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**Chamber Chatter**

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

The Heppner Chamber received a call today for a relocate packet. This is a common occurrence but it's the first time I had heard anyone express these sentiments. The gentleman said, "I've researched Heppner a little and I like what I see, but I want to be sure there are no malls, Wal-Marts, or Starbucks before I even consider moving there." He went on to say he believed in small business and supporting those same businesses. He said, "People just don't realize what they're doing when they patronize chain businesses over their small towns; that's why small towns are dying." He had maxed out on cities. Give us a few more like him and we'll be good to go.

Another person interested in moving here has been a performing arts teacher. Maybe we don't have to dream about "The Shoe Box Theater." Maybe it can become a reality if we all pitch in. How wonderful it would be to have a small place for performances by local talent, a place to bring in musicians, another place to exhibit art and create art. Diversity is the spice of life and helps the economy. Western art, antler art, painting, music, theater, all cultural opportunities waiting to happen.

And speaking of music and art, the Shenanigans will be giving a free concert on Friday, May 14, at 7 p.m., at the Heppner Elementary School. Spring concerts are also happening at the schools on May 18 and May 25. On Thursday, May 20 the Heppner Elementary School will have a Spring Fling with a barbecue, Book Fair, and auction to benefit the Parent's Club. Our youth are our future. The Chamber appreciates HHS students coming to Chamber to report on school activities, keeping us posted on what's happening each month and sharing their ideas with us.

Next week the Chamber will be discussing 2004 goals, events, marketing and other items of interest to the membership. Join us, noon, John's Place every Tuesday. Visitors are welcome.

Thought for the week: "We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to learn to live in the same box."

**Reload Ridge Riders to meet**

The Reload Ridge Riders will be meeting on Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m., upstairs at the Elks Lodge in Heppner. The club is geared towards those interested in ATVs and motorcycles.

The club needs everyone who is helping with the Poker Run and Race or who would like to volunteer to come to this meeting.

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**Join Us For Dinner And A Spring Fling!**

Heppner Elementary School  
Spring Fling Auction, Raffle and Book Fair  
Heppner Elementary School gymnasium  
Thursday, May 20 starting at 7 p.m.

Heppner Site Council  
Hamburger and Punch Dinner  
Starting at 6 p.m. at the gym

The Auction will include items created  
by the elementary classes;  
and teachers' uniquely-themed buckets  
(which can be seen at Heppner TV).

Raffle items include bicycles, hanging baskets,  
and a garden bench.

(Be sure to watch Heppner Channel 3  
to preview these one-of-a-kind treasures  
before the auction and raffle.)

A book fair will be held at the same time  
as the auction and raffle. It is buy one,  
get one free. It's a great way to stock  
up for those summer reading programs!

**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.)

**Traffic safety should be a concern on all roads in the city**

To the Editor,

Did you know that if the street running in front of your home is not maintained, it is not considered a street? So, if there is a problem, you can't get any consideration from the Council to take care of it.

We got rid of Gonty's woodpile and two Council people remember that it stated that nothing could be allowed in that area no more than 35 inches tall. Let me tell you, hollyhocks grow more than 35 inches tall.

The hollyhocks block your view and so will

the forest he is preparing to grow. Why can some people think they can get away with this? Because our City Fathers (?) say he can.

The City Manager says since it is not a maintained street they are not in violation of a city ordinance, which states there is to be a clear view of traffic that could result in an accident.

I believe what is good for one neighbor should be good for that neighbor's neighbors. Wish the powers that be had to live next door to mine.

(s) Johanne Wood Heppner

**Mustangs win with hard work and sportsmanship**

To the Editor:

To Mustangs and Mustang fans,

At the district basketball tournament in Pendleton, Heppner was playing Pilot Rock for the district championship. One of Heppner's players (Justin Botefuhr) and a boy from Pilot Rock were on the floor trying to get possession of the basketball. The boy from the other team slugged Justin while he was lying on the floor, resulting in a trip to the emergency room and several stitches in his head. The Pilot Rock boy was ejected from the game amidst booing from the fans in attendance. This is just background information.

Anyway, this past Saturday (May 8), Heppner and Pilot Rock were playing a baseball doubleheader at Heppner. Many in

attendance were expecting revenge or a "get even" time with the boy from Pilot Rock. However, that did not occur; instead the Mustangs just played good solid baseball, and good sportsmanship prevailed. The first game was 13-2 and the second game was 4-0.

Years from now when you look at the banners hanging in the gym at HHS, you will know they were won by good athletes who did it the old-fashioned way - with hard work and good sportsmanship.

I just want to congratulate the team for showing good sportsmanship and not sinking to the level of their opponents, and still winning the league championship. You are all Champions in my book.

(s) Jerry Hollomon Heppner

**There is nothing wrong with this picture**

To the Editor:

In answer to the editorial of Gene Sonstegard of May 5, 2004:

First, I am a veteran. I served with the Marines all through the South Pacific and I am very proud of our memorial.

Second, as for the large area, with that "junk machinery," as you call it, this area represents, not only the veterans of our great land, but also those who are the base of our entire existence. Without the farmers, and this "junk machinery," we would not be here.

Perhaps since you are from the "big city," you think milk and bread only come from the local market.

As far as your personal fight with the mayor, I for one, and I'm sure there are many who will agree, wish you would keep it between you and him. At least, be man enough to talk to him face to face with your likes and dislikes.

By the way, I'm a retired farmer and I, resent your remark about the "junk machinery." Expect a visit from me on this subject.

(s) Al Riney Heppner

**Horseshow to come to Heppner**

A horseshow tournament has been scheduled for Sunday, May 23, beginning at 1 p.m. at Hager Park in Heppner.

**Don't let actions of the few taint the whole**

To the Editor:

Do I hear an echo? Just as before, a weakness has been discovered in our military.

Again, shameful behavior has been practiced, by a few.

And yet again, this foulness is being reported in such a way that it taints all.

Some of us are old enough to remember. A shameful butchery was discovered in small enemy village in Vietnam. Many headlines were printed, TV specials were shot and shown, street demonstrations were staged.

Certain opportunistic entertainment stars, media personalities

and politicians were so devoid of character that in order to gain attention for themselves they appeared on newscasts, or in front of congressional committees, and claimed that the all inclusive "military" was cutting off heads, ears and hot-wiring genitals.

The result was that Vietnam veterans were labeled "baby killers" and were spat upon.

Considering the grave consequences of our nation running away from that war, and the far more grave consequences of running away from this struggle, can we afford to let it happen again?

(s) F. Green White Heppner

**Hill has strong background in public service and legal work**

To the Editor:

I'm writing to support Dan Hill for Circuit Judge, position 3. Dan has a well rounded background of public service and an excellent legal background, as private attorney, prosecutor and Judge. He

was raised in Umatilla County and understands well the fabric of Umatilla and Morrow counties. Please vote for Dan Hill in the coming election.

(s) Larry S. Sample Boardman

**Gunderson completes Air Force basic training**

Gunderson is a 1999 graduate of Heppner High School.



**Derek Gunderson**

Air Force Airman 1st Class Derek J. Gunderson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate's degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of David and Tricia Gunderson of Heppner.

**Voice of the Martyrs coming to Lexington**

David Wilt of the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) will be making a rare stop in our area on Sunday, May 16 at 6 p.m. at Lexington Baptist Church.

Pastor Glenn Anderson says, "This is a unique opportunity for those of us in the U.S. to hear what it is like to be a person of faith in other countries."

Lexington Baptist Church would like to invite the other churches in the area and others that are interested to hear Wilt share his experiences to attend the service. A free will offering will be taken for VOM.

Wilt shared recently that, "VOM's Executive Director, Tim White and I recently returned from Iraq. One believer I met had been put in prison seven times for sharing his faith. His faith is vibrant and he fearlessly serves the Lord in Iraq. He told me these words: 'If the devil fights you, you will be on the defensive. If you attack the devil, he will be on the defensive. If American Christians are not on the attack they will be on the defensive.'

"God has given me a passion to share the courage and faith of our persecuted family with believers in America. In the six years I have been on staff with VOM, I have traveled to 14 other restricted nations including Pakistan, China, Sudan, Indonesia and Vietnam."

**HHS senior class to hold meeting**

There will be an important Heppner High School senior class/parent meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Heppner City Park to finalize the after graduation trip.

All participants and their parents need to attend. For more information you can contact Brian Haguewood at 676-9759.

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