

Chamber Chatter

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From 85 degrees in Medford to 17 degrees in Heppner. What a difference a day makes. The snow is good; it's bringing moisture, and it is winter after all. Makes one want to ice skate, build a snowman, take time to give thanks and write Christmas cards.

The annual OCE (Oregon Chamber Execs Conference) in Medford was one of integrity, inspirations and reality. Speakers included Governor Ted Kulongoski and Representative Greg Walden, who shared of his recent trip to Iraq. Our American soldiers are truly making a difference in the lives of those people who have never known freedom and who have never been given the opportunity to make decisions before. The U.S. is working to set up power generation facilities and basic infrastructure. The people there are realizing what working together as a community means. Oh, that our national media could find a balance in showing what is going on over there.

Chamber political action and business advocacy was the message heard over and over. Chambers of Commerce represent small business. Small businesses, more than ever, need to be a part of the Chamber, to be at the table and to voice their concerns and their needs. Numbers count. As the Heppner Chamber grows we hope our members will share their needs on a regular basis and we can plan together to make a difference.

Evenings featured tours of economic development in Medford, which included the state-of-the-art bowling lanes, a dairy farm, which is now a winery; and a theater experience in a renovated historical building. Diversity brings business. People want fun mixed in with business and they want it close to home.

The conference placed emphasis on caring and concern in both business and personal life. Laura Derocher, a woman with a beautiful voice, focused on the importance of enjoying ones life work by incorporating her musical talent into her presentation. Chuck Ferguson talked about 21st Century leadership; and marketing our communities was an ongoing theme.

The annual conference was a valuable experience. It was both motivational and a reminder of the individual gifts that make a difference in our community not only in our lives, but in the lives of those we touch.

Thought for the Week: Have you heard the story of the grandfather talking to his grandchildren about life? He tells them that two wolves are battling inside him. One represents fear, anger, envy, sorrow, regret, arrogance, greed, guilt, lies, resentment, superiority and ego. The other stands for joy, peace, hope, love, sharing, humility, kindness, friendship, empathy, truth, generosity, compassion and faith. He tells the children that the same fight is going on inside them and every other person. The children think awhile and then one asks, "Grandfather, which wolf will win?" The grandfather simply replies, "The one you feed."

HES celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Heppner Elementary School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week Nov. 3-6. HES has been celebrating Red Ribbon Week for the past several years in conjunction with the Morrow County Behavioral Health Department.

Enrique Camarena, known as Kiki to his friends, made it his life's work to stop the selling of illegal drugs. A lot of the kids he knew growing up started taking drugs, got in trouble and ended up in jail or worse.

Fighting against drugs is dangerous work. When Kiki was a drug enforcement agent for the U.S. government, he was killed. He gave his life trying to help others. To honor Kiki, his family and friends wore red ribbons. As his story spread across the country, others begin to wear ribbons, too. Now, every year millions of American celebrate Red Ribbon Week to remember

Kiki and to take a stand - just as he did - against illegal drugs. Besides the students getting ribbons, pencils, bookmarks and booklets to work on all week, Thursday will be a "Wear Red Day." There will also be a drawing in each classroom for a free calculator. Show your support of Heppner's students' stand against drugs by wearing red on Thursday, Nov. 6.

Heppner to remember Veteran's Day

A Veteran's Day Observance will be held at Heppner Memorial Park, on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

The observance will include special guest speakers, musical presentations, reading of the names and recital of Taps. A fly over of a CH-47 military helicopter is scheduled for 12 noon.

A reception immediately following the ceremony will be held at John's Place. All are welcome to attend.

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Colt football team takes Grid Kid Championship



The 5th and 6th grade Colt football team took first place in the Hermiston Grid Kid Championship Game on Oct. 25. The team was coached by John McCabe, Kelly Fox and Mike Doherty.

Greenfield Grange happenings

Greenfield Grange held a pizza party for families whose children attended the Children's Workshops held during the summer. Several of

HHS to honor local veterans

Heppner High School will be honoring local veterans on Nov. 12 at 10:30 a.m., in the high school gym. The public is invited to attend the celebration.

Local veterans who did not receive an invitation are asked to please call HHS at 676-9138 indicating whether you would like to attend the ceremony.

Births

Hanna Rose Reece - a daughter, Hanna Rose, was born Oct. 22, 2003, at Bend Memorial Hospital in Bend, to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Reece of Prineville. Hanna weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long. She joins brother, Hadley, 8. Grandparents are Dave and Sara Riney of Condon and Dan Reece and Connie Reece, both of Prineville. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Bowman of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Al Riney of Heppner and Peggy Dean Riney of Condon.

Mario Gabriel Pacheco - a son, Mario Gabriel, was born Oct. 22, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Veronica and Mario Pacheco of Boardman.

Beau Dean Foster - a son, Beau Dean, was born Oct. 24, 2003, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Josie and Cliff Foster of Irrigon.

Toby Norman Clow - a son, Toby Norman, was born Oct. 26, 2003, at Salem Memorial Hospital in Salem to Greg and Jodi Clow of Amity. Toby was 7-1/2 pounds and 19 inches long. He joins sisters Charlene and Brenda. Grandparents are Norman and Bonnie Clow of Irrigon and Duane and Willa Dean Schumacher of Prineville.

the children signed up for the Junior Program. The Juniors will meet Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. Any child ages 5-14 may join. For more information call Julie Steinbruck at 571-2584.

A chili contest will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. on Nov. 15. Any person, from anywhere, wishing to enter the contest is asked to bring a pot of chili. The first place winner will receive \$25, second place \$20, third place \$15, fourth place \$10 and fifth place \$5. The public is invited to come have a chili feed for \$3 and vote for their favorite chili maker. Homemade cornbread, dessert, coffee

and punch will also be provided. For more information call, 481-5223.

Greenfield, Lexington, Spray, Willows and Wheatland Pomona officers are asked to join Umatilla County installation of officers on Nov. 22, at 2 p.m., at Cold Springs Grange. The grange is located north of Pendleton on Hwy. 37 (the road by Blue Mountain College). Bring finger food to share after the installation.

Greenfield Grange will have a Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 pm. To rent a table call Bobbi Peck at 481-7359.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

July 10: MCSO received a report of a disabled vehicle partially blocking I-84 at mp 162 westbound.

-MCSO received a report from Portland PD that Frank Blaine Engleman, 42, was arrested on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for DUII. Subject was lodged at Multnomah County Jail with no local charges.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her ex-husband was there and trying to take the kids.

-MCSO cited Jacob R. Snyder, 21, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO arrested Samuel Santana-Ciriano, 32, on charges of Rape I x1, Rape III x2 and Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency of a Minor x3. Subject was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Lexington of suspicious activity at the trailer across the street. A vehicle with Idaho plates was now headed toward Heppner.

-MCSO received a report from a caller at Umatilla Electric that a meter reader reported suspicious odors from a residence in Irrigon. Though there may possibly be drug activity.

-MCSO received a report from a caller at the Boardman Shell station that a vehicle drove off before that gas was paid for. Deputies were unable to locate the

vehicle and an attempt to locate was sent out.

-MCSO received a report of an audible burglar alarm from a business in Boardman. A deputy advised that the building was abandoned and the windows were broken out and the location was unsecured.

-MCSO received a report of a strong chemical smell along I-84 between the rest area and mp 171. Deputies were unable to locate any unusual odors.

-MCSO received a report of a field stubble fire on the Square P ranch. Machinery was being threatened. It was advised later that the fire was out.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in California that her father is an Alzheimer's patient and left his home the previous night or earlier that morning in an unknown direction. The subject was originally from Heppner and the caller thought he may be heading that way. The daughter called back the following day and advised he father had been found in Arlington.

-MCSO received a report from Baker County that Jonathan Thomas Humphreys, 25, was arrested on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Perform the Duties of a Driver at an Accident. The subject was cited and released.

-MCSO received a request for deputy contact from a caller in Boardman regarding the neighbor's loud music and littering.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her neighbor's are harassing her children.

Heppner Ranger District proposes defensible space/ fuels reduction

The Heppner Ranger District is proposing fuel reduction projects to take place in the Black Mountain and Penland Lake areas. Fuel treatment would include: thinning, ladder fuel removal, grapple piling, chipping, mechanical mastication and skyline suspension systems. This treatment would lower the amount of fuel and would lower the risk to the communities and recreation areas from wildland fire. The fuel must be treated before the safe reintroduction of prescribed fire.

The treatment could begin in 2004 and would take three to five years to complete.

Two public meetings were held Nov. 4 at the Heppner office to assess public input into these projects.

Penland Lake, located on the Heppner Ranger District and private land, 27 miles southeast of Heppner, has become a popular site for Forest visitors. Although no "developed" campground has been established there, the lake and its surrounding area provides recreational opportunities and limited dispersed camping. The private land near the lake has several summer cabins and a few permanent home sites as well.

The Black Mountain project area is adjacent to Blake's Ranch Subdivision and near Cutsforth Park, approximately 25 miles east of Heppner in Morrow County.

Both these areas have a great deal of dead and dying timber due to infestations of western spruce budworm, fir engraver beetle and Douglas fir beetle along with many years of fire suppression. This amount of dead timber is a dangerous source of fuel to a wildland fire and puts the nearby subdivision and recreation areas at risk from large, intense fires.

An environmental analysis will be completed on these project areas using a collaborative approach with local landowners, ODF, ODFW, the local Tribes and other concerned groups.

For further questions regarding the meeting, contact the Heppner Ranger District at (541) 676-9187.

Holiday workshops offered in Boardman

The Greenfield Grange and Boardman Garden Club is offering two free holiday workshops. A holiday centerpiece workshop will be offered Nov. 6 and a wreaths and swags workshop on Nov. 20.

The Nov. 6 workshop will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring holiday silk flowers, ornaments, or whatever they wish to see as a centerpiece. Glue guns and some scissors will be available.

The Nov. 20 workshop will also be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring form(s), silk flowers and ornaments. Some pinecones and dried seedpods will be available.

Five wreaths will be made to donate to the Boardman Fire Department for their annual fundraiser.

Coffee and snacks will be provided during the workshops and a pop machine is available at the Hall.

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