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Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, executive director

As I entered Heppner this morning for the first time in ten days, it was like taking a fresh look at our community. The tree-lined Main Street, the flower baskets, the businesses were all inviting. No, we're not located in the Canadian Rockies and we're not a major tourist attraction, yet, but we truly have our own ambiance.

What comes to mind is a big thank you to all our businesses who open their doors every morning. It truly takes determination, perseverance, creativity, a bit of luck, and a love of Heppner for that to happen, both from the business owners and from the employees who faithfully come to work each day and wear a happy face for all the people who pass through the doors. These dedicated people try new things, keep some of the comfortable old, and volunteer in many areas to keep Heppner's vitality and help it thrive. They take one day at a time and offer their unique talents and skills to create a fine community for their friends, family, and strangers who pass by.

People bravely start new businesses because it has been their dream. (Get your new 1900's hat at the Victorian Rose to wear during "Celebrate Historic Heppner".) Others keep working at the tried and true businesses with courage, energy, and dedication. They are downtown Heppner as are their clients in the city limits and out.

Join the community in celebrating Heppner by shopping the sidewalk sales, entering the talent show, baking a pie, fishing in the first annual bass and crappie tournament, attending Dinner at the Cemetery, participating in the Quilt show, all on July 29-31. It will be a chance to sit back and enjoy your friends and neighbors while celebrating the local talent in the area. Come and have fun!

Have you noticed the new face in the Chamber office? Come by to say "Hi" to Sheila Piper, a native of the Willow Creek Valley, full of vim and vinegar and lots of new ideas.

Third Thursdays at Chamber feature a member business. The Heppner Ranger District has been celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Forest Service and if all goes as planned Tom Mafera will be sharing "The Greatest Good", a historical presentation of a longtime "business". If not now, then later.

Thought for the week: "A procrastinator is a person who puts off until tomorrow the things he has already put off until today."

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.)

Unfair asbestos bailout bill

To the Editor:

Any major building built before 1979 has the strong possibility of having Asbestos in it, including the wrapping around heating systems, water pipes and floor tiles. We now know that burning certain plastic products releases known carcinogens. Asbestos is dormant until disturbed. When it is sawed, hammered, broken or burned, it is very dangerous. Minute particles in the dust that workers breathe causes asbestos-related lung cancer. Asbestos can reside in your lungs for 10 to 50 years before it becomes an active small cell lung cancer. Asbestos will continue to increase in numbers for the next 20 years and will be

blamed on smoking. Doctors just call it "lung cancer". This is how it has been swept under the carpet for so many years.

I have personally known several families who have lost their husband, father, brother and son, leaving behind wives and children with very limited means of support. In every case, the deadly cancer has been directly related to asbestos exposure. This leaves the burden of support for these families upon us as taxpayers. This bailout bill allows the corporation who allowed its workers to be exposed to asbestos to avoid responsibility for same.

(s)Barbara Andrews
Echo

Asbestos bill bad for veterans

The asbestos bailout bill before the US Congress is a bad deal for veterans, who were poisoned by asbestos because they were helicopter mechanics in the Vietnam War. Or worked on tanks. They are also asked to give up their rights to hold the asbestos manufacturers accountable.

It is a bad deal for victims of neighborhood asbestos exposure who are excluded from ever receiving compensation for medical bills, pain, suffering and death.

And please don't forget about all our local

mechanics that have in the past years worked on brake pads.

It is also a bad deal for the US taxpayer, who will eventually bear the cost of this new and destined-to-fail bureaucracy.

Who is it a good deal for corporations like WR Grace, Honeywell, and USG, who are given literally billions of dollars in liability relief when they knowingly manufactured a product they knew was killing veterans and civilians alike.

(s) Robert H. Brown, Sr.
Echo

Don't bailout big business

To the Editor:

I am worried, after reading about the asbestos legislation in Congress. Senator Arlen Specter (R-PA) who introduced the legislation is wanting us the U.S. taxpayers to bail out another big business industry, which has made billions.

Another group of Americans are suffering because our congress is bowing to big business. Workers who have spent their lives building, repairing and keeping this country great. I am talking about plumbers, steel workers, refrigeration workers, mechanics, carpenters and especially our veterans who have worked on navel vessels and tanks from WWII to present.

Veterans will suffer

America's veterans have fought to protect the rights of our countrymen, but our Congressmen are preparing to pass a bailout for the asbestos companies that would deny the rights of Navy vets sickened or killed by this substance.

Veterans who bravely and honorably served their country will suffer the consequences of this legislation while the corporations responsible for their physical suffering and

early death will receive an enormous windfall. Under this bill, many asbestos victims, and a disproportionate number of Navy vets will go uncompensated for their medical bills, loss of wages, and pain and suffering.

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(s) Ella F. Sewell
Echo

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(s)Glenda and Bill Hedge
LaPine, OR 97739

Walden staff to hold office hours in Boardman, Condon, Fossil

U.S. Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) has announced that a member of his staff will hold office hours in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties on Friday, July 22, to assist Oregonians with questions or difficulties they may have with various federal agencies or departments.

Justen Rainey, who is based in Walden's Bend office, will be available to answer questions concerning agriculture, health care, Social Security, taxation, economic development and education issues as well as any other questions constituents might have concerning federal government. It is not necessary to make an appointment. His schedule for the day is as follows:

Boardman: Friday, July 22, from 8-9 a.m., city hall, council chambers, 200 City Center Circle.

Condon: Friday, July 22, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Gilliam County Courthouse, lower conference room, 221 South Oregon Street.

Fossil: Friday, July 22, from 1-2 p.m., Family Services Building, Visitor's Office, 401 Fourth Street.

Congressman Walden represents the Second Congressional District of Oregon, which includes 20 counties in southern, central and eastern Oregon. He is a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce as well as the Committee on Resources.

Link your web site to the Heppner Home Page

Anyone who has a web site for their business, church or other organization in Heppner, Lexington or Ione and would like to generate more traffic is encouraged to submit their site for linking to the Heppner Home Page, says David Sykes, who maintains the web site.

There is no charge to have your site or page linked to the Heppner Home Page, Sykes says. "All we ask is that you put a reciprocal link back to www.heppner.net. We want to put as much information as we can find about the local area on the Heppner Home Page," he added.

Web site address can be e-mailed to david@heppner.net.

EWU announces dean's list

Eastern Washington University has released its dean's list. Following are local students who have qualified: Ashley Carmack, Ione.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following report:

Carol Thonore Warren, aka Carol Grover, plead guilty to Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 90 days suspended, with approval for the electronic surveillance program for 90 days, 24 months bench probation. She was ordered to complete an alcohol package and pay \$2,071 in fines, fees and assessments. Her driving privileges were revoked for three years. She also plead no contest to another charge of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants and was sentenced to 180 days in jail, with 60 days suspended to be served concurrently with the previous sentence. She was approved for 120 days with electronic surveillance and 24 months' bench probation. She was ordered to complete and alcohol package and pay \$2071. Her driving privileges were revoked for her lifetime.

James Kenneth Ellison, 34, was convicted of two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance II, a Class C Felony and was sentenced to 18 months' probation and 80 hours of community service, in addition to other numerous conditions of probation, and was ordered to pay \$916 in fines, fees and assessments. His driving privileges were suspended for six months.

Travis L. Grigsby, 25, was convicted of Failure to Register as a Felony Sex Offender, a Class C Felony, was sentenced to two years' probation, in addition to other numerous conditions of probation, and was ordered to pay \$666 in fines, fees and assessments.

Gary Lee Murphy, Jr., 31, was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance II and was sentenced to 18 months' probation, in addition to other numerous conditions of probation, and was ordered to pay \$1,414 in fines, fees and assessments. His driver's license was suspended for six months.

Sports physicals set

Sports physicals are scheduled for August 2 and 3 at Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner

Girls in grades seven, nine and 11 and any who have not had a physical in the past year are scheduled for August 2 from 1:30 to 4:30 pm

Boys in grades seven, nine and 11 and those who have not had a physical in the past year are scheduled for August 3 from 1:30 to 4:30pm.

Coaches are asked to try to be there to assist.

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You are all greatly appreciated.

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