,409 sires. The report is currently accessible at [www.angus.org](http://www.angus.org).

"This report provides both Angus breeders and commercial cattle producers using Angus genetics with accurate, predictable selection tools for improving their herd," says Bill Bowman, American Angus Association director of performance programs. Expected Progeny Differences (EPDs) are generated from the performance database of the American Angus Association, which includes information submitted by more than 8,000 Angus breeders this past year through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

EPDs are available for 17 traits including birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference. Carcass progeny measures generate EPDs on carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, external fat thickness and percent retail product. Ultrasound body composition data also generates end product predictors for rib eye area, intramuscular fat percentage, fat thickness and percent retail product. The semi-annual analysis for the sire evaluation report contains over 11 million measures used to generate genetic predictions for the Angus breed.

**New student registration nearing**

Heppner Junior/Senior High School, in Heppner, will be holding new student registration Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2003. Registration will be held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the HHS office.

If you have any questions, call HHS at 676-9138.

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**AT THEIR UPPER RHEA CREEK RANCH  
FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED**

**Don't Miss...  
Murray's Country Rose  
Seventh Annual  
Micro-Brew Beer  
and Wine Tasting**

Featuring wines from Maryhill Winery and Willamette Valley Vineyards

**Thursday, Aug. 14th  
from 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
at the Morrow County Fair**

- Italian Sodas for the kids!
- Full course salmon and oyster dinner provided by Bucknum's Catering
- Music by Joe and Leanne Lindsay
- Some seating available - lawn chairs suggested

