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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

What a treat to have visitors from Australia pass through the Chamber office last week. They had flown into California, rented a motor home and were following the byways of Oregon. After they left the Chamber, I found them enjoying a drink while visiting with customers and staff at Murrays. Additionally, there were visitors with Irish heritage and a couple moving here from Jordan Valley in the office. People continue to discover Heppner and want to return.

Summer calendars are filling up fast. Golfing, fishing derby and OHV events fill June. Then, invite friends and family to Heppner July 29 for "Celebrate Historic Heppner." The event will kick off with sidewalk sales, followed by the free BBQ served by the Heppner Chamber and sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon. The annual pie auction will top off the meal. This year small plates and forks will be provided so pies can be cut and shared during Heppner's Talent Show. Start baking now. There will be great prizes. The contest is open to all ages and is chaired by Brenda Sherrell of Sherrell Insurance and John and Nancy Gochbauer. Proceeds will assist in reprinting the Heppner brochure.

Willow Creek Valley musical talent abounds in this area. The Heppner Chamber invites people of all ages to "strut their stuff" on Friday, July 29 in the Heppner City Park. Talent show registration will be through the Heppner Chamber and will be open to all ages, singles and groups. Nancy Snider of Wheatland Insurance is chairing the event. Prizes will be awarded in various categories.

Saturday, July 30 there may be a fishing derby, possibly a visiting car club and of course, the opportunity for museum visits and Dinner at the Cemetery. Sunday, July 31, it's again quilters' paradise with the quilt show sponsored by Artisan Village. All business people, as well as those just having fun that weekend, are encouraged to wear vintage dress. The new Victorian Rose Gift Shoppe, or Helen at Just Sew would be happy to help outfit you. It's fun to step back in time.

If interested persons would like to help with this Heppner Happening, please call the Chamber of Commerce, or just show up, bring friends and have fun. By the way, a new face in the Chamber Office, assisting the executive director, is Sheila Piper. Stop by to say, "Hello."

Next week the Chamber will welcome Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Queen Jessica Wainwright and Princess Heather Yocom, as well as Fair Board and Rodeo Committee members. They will be educating those attending on the change in the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo and the fairground improvements. Fair and Rodeo is just around the corner.

Thought for the Week: "Life is like an 18-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use." Others strip their gears.

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Obituaries

Eva Margery Arndt

Eva Margery Arndt, 81, of Irrigon, died Tuesday, May 31, 2005, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A graveside service was held June 6 at Desert Lawn Memorial Cemetery in Irrigon.

She was born May 11, 1924, at Salida, CO, to William C. and Mary Eva Higgins Anderson.

She came to Irrigon 19 years ago from South St. Paul, MN. Survivors include sons, Richard Arndt of Irrigon and Gary Arndt of Eagan, MN; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jake H. Arndt in 1994, and by her parents, William and Mary Anderson.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Beatrice Thomson Bennett

Beatrice Thomson Bennett, 89, died June 3, 2005 at Pleasant Valley Residential Care Center.

A graveside memorial will be conducted at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Friday, June 10 at 2 p.m.

Bennett was born Dec. 27, 1915 in Heppner, the daughter of George and Anna Quick Thomson. She was raised and educated in Heppner, graduating from high school in 1933. She pursued her education at Linfield College, then the University of Oregon where she graduated in 1937.

On June 16, 1942 she married John Bennett in Washington, D.C.

After the war, in 1949, she earned a master's of social work at Washington State University.

The Bennetts moved to Beaverton in 1952 where they made their home until 2000

She pursued a career in social work from 1942 until retirement in 1978. She worked for the American Red Cross, Multnomah County Welfare and finished her career as a branch manager with Oregon Adult and Family Services.

She enjoyed her work and her many associates, her home and pets, traveling and private flying with her husband. She was a member of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her brother, William Thomson of Burlingame, CA; daughter, Lorelle Bennett of Portland; son, Grant Bennett of Portland; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband John E. Bennett.

Gresham Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Marriage Licenses

May 31: Genaro Leon Cancino, 34, Umatilla and Guadalupe Mendoza, 27, Umatilla; and Jonathan Tyler Leslie, 18, Umatilla and Jennifer D'Lynn Cabral, 18, Umatilla.

June 3: Daniel Lavon Sandoval, 22, Hermiston and Miriam J. Contreras, 19, Hermiston; and Keith Merrill Maine, 54, Boardman and Kelly Jean Salchenberg, 45, Boardman.

Sheriff's Report

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

June 1: Boardman PD received a report of a minor motor vehicle accident. A vehicle backed into a fire truck and caused minor damage.

-MCSO arrested Vanessa Chavez, 19, on a Umatilla County Juvenile warrant for Probation Violation. Chavez was lodged at Umatilla County Juvenile Facility.

June 2: MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Bobbie Lee Wade, 21, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended.

June 3: Boardman PD cited Ramon Montes Lemus, 36, for Failure to Wear Seatbelt.

-Boardman PD cited Salvador Murguia Guzman, 31, for No Insurance.

-Boardman PD arrested Humberto Madrigal Garcia, 20, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Disorderly Conduct.

-MCSO received a report from Hermiston PD that Orlando Cruz Lopez, 20, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended. Lopez was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with holds placed for Morrow County.

-MCSO cited Roy Nunez, 18, for Driving while Suspended-violation.

June 4: Boardman PD arrested Mark Louis Acheson, 49, for Possession of a Controlled Substance II, Delivery of a Controlled Substance II and Disorderly Conduct.

-Boardman PD arrested Kelly Kaye Charette, 40, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Theft III x2.

-Boardman PD arrested Sepanno Baletta, 40, for Failure to Carry and Present. Baletta was lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO arrested Jason Rhett Paluso, 33, for Driving while Suspended-misdemeanor. He was also cited for Driving Uninsured and arrested on UCSO warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while Suspended. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail and his vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO received a report that a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed side-swiped a vehicle at the caller's yard sale and didn't even slow down. A subject was cited for Reckless Driving and Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver.

-MCSO cited Monica Mae Arstein, 38, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph.

-MCSO received a report from Pendleton PD that Francisco Garcia Torres, 22, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended. Torres was

lodged at Umatilla County Jail.

June 5: Boardman PD cited Onar Yahir Bucio-Lopez, 29, for No Operator's License and No Insurance.

-MCSO received a report of a fight in progress in Irrigon. It was determined to not be a fight. However, Joseph Duane Sanders, 20, was cited for Minor in Possession-Alcohol and Andrew Franklin Wedding, 18, was cited for Minor in Possession-alcohol.

-MCSO cited Ramel Rodriguez, 24, for Driving while Suspended-violation.

-MCSO cited Betty Lou Schelly, 61, for Failure to Wear Seatbelt.

-MCSO received a report from Pendleton PD that Saturnin Reyes Flores, 39, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while Suspended.

All Saints to hold child sexual abuse program

All Saints Episcopal Church is holding a program entitled "Safeguarding God's Children" on July 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church.

This program provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and the ministries in which they serve. The program is based on the philosophy that if every adult can protect just one child, they will forever change one life. If we can all change one life, together we will make a difference in this generation of children.

The training program will teach adults what they need to know to prevent sexual abuse. The training is divided into two sections; the first provides information about preventing child sexual abuse in all environments and about protecting the children you know personally; the second part of the training focuses on preventing child sexual abuse in church ministries.

This training is important no matter who you are. The presentation provides insight to the thought process of those perpetrating the crimes against children and offers practical advice on how to safeguard the children.

The presenter is the Reverend Canon Karen C. Lewis, M.Div. Canon Lewis is the Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon. The program is provided free of charge. A certificate of completion will be issued for those needing to meet requirements for liability insurance.

To register, please call All Saints Episcopal Church at 676-9970 by Monday, June 27.

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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 \$10.)

Rent increases and taxes make one reconsider Heppner as place to retire

To the editor:

One of the best gauges of the heart and compassion of a community is the respect generated towards the needs and welfare of the community's senior citizens. Mabel Heath was like a mother to me, I played pool with Bill French in the old Turf Club, Sylvia McDaniel was there for me growing up in the Methodist Church and Ruby Steers continues to be a spiritual mentor.

One of the reasons the St. Patrick's Senior Center won funding was to provide economical accommodation for Heppner's Senior citizens. The Heppner nursing home was closed down because according to the administrator it no longer brought in a profit. Raising the rent \$60 to \$80 dollars a

month will force many of our precious senior citizens out of St. Patrick's Senior center and perhaps out of the community. Heppner already has the highest city taxes per capital in the state of Oregon. If the city fathers are going to allow the nursing home to close, St. Patrick's Senior Center to force out our elderly on fixed incomes and continue to raise city taxes why would anybody want to retire in Heppner?

It is time for the Heppner City Council to make decisions based on prudence, compassion and quality that make Heppner place seniors want to retire. Empty apartments that our elderly cannot afford will in time close the facility. Is that really what Heppner wants? (s) Stuart Dick Pendleton

Morrow County crop tour

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4:30-5 p.m. - View irrigated hard red spring wheat field (DNS)- Presentation by Todd Lindsay and Ken Turner. Hear what they have to say about variety selection, seeding rates, and fertilizer management.

5-9 p.m. - Social and dinner at Ken and Jean Ann Turner's place- Sand Hollow.

Justice Court report

Barry J. Zinter, 29, Ione, Careless Driving and Failure to Drive within Lane, fine \$239.

Nicholas Dan Henderson, 23, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, fine \$126.

Cory Baker, 21, Pendleton, Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor, fine \$483, 180 suspended days in jail and two years probation.

Damien Wilhelm, 26, Lexington, DUII Diversion, fine \$405.

Sponsors who helped make this event possible include: Morrow County Wheat Producers, Morrow County Grain Growers, Oregon Wheat Growers League, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Wheatland Insurance, Bill and Nancy Jepsen, Tad, Mark and Corey Miller, Ken and Jean Ann Turner, Todd and Melissa Lindsay and Justin and Stacie Miller.

Beverly Crum's Prayer

Now I lay me; Down to sleep.
I pray the Lord; My shape to keep.
Please no wrinkles; Please no bags
And please lift my butt; Before it sags.
Please no age spots; Please no gray
And as for my belly; Please take it away.
Please keep me healthy; Please keep me young,
And thank you Dear Lord; for all that you've done!

Please come and help
Beverly Laverne Crum "50"!

When: June 18, 2005
What: Beverly Laverne Crum's Fiftieth Birthday
Where: Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358
Upstairs, with music starting at 9 p.m.
See next week's Heppner G-T for more information

LOST
Large, white, blue eyed, longhair male cat, 13 lbs., answers to name of Kellum. Was sent from the North Pole, Alaska. Anyone who has seen the cat, alive or dead, contact Jim Nelson, 150 E. Main St., Lexington.