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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.)

Asbestos Bailout Bill is unfair to survivors

To the Editor:

RR The Unfair Asbestos Bailout Bill

Doesn't it seem odd that when across our great country all most all of us know some one or a family That has been effected by an asbestos related illness, that our elected officials are getting ready to pass a Bailout Bill that will remove responsibility from the big businesses who exposed our workforce to this dangerous material.

This goes back to WWII when this material was used on ships, subs and tanks, thus exposing our military and civilian employees who were taking part in the war effort to support our nation. Of course it didn't stop there; was used in building materials, car and truck brakes and numerous other materials. Thus again our country's work force was being put at risk as they helped build this country into the most powerful nation on the earth. It went on for years, the workers not knowing the danger in which they were placed. Not until 2000 to 3000 were being diagnosed each year with mesothelioma and lawsuits were beginning to be filed

were some safety measures were put into place, but not near enough or fast enough.

What about the survivors who cared for these ill people and were deprived of their companionship and financial support dung the long ills and are struggling to make it today. Is there no justice-these folks aren't asking for a lot... but how about a fair and just settlement for them and their families. Some of these spouses still have children to educate and to cane for themselves in their older age. The manufactures are still in business and showing profits so lets urge our politicians to support the voters who put them in office not the lobbyists who are supported by the manufactures.

(s) Joyce Henry-Mackay Sutherlin, OR

Teak surfing becomes illegal

Beginning in 2006, teak surfing (a.k.a. platform dragging) will be illegal in Oregon. Teak surfing is when a passenger hangs onto the rear of the boat to be pulled through the water until the boat's wake builds enough to allow body surfing.

Senate Bill 56 recently passed by the 2005

Entry for Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo begins Aug. 14

Entries open Sunday, Aug. 14 for the Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo to be held on Sunday, Aug. 21. The entry deadline is 6 p.m., Aug. 17, with no late entries accepted. To participate in the rodeo you must be a Morrow County alumni or a Morrow County resident for one year.

Events available include: Mutton Bustin'- 60 pounds and under; Calf Riding- ages 9-13 (can use two hands); Cow Riding; Jr. Break-Away Roping- 14 and under (one head); Sr. Break-Away Roping- 15 and over (one head); Pee Wee Barrels- 12 and under; Jr. Barrels- 13 to 17; Sr. Barrels- 18 and over; Jr. Goat Tying- 13 and under, boys and girls; Goat Tying- girls only 14 and over; Amateur Calf Roping (two head)- Limited to those with less than \$1000 lifetime earnings and those that have not yet won the saddle; Open Calf Roping- one head (can only win spurs once); Steer Wrestling- one head; and Team Roping- Pick a partner/ Draw a partner (you must be in draw).

Entry fees must be in by Aug. 18 at 5 p.m., to participate. Fees and entry forms may be mailed to: Morrow County Rodeo, Attn: Lynn Dee Ramos, P.O. Box 113, Heppner, OR 97836. The Rodeo office at the Fairgrounds will be open Sunday, Aug. 14 through Sunday, Aug. 21, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., during Fair and Rodeo Week.

Entries may be phoned in Aug. 14 through Aug. 17. To enter by phone, call 676-9451.

Also included in the rodeo will be stickhorse races for age groups, 3 and under, 4-5 and 6-7. All you have to do to participate is show up at the rodeo with your stickhorse.

legislature, making teak surfing illegal. There are a number of dangers associated with teak surfing. An obvious danger is the swimmer's proximity to the boat propeller. Another not-so-obvious danger is carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. In addition to these dangers, teak surfing is usually done without a life jacket because it inhibits body surfing.

"One of the saddest stories I've heard involving CO poisoning and teak surfing, involved a dad and his five year old son," recalls Jyll Smith, public information officer for the Oregon State Marine Board. "The family was enjoying a fun filled day on the water. The adults were teak surfing and after numerous pleads from the son to be allowed to 'surf', the father gave in. Within minutes the little boy went under and drowned. I can't imagine the grief and guilt that father will carry with him for life."

A person who is teak surfing for just one minute could be exposed to 990 parts per million (ppm) concentration of carbon monoxide. This means that within an hour, the person could begin to experience headaches, dizziness and nausea. According to the World Health Organization, a level exceeding 87 ppm during a 15-minute interval is considered dangerous.

Exchange program looking for Morrow County host families

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Germany, the former Soviet Union, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Macedonia, Hungary, Korea, Mexico, Australia, Yugoslavia, China, and many other countries. P.I.E. is also participating in two special government-funded programs to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union as well as predominantly Islamic countries such as Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kuwait, Iraq and Qatar to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than 25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Department of State and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Morrow County area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a

Wallowa Valley Orchestra joins INWM

Inland Northwest Musicians is pleased, and excited to announce the formation of the Wallowa Valley Orchestra as a part of the organization. The move to accept the orchestra as a member group was ratified at a July 16, 2005 INWM board meeting.

The new ensemble will welcome interested players of a variety of skill levels and will be rehearsing in Wallowa under the baton of a pair of associate conductors. INWM conductor and music director R. Lee Friese of Athena will oversee the orchestra, attending rehearsals on regularly scheduled occasions.

Wallowa Valley Orchestra will perform in three concerts listed on the season program for Inland Northwest Musicians, one of them will be an exchange concert with Willow Creek Symphony and Willow Creek singers of Heppner.

Now consisting of five performing groups (Inland Northwest Orchestra, Inland Northwest Chorale, Willow Creek Symphony, Willow Creek Singers, and Wallowa Valley Orchestra), Inland

Northwest Musicians is made up of volunteer singers and players who rehearse at three sites- Heppner, Pendleton and Wallowa. Musicians interested in knowing more about joining any of the performance groups may contact INWM at 322 S.W. 3rd Street, Pendleton, OR 97801 or may phone (541) 966-6649.

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Litter pickup to be held

It is time to get Heppner ready for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

The Chamber of Commerce volunteers will do litter pick up on the state highways through town on Thursday, Aug. 11. Your assistance is appreciated.

SOLV litter bags will be provided to pick up litter along the highway.

Please Join Us for a No-Host Celebration

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Emma from Norway, 16 yrs. Likes skiing, swimming, dancing and art. Emma hopes to join a drama club while in the USA.



Klaus from Germany, 17 yrs. Loves camping and playing soccer. Klaus' dream has been to spend a school year in the USA.



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Emma at 1-800-733-2773 (Toll Free)
Sandie Steele (541) 922-0620 & Cathy Halvorsen (541) 422-7107

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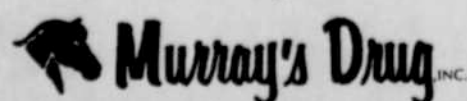
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