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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Back up, back up, back up. Those who are computer literate get the picture. The picture becomes even clearer when your hard drive crashes and not everything was backed up. The Chamber computer literally went to the hospital for a while and was treated exceptionally well by "Dr. Greenlaw." Now "Nurse Tonia" has been reloading some essential stuff while I was out of the office for family health reasons. For others who came to the rescue we can be eternally grateful. Onward and upward. This too shall pass.

July is half gone and some fun events are scheduled to finish out the month. Watch Heppner TV and next week's Gazette for all the Celebrate Historic Heppner events. In the meantime, set aside the weekend of July 30, 31 and Aug. 1 for a great Heppner Happening. Starting with sidewalk sales, a really short parade for short people, music, a free BBQ sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon and served by the Chamber, the day will continue with supporting our troops with yellow ribbons, a pie auction and a rodeo street dance featuring Little McKay Creek Bank. Those who aren't inclined to dance will enjoy listening. Make sure to bring your folding chairs.

Practice those pie-baking skills and get those short people ready for the short parade, about two blocks long. Entries supporting our troops or Heppner history are encouraged. The object is to make it fun for kids. Everyone loves a parade.

Saturday will include the Library book sale and Dinner at the Cemetery and Sunday will include the Quilt Exhibit. Come one, come all and invite your friends. Have a great time in downtown Heppner. Questions, call the Chamber at 676-5536. It will be a great family activity weekend.

The Chamber program for July 29 will be centered around the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, which is just around the corner. The Court will share activities with Chamber members; and we hope to have the Rodeo Committee and Fair Board chairpersons on hand. Meetings are at John's Place at noon every Tuesday.

Also on the slate of Chamber activities is "The Bite of Oregon," an opportunity to showcase our visitor amenities. We will be working with the county and other Morrow County Chambers on this August event in Portland where Eastern Oregon will be included for the first time. No wonder a year passes so fast.

Thought for the Week: "Judge not the horse by his saddle."

Baby shower to be held for Greens

There will be a baby shower for Hannah Elizabeth Green. Hannah is the infant daughter of Candy and David Green.

The shower will be Saturday, July 24 at 4 p.m., at the United Methodist Church basement.

BENEFIT DINNER
for the
Heppner DayCare, Inc.

Thursday, July 29 at 6 p.m.
Heppner Elks Lodge

Dinner includes:
Barbecue Chicken
Baked Potato
Salad, Rolls
Dessert

SPECIAL AUCTION:
Few select items include
fishing trip, coast trip,
and various misc. items

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.)

Commissioner explains Tillamook Forest Trust Lands

The County Commissioners have taken a comprehensive, multi-resource approach to the management of the State Forest over the years. That is why so much work was put into the State Forest Management Plan.

Most of the land that makes up the Tillamook Forest was from county foreclosed tax-delinquent lands. The land was felt to have little value after a series of wildfires.

An agreement was made to have the Department of Forestry to replant the Tillamook burn and the counties would pay off the reforestation costs as the timber was harvested. This trust agreement allowed the State Forestry to manage county lands with

the understanding that a certain portion of the monies was to return to the counties from the management of the timber. This trust agreement has been upheld in court.

The Rain Forest Coalition's 50/50 plan does not look at the agreements of the past and the concessions the counties have already made. The Coalition's desire is to have the voters of Oregon say what can be done on the trust lands to Tillamook and Clatsop counties. The Coalition is asking the people of Oregon to vote out the management of 50 percent of the land base of the Tillamook Burn.

(s) Charles J. Hurliman
Tillamook County
Commissioner

Heppner citizen wants exact costs for City Hall purchase

To the Editor:

The city government continues to mention the \$13,000 figure for repairing the roof of the old bank building, but the roof is not all that needs fixing. How much will it cost to repair any water damage that may have been caused by the leaking roof? How much to replace the rotting supports under the building? How much to repair the hot water system? What else needs to be repaired that the public doesn't know about? It would be nice to know the whole truth.

I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for any exact figures from city hall. As long as the people of this

community remain silent, your city government will continue to do whatever it wants, whenever it wants, regardless of cost, or how you may feel.

The Gazette-Times reported a vote of 6-1 in favor of purchasing the bank building. That means that only 1 of every 2000 inhabitants was allowed to vote on this \$325,000 expenditure of our tax dollars. Aren't the city council members supposed to be representatives of the people? Shouldn't they at least show voters the courtesy of asking for their opinion before voting on important matters?

(s) Gene Sonstegard
Heppner

IUCC to hold farewell barbeque for summer intern

On Sunday, July 25, the congregation of the Ione United Church of Christ will bid farewell to a new and dear friend, Margaret Dawedeit. Dawedeit, a seminary student at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA, has been in Ione for the past month, and is now bound for a month's stay in Condon.

The program that brings a seminary student in the city to the rural life of Eastern Oregon is not new to the United Churches of Christ in Ione and Condon. For many years the two churches have pooled resources to bring a seminary student to these communities. In fact, Lauren Allen, who is pastor of the Condon UCC, was once a summer intern herself.

"It's difficult to see who has learned and benefited the most," said a spokesperson from the Ione UCC about Dawedeit's visit.

To celebrate Dawedeit's stay with the people of Ione, a special barbeque is planned after church on July 25. Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings will be provided, and guests are asked to bring only their lawn chairs. The barbeque begins at 11:15 a.m. or so, but everyone is also welcome to church, which starts at 10 a.m.

Fair Book information available

For information on how to obtain a 2004 Morrow County Fair Book please contact the Morrow County Fair Office at 676-9474.

Governor should seize opportunity to allow Oregon to set sound forest policy

The Bush administration recently announced a decision to establish a new and lawful process to protect roadless areas in national forests—a process where states are in the driver's seat. So we are surprised and saddened that our governor has announced he will fight the President's offer to give Oregon more control over the federal forests within its borders.

We have come a long way in Oregon over the past three years. We have watched the electronics industries crash and seen 20 percent of our general fund revenues disappear as Oregon's unemployment rate soared. We have worked to balance the education, healthcare and public safety services Oregonians want, with our ability to pay for them. The legislature, the governor and the people of Oregon understand that we need to make public policy that advances the interests of all Oregonians.

The federal government has a great deal of power over Oregon. They own and manage about half of our state's land mass. They define the operation of our human services, education and transportation programs. Often, we chafe under the weight of their power and advocate strenuously for an opportunity to negotiate ways to make programs work better for Oregon. Our governor is working successfully right now with the Bush administration to rework the Oregon Health Plan to provide the most needed services within what Oregon taxpayers can afford.

Environmental issues need to be looked at the same way. We should welcome the invitation from our federal partners to tell our side of the story. Roadless areas have always been a contentious and controversial issue, and a discussion of the benefits and risks of the Clinton era set-asides never occurred. Given our recent experience with catastrophic wildfires that have destroyed critical wildlife habitats and key watersheds in roaded, roadless and wilderness areas, this is clearly an opportunity we should pursue.

Why will we willingly have these discussions in regard to the Health Plan, but not in regard to the environment? Does the governor not want our citizens' needs to be considered? It is beyond our comprehension that the governor is proposing spending taxpayers' dollars to have the attorney general sue to block our ability to determine for ourselves how to best manage our forests.

We challenge Governor Kulongoski to reject his predecessor's agenda and grapple meaningfully with the issues Oregon faces today. We have economic, social and environmental realities that are much different from the last decade. Just as we have done with human services, we can make environmental policy that reflects our changing needs and understanding. Let us move together to define Oregon as the place where people have good, secure jobs; where we are taking good care of our children and vulnerable citizens; and where we are genuinely protecting our quality of life.

(s) State Sen. Ken Messerle (R-Coos Bay)
State Rep. Susan Morgan (R-Myrtle Creek)

DA's Report

Matthew Townsend pled guilty to Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle a Class-C felony. Townsend was sentenced to 80 hours of community service, 24 months bench probation and payment of \$921 in fines and fees.

Townsend also pled guilty to Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, a Class-A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 365 suspended days in jail, 40 hours community service, 24 months bench probation and payment of \$631 in fines and fees.

Darren Ned Humbert was convicted of Forgery-1, a Class-C felony. He was sentenced to 13 months in jail and two years probation.

Kevin Wayne Smith was convicted of Assault-4, a Class-C felony reduced to a Class-A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 365 suspended days in jail, two years bench probation, 40 hours community service and payment of \$624 in fines and fees.

Jennifer Rene Jimenez admitted to violation of probation allegations for Harassment. Jimenez' probation was revoked and reinstated and she was sentenced to one year extended probation.

Dick Daryl Sands was found guilty of Contempt of Court. Sands was sentenced to 90 days in jail, three years bench probation and payment court ordered amount plus 20 percent.

Noe Ramon Rodriguez pled guilty to Disorderly Conduct, a

Class-B misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days jail, 12 months bench probation and payment of \$481 in fines and fees.

Justice Court report

Rece Bly, 52, Tigard, VSL, 74/55, fine \$143.

Tonya Kay Reams, 31, Heppner, Driving while Suspended-Infraction and No Operator's License, fine \$239.

Steven John Geller, 47, Silver Springs, NV, VBR, 71/55, fine \$108.

Randal Scott Goins, 18, Tigard, Following to Close, fine \$275.

Leatitia Ann Wanous, 34, Heppner, Failure to Yield When Entering Roadway, fine \$238.

Jessica Lee Gann, 24, Heppner, Driving Uninsured, fine \$180.

Julie Brown Proctor, 20, Heppner, VSL, 72/55, fine \$108.

Tracy Lee Shane, Gresham, VBR 69/45, fine \$180.

Births

Dyliahla Ivette Luna Delgado- a daughter, Dyliahla Ivette, was born July 12, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Mary Isabel L. and Peter R. Delgado, Jr., of Irrigon.

Hannah Elizabeth Green- a daughter Hannah Elizabeth, was born July 14, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Candace Darlene and David Wayne Green of Heppner.

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