

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.



Jon Cain and Dave Fowler give a mapping presentation to the Heppner Chamber during a recent luncheon.

Like the variety of flowers and birds showing up this spring, this column has a potpourri of topics, flitting here and there.

Are you a bird person? For some communities this has become a tourist attraction. It was only when my husband built a bird feeder for me some years ago that I began to notice the variety of birds in this area. What better spot than a feeder outside your kitchen window. One can observe visiting birds while cooking, eating and doing dishes. Our feeder is high above the ground to prevent the cats, Max and Barney, from feasting on or tormenting these feathered friends. This week we've seen Bullock's Orioles, Lazuli buntings, finches, grosbeaks, sparrows, wild canaries, mourning doves, cow bird, magpie, Rufous-sided Towees and some yet to be identified at the feeder. Earlier this year, a lost Eastern Blue Jay was visiting. The more birds we see, the more feed we need, so our local birdseed carrying businesses are happy to see us coming.

Do you know much about mapping? The Chamber enjoyed seeing Jon Cain's presentation on GPS/GIS and hearing from Dave Fowler at a recent member luncheon program. If you aren't aware of the great technology opportunities at Heppner High School and were not able to attend the recent open house, visit with these two people or our school administrators. The technology program is very impressive and was made possible in part by an OSU Extension grant through 4-H. More educational sessions, for ranchers and others, will be coming down the road.

If you took a ride out Little Buttercreek this past

Babe Ruth baseball golf tournament to be held

A Babe Ruth Baseball golf tournament will be held on Sunday, May 29. The caddy auction will be held at 8 a.m., with golf beginning at 9 a.m. The tournament will be an 18-hole, four man/woman scramble.

Cost for the tournament is \$30 per person, with lunch included. Proceeds from the event benefit the Babe Ruth Baseball program.

For more information, call Rick Johnston at 676-5562.

weekend, you experienced western art and a marvelous quilt show at the Currin Ranch. The weather didn't allow the quilts to fly on lines between antique tractors for long, but the bunkhouse and art studio allowed viewers to stay dry and enjoy the western art work and quilt designs. Even though they were 16 miles out of Heppner, some first-time visitors to the area traveled on into Heppner on Hwy 64. How do I know this? They stopped and asked for directions.

Speaking of roads, many of you will be traveling away this coming Memorial Day weekend while visitors will be arriving in Heppner. Memorial Day has always been a time of history for our family and remembering. Be it putting out pine boughs, flowers and a fishing basket of geraniums, or seeing the many flags on graves of those who fought for our county, it's a time to share stories and memories. Join the red, white and blue parade on May 30 and take in the Memorial Day dinner at the Senior Center at 1 p.m. on May 29. Whatever you do, have a great weekend and remember the reason for the holiday.

For family fun the following weekend, check out the Ione Auction and BBQ, the Kid's Fishing Derby at Willow Creek Lake and the 2005 Annual Poker Run in the Blues at the Morrow County OHV Park. Organizations who have events during the year, open to the public, please let your Chamber know ahead of time and drop off posters so we can advertise it through a variety of venues.

Thought for the Week: "A house becomes a home when you can write 'I love you' in the dust." (In your office, you'd better have a dust cloth handy.)

Kid's Fishing Derby to be held at Willow Creek Reservoir

The Kid's Fishing Derby at Willow Creek Reservoir is fast approaching. This annual event will be held on June 5, from 1-5 p.m. Registration is from 12-1 p.m. The Derby is held in conjunction with National Fishing Week (June 4-12, 2005). The event, sponsored by the Heppner Lions Club, Mid Columbia Bass Club, Northwest Steelheaders, High Desert Marine, Bi-Mart, Walmart, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Forest Service, promises to be a memorable time for young and old alike.

Youngsters 12 years and under can pre-register at Heppner Elementary School or at the district office in Lexington. Kids can also register on the day of the derby. All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and should bring their own fishing poles and tackle.

Prizes will be awarded and have been donated by local merchants and clubs. An extra special event that will take place during the fishing derby is the Zebco Casting Contest.

All kids that participate will receive

HES kindergarten class enjoys a day on the farm



The Heppner Elementary School kindergarten class gets an up close look at a tractor on the Grieb Farm during a recent field trip. Photo by Carri Grieb.

The Heppner Elementary School kindergarten class recently enjoyed a Day at the Farm as their field trip. The students spent the day at the home of Ken and Carri Grieb.

They were able to explore modern farm equipment, as well as a 1925 tractor provided by Ken Turner. The students also

had the opportunity to ride horses and interact with lambs, goats and a pot bellied pig.

Wayne Seitz of Seitz Aviation gave the class a spraying demonstration with his airplane, which delighted and amazed the young students and Angie Hughes provided buggy rides with her miniature horse, Minnie. All had a fun day.

Though the Willow Creek Reservoir Derby is not held on designated free fishing days, children under the age of 14 do not need a license to fish. Adults fishing on those dates will need to have a valid state fishing license.

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Soccer signup to be held

A.Y.S.O. soccer signup will be held for children ages 4-11. The child must be 4 prior to Aug. 1 and no older than 11 by Aug. 1. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required at registration if the child hasn't played before.

Registration will be held at the Heppner Neighborhood Center, June 2 from 5-7 p.m. and June 3 from 4-6 p.m. Cost for soccer will be \$35 for the first child and \$30 for each additional child. For more information, contact Jessica Lehman at 989-8571.

Senior Center to host Memorial Day dinner

A Morrow County Memorial Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 29 at 1 p.m., at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

A meet and greet time is planned to start at 12:30 p.m., with a welcoming ceremony and program to follow.

The Senior Center and community churches provide the dinner. Cost for the dinner is \$6. The menu includes an entrée of turkey breast or roast beef, salads and dessert of homemade cobbler and ice cream. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to provide necessities for the Senior Center.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up and serving. If you can help, call the Senior Center office at 676-9030.

Ione Legion to hold Memorial Day service

The Ione American Legion will be holding a Memorial Day service, Monday, May 30 at 10:15 a.m., in front of the Ione American Legion. In case of inclement weather, the services will be held inside the Legion Hall.

Following the service, refreshments will be served in the Legion Hall. At that time, everyone will be able to view the hall and recent restoration work that has been accomplished. A recognition service will be held following the refreshments.

The speaker for the service will be Ken Buckles of Canby, OR. Buckles has taught school at Milwaukie High School for 25 years. He was a football coach for 10 years.

Having a father who served as a Marine in the Korean War, Buckles recognized the gift of service these men and women had given to our country. He became more interested in

honoring veterans for their contributions.

Buckles and some friends who were Vietnam veterans organized a non-profit business. These men have put together a group of veterans who go around the Northwest to educate our youth at high schools. They have also introduced their information at nursing homes and the general public by presenting a Living History Day.

Many people have been surprised about the information these veterans have presented. The Code Talkers of Arizona and past military are just a few who share about their years of service. Some veterans have slides and videos to share. Some of these men and women have been directly involved with saving our country during war times.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Memorial Day service and share in a time of remembrance.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

St. Patrick's Senior Center will be hosting a Memorial Day Dinner on Sunday, May 29 at 1 p.m. Senior Center staff and volunteers, as well as other

volunteers from the community cooperate to make this event a true community reunion. Door prizes are offered to the oldest attendee, to the family coming from the farthest distant and the largest group of extended family. There will be a short commemorative program, including an invocation by Rev. Keith Brudevold and a welcome by Mayor Tim Van Cleave.

Archie Padberg and JoAnne Burleson are in charge of arrangements and food service. Choices of roast beef or turkey are offered as entrée. Other items on the menu are provided by a number of church groups. Cost is \$6 per person and \$3 for children under six years of age.

Hope and Valby Lutheran members are volunteers for the June 1 noon meal at the Center.

Designs and plans

Legion poppy sales underway

Began in the 1920s as a way to honor men and women who died in battle, the American Legion's Poppy Program continues to be a strong memorial to those that have served our country.

Members of both the Heppner and Ione American Legion Auxiliaries have been selling poppies the past few weeks and will continue to do so through Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, to provide the opportunity for

for the updated Senior Center brochure were finalized at the May meeting of the Board. The brochures will be available at the office and at other key places in the community.

A Disaster Preparedness presentation is scheduled for June 15 during the noon meal at the Center. On June 18, a grant-writing workshop is to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. These two events were announced by Sheila Piper, Center coordinator.

The Quarterly AAA Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 17 at Ukiah. There is room on the bus for 12 to 15 other passengers who might enjoy eating at the new Ukiah Center. Additional people are invited to attend the meeting or to visit places in town. An interesting historical collection of photographs is in the lobby of the center. The bus returns immediately after the AAA meeting. It begins at 1 p.m. and adjourns about 2:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is at the Heppner office.

everyone to show their support. The monies received from the sell of the poppies are used solely for aiding veterans and their families. Some of the aid is seen in the form of defraying housing, clothing, education, medical, transportation and other daily expenses.

Poppy distribution days are held twice annually, during the Memorial Day celebration in May and during the Veterans Day celebration in November.

Justice Court report

Ryan Lee Miller, 33, Heppner, Violation of the Speed Limit, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, fine \$126.

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