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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

The Governor's Conference on Tourism is in Pendleton this week. Chamber people from Umatilla and Morrow counties will be serving s'more pie and assisting unknowing "dudes" from the valley in making s'mores of their own. This is to help them conjure up a campfire with starry skies overhead with the idea that they need to "Make S'more experiences in Eastern Oregon." In addition to introductions to our area, there will be many seminars and workshops on attracting visitors.

Visitor attractions vary for different people. For me a trip, even just down the gorge and back, opens up opportunities for new experiences. Some people, and of course they are usually one's spouse, find a place they love and go there every time. The other usually enjoys exploring and trying out new places to eat. The trick, if you run a restaurant is to pull both types in. Since I was behind the wheel, we pulled in Mosier and discovered Wildflower Café. Good choice: good food, good service, good atmosphere and the added bonus of a gorge view. We will return.

I think it's been said before that our Heppner Hills have a beauty all of their own, which people enjoy seeing. We just have to know "our stuff" and give them reasons to be here. That's the business we're in whether on the other side of the counter, waiting tables, or simply dishing out a welcoming

smile on the street. Speaking of the road to the gorge, we welcome Northwest Windshields of The Dalles as a Heppner Chamber member.

During a recent meeting I heard the Chamber Executive Director of The Dalles share their success story of bringing Google to their hometown. They are building a facility unlike any other in the world, which will employ 100 to 400 people. "It's all about attitude," she told us. The community lost their aluminum plant and had close to the worst unemployment in America. They formed a group within the community composed of city, county, chamber, small businesses and others who were all looking together in the same direction. There was no competition, just a let's do it attitude, perseverance and a trip all the way to Washington, D.C., to get the job done.

Looking ahead to Chamber meetings at noon, Thursdays at John's Place: April 14- conference call with Representative Greg Smith; April 21- featuring Chamber businesses Farmer's and Wheatland Insurance; April 28 and May 5- the public is invited to Candidates' Forums where they can meet and hear Port Commission, health district and school district candidates. Those forums will be at 11:30 a.m., and an RSVP to the Heppner Chamber at 676-5536 would be appreciated.

Thought for the Week: "Much can be accomplished when we look together in the same direction."

Births

Ryan Joseph Lindsay- a son, Ryan Joseph, was born March 25, 2005, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton, to Leanne and Joseph Lindsay of Lexington.

Join us for an Elegant Evening of Fine Dining & Entertainment As a Benefit for Darcy Coil & her Family

Friday, May 6th at the Heppner Elks Club
Semi-Formal - Two seatings available

Two Ticket Options:

- 1) Dinner, Dessert & Entertainment at 5:30 p.m. ~ or ~
- 2) Dinner, Dessert & Entertainment at 7:30 p.m. (Dinner is Tuscan-style pork chops with a penne pasta in a putenesca sauce, Italian-style vegetables, mixed green salad, and herb and garlic bread) \$25 for adults / \$15 for children 12 and under
- 3) Dessert & Entertainment Only at 7 p.m. \$10 per ticket

Purchase tickets at Murray Drugs or Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner
Limited Seating Available
Inquiries - contact Marianne Smith, Carri Grieb, Ann Murray or Missy Lindsay

Robinson convicted of theft

Sharon Kaye Robinson, 31, was convicted of Theft-1, a Class C felony in connection with the embezzlement case against her, said Morrow County District Attorney David Allen. Over a three-year period, Robinson used company credit cards and checks to make unauthorized purchases.

With this conviction, Robinson was sentenced to three years supervised probation, 90 days in jail, com-

pletion of a drug treatment program and payment of \$164 in fines and fees. Robinson was also sentenced to pay \$100,000 in restitution to Miller and Sons Welding Inc. The restitution will be paid back in monthly payments during probation. After probation, the State of Oregon will continue as the creditor of the money judgment and collect monthly payments which are disbursed to the Millers.

Boaters rescued at Willow Creek Lake

Two Irrigon boaters were rescued by the Heppner Fire Department on Sunday, April 11 after their aluminum boat overturned at Willow Creek Lake in Heppner, said Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack.

Responding with their pontoon boat, the Heppner Fire Department was on scene within minutes

of a call from a witness on shore. The boaters were not injured, but did show early signs of hypothermia. According to reports, the water temperature was around 44 degrees. The boaters were able to regain body warmth quickly and had access to dry clothes, so were not taken to the hospital.

Obituaries

Floyd Edward Raver

Floyd Edward Raver, 73, formerly of Heppner, passed away peacefully on April 4, 2005, in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

A graveside service is planned for April 15 at 2 p.m. in Madras, OR.

He was born July 19, 1931 in Williams, AZ to William and Elida Raver. The Raver family moved to Central Oregon in 1946 and Raver graduated from Madras High School in 1950. After high school he served in the Navy for four years, including a tour in the Korean War. He was employed at the Madras Texaco during high school and again after his return from military service. Shortly thereafter he was hired as a policeman for the City of Madras and began a long and distinguished career in civil service for the community of Madras.

While serving for the police department, Raver began volunteering for the Madras Fire Department. He worked his way through the ranks of the fire department to the honored post of Fire Chief and served his community proudly until retirement in 1984.

While serving as Chief for the Madras Fire Department he oversaw the development, growth and advancement of the department from the implementation of "modulances" to changes in city policy, which allowed women to serve as fire fighters. He graduated amongst the first classes of EMTs in the State of Oregon and achieved the rank of a level EMT 2 while serving the department. He was also a building inspector and a Level A plans inspector. He served the small community of Madras in in-

numerable ways over the years. He was a man of many great talents and abilities. He operated his ham radio for years and self-taught himself to work on computers. One of his greatest joys was listening to, and sharing, his ever growing music collection.

He moved from Madras to Heppner in 2002 in order to be closer to his son. While in Heppner he lived at Willow Creek Terrace and made many a great friend. He helped out and entertained the residents of Willow Creek by providing them with plenty of good music and putting their keepsake photo's - old and new - onto compact discs.

Survivors include, son, Darrell Raver of Coeur d'Alene, ID; sister, Margaret Evick of Bend; and three grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents, by brother, Claude Raver and by sister, Carol Walston.

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Creek Terrace-Office, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, OR 97836.

Betty Marlene Martinez

Betty Marlene Martinez, 43, of Boardman, died Friday, April 8, 2005, at Oregon Health Science University Hospital in Portland.

A rosary was held April 10 at Burns Mortuary and the Mass of Christian Burial was held April 11 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Boardman. Burial was held April 12 at Riverview Cemetery in Boardman.

She was born June 8, 1961, in The Dalles, to Delbert and Martha Hubbell Miller.

She married Jose Martinez on June 30, 1977,

in Lewiston, ID.

Survivors include her husband, Jose Martinez of Boardman; children, Jose Martinez Jr. in the U.S. Army in North Carolina, Rosa Maria Sanchez of Boardman, Jesus Manuel Martinez in the U.S. Marines in Japan and Juan Martinez in the U.S. Navy in Washington; father, Delbert Miller of Bremerton, WA; sister, Beverly Angeles of Umatilla; brother, Kenny Miller; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother and her sister Bonita.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

RD Allstott Jr.

RD Allstott, Jr., 79, of Athena, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital in Walla Walla.

A memorial service was held April 12 at Burns Mortuary of Pendleton.

He was born Nov. 12, 1925, at Eightmile, to RD Allstott Sr. and Dolly Barlow Allstott. He attended Liberty Grade School and Heppner High School. While a senior at Heppner High he was drafted to serve during World War II. In the Army he was a Staff Sergeant.

On June 11, 1983, he married Alberta Louise Hoffman at Pendleton. They lived in Pendleton until Mr. Allstott's retirement. In 1989, they moved to Athena.

Allstott had also lived in Hermiston and McNary and had been employed by the Corps of Engineers as a warehouseman and a crew foreman and had also worked as a crew foreman at the Umatilla Army Depot.

He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Allstott enjoyed hunting, fishing, wood crafts, watching rodeo and keeping a nice yard and garden. He loved camping with his family. Above all he was a friend to everybody and was said to be loving, kind and considerate.

Survivors include his wife, Alberta Louise Allstott of Athena; son, Everett Barlow of Milton-Freewater; daughters, Cynthia Lee Bondurant of Brookfield, IL and Mary Earley of Pendleton; brothers, Richard Allstott of Pendleton and Clyde Allstott of Heppner; sisters, Dorothy Jackson and Virginia Peck, both of Heppner, and Laurel Laney of Condon; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents RD Allstott Sr. and Dolly Barlow Allstott.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jonathan M. Wainwright Administration Medical Center, 77 Wainwright

Drive, Walla Walla, WA 99362, or to VFW Post #922.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements.

John Steven Akers

John Steven Akers, 61, of Boardman, died Monday, April 4, 2005, at his home.

At his request there will be no funeral service. Disposition was by cremation.

Akers was born Sept. 16, 1943, at Heppner, to Wilbur R. and Anna Marie Kearns Akers. He grew up at Ione and served in the Army during the Vietnam War. After military service he moved to Seattle and worked as a longshoreman and as a mechanic for Sea Land at the Port of Seattle. He moved to Boardman in 1994.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge and the Stanfield Moose Lodge. Akers liked to hunt and fish.

Survivors include his son, Michael Akers of Seattle; daughters, Davina Lindstrom of Seattle and DeAnna Spencer of McMinnville; brothers, Ivan Akers and Ralph Akers, both of Boardman; an aunt, seven grandchildren; five nieces and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Marie Akers.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Jeffrey Ogden Turner

Jeffrey Ogden Turner, 55, of Tigard, died April 8, 2005.

A funeral service was held April 13 at Young's Funeral Home in Tigard.

Turner was born Sept. 26, 1949 in Portland to Donald E. and Janet Roberts Turner. He graduated from Heppner High School in 1967 and went on to earn his bachelor of arts degree in political science at the University of Oregon.

He married Teresa Stefani in 1971.

Turner lived in Eugene until 1979 and was a longtime Tigard resident. He worked for Acordia Insurance Company as an account executive.

He enjoyed golf, sports and was a Big Duck fan. While at the University of Oregon, Turner was a member of Phi Delta.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Turner; sons, Ben Turner and Zach Turner; mother, Janet Roberts Turner; sister, Ginny Daley; brother, Tom Turner; and 13 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald E. Turner.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Aplastic Anemia Foundation.

Young's Funeral Home of Tigard is in charge of arrangements.

\$2,500 REWARD OFFERED

THIS REWARD IS IN ADDITION TO THE REWARD PREVIOUSLY POSTED BY THE OREGON CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND THE MORROW COUNTY LIVESTOCK GROWERS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PESONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECENT SHOOTING OF A BLACK ANGUS BULL OWNED BY THE WILKINSON RANCH.

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