



**HEBER-OVERGAARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY – APRIL 8, 2026**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT at 5:30PM**

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Heber-Overgaard Chamber of Commerce fosters economic vitality and community connection by serving as a central link between local businesses, residents, and Navajo County. We strengthen our region through community events, business connections, and services that support growth and collaboration in our thriving community.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Lynn Tricozzi – President
- Tania Rush – Vice President
- Merrilee Toliver – Treasurer
- Jeanette Moline- Dolezal - Secretary
- Susan LaSala-Wood – Director
- Mark Strong- Director
- Marshall Lillquist- Director
- Paula Wojtcuk - Chamber Manager

**AGENDA:**

- Pledge of Allegiance

- Introduction of Attendees & *any upcoming events* they would like to share

### **Presentations:**

- \* Soldiers R U.S. - Presenter, Jeanette Moline-Dolezal, Chamber Member: Soldiers R U.S. is a non-profit, 501(c)3 charitable organization that was founded in 2004 by Benjamin Moline (Jeanette's son) after he completed a tour of duty in the US Army. Wanting to give back to the military, he set up the charity with a mission to send care packages to military units deployed or stationed overseas during the holidays. Initially operating from Scottsdale, Soldiers R U.S. has been based out of Heber-Overgaard for the last 3 years, and has developed a relationship with The American Legion Post 86 which has donated funding, a location for a donation drop off box and the use of its facility for shipping/packing parties. The Library, Senior Center and Nature's Garden Nursery have also allowed placement of donation boxes. In May, the organization expects to take occupancy of an office space at 1972 W. Hwy 260 and invites the community to stop in and see what's new. Help is always needed for donations of personal care items to be shipped, as well as business/corporate sponsors, volunteers for the packing parties (the next will be Sunday 6/7 at 1:00 at the American Legion), and locations to place donation collection boxes. Look for Soldiers R U.S. in the July 4th parade and at their booth in the park that weekend.
- 3 Cones Bakery/The Farm Stand - Presenter, Betsy Standage, Chamber Member: Betsy has owned her Farm Stand located at her home at 3392 Purple Sage Dr. in Overgaard and has been in operation for 3 years. Her products are all organic and homemade from scratch. She has 17-19 laying hens and sells fresh eggs. Specializes in custom orders. She brought free samples of banana brownies, and saltwater taffy as well as fresh baked sourdough bread for purchase. She is the largest distributor of the Amish and Mennonite products out of central Iowa, The Dutchman Store, offering preserves, jams, honey desserts, pop corn, etc. Betsy will make custom orders to include pizza, calzones, chicken pot pies, stromboli, lasagna...all made from scratch. She has a 50 foot greenhouse and grows all her own produce. She has solar and wind power and has her own rain collecting system. Monthly she gets a truck delivery from a family owned co-op in Oregon and gets grain for animals, flour, fresh vegetables, canning jars, etc. She uses a variety of sources from around the country for her supplies. Her background includes being a seafood butcher, massage therapist, banking, etc which has culminated in her being a warm friendly business woman. Her Farm Stand will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturdays and is all on the honor system with a payment jar, offering sourdough, cookies, cakes and pies. Her blog spot is [3conesbakery.blogspot.com](http://3conesbakery.blogspot.com) to see what's cooking daily!!

### **President Update:**

- Chamber Events for 2026: Planning and Discussion are in process
- The Chamber's new website is currently being built & will feature local Chamber

Business Members. The new site should be up and running by the end of this month. Businesses will be grouped by category for ease in locating.

- Lynn was scammed on FB. If you received a request for money for the Chamber from her, don't respond. It was not from her.
- 4th of July Celebration, 250 USA Celebration in Heber-Overgaard!
  - \* We are working on a T-Shirt Design. T-Shirts will be available for purchase in May.
  - \* Donation Cans have been placed around town.
  - \* "Sponsorship Donation Letters" will be distributed April through June
  - \* Event postcard mailers are finalized and will be mailed out this month
  
- Oktoberfest: Car Show, Bands, Beer Garden, Food & Craft Vendors Friday & Saturday, October 2nd & 3rd.
  - \* We are working on event details for the Car Show. Let us know if you would like to be on the Planning Committee. Please contact the Chamber.
- Thank You Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Award Ceremony, March 14th was a huge success. Thank you to all who attended.
- The Chamber building is being painted compliments of labor by Greg Schauble Painting & paint provided by Dunn Edwards. A huge thank you to both these companies!!
- The Pickleball court is getting spruced up. Today there were 20 people playing pickleball!!
- We're looking for help getting the Chamber roof replaced. Anyone who can help with that, please contact the Chamber.
- Tall Timbers has 70 dead trees: The Forest Service will be removing them before the fire season starts. Big thank you to Jon Orona for making it possible. There are new toilet seats in the bathrooms and we are starting a clean up project scrubbing both bathrooms. The water will be turned on in the next couple of weeks.
- The bandstand is being dismantled and repaired.
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Mingle will be with **Premiere Mountain Health** on April 22nd, from 3-4pm. Open House, snacks will be provided.
- Earth Day Community Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 25, 8am. Meet at the Legion.
- Community Outreach: Help needed!! Join Friends, Family and Neighbors to participate/volunteer for our community events. Stop by the Chamber for details.

## **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:**

### **March 2026- Chamber of Commerce Membership Drive Continued**

\*2026 Annual Memberships: If you missed the sign-up there is still time to join. Everyone is eligible to join the Chamber as a member- Businesses, Non-profits, Families, Friends and Individuals. Businesses will be featured on the new Website with their logo and information.

\* 2026 Certificates and Chamber Member Door Decals are available.

### **Tall Timbers Park Reservations:**

\*Ramadas are available for reservation through the Chamber for family and social events. They are booking up fast for the Summer weekends. Stop by the Chamber to reserve your spot.

## **OTHER NOTABLE INFORMATION:**

\* **HOCRN:** Van operation is available: Five days a week. Tues/Thurs in Heber-Overgaard from 9am-4pm with a 24 hr. notice. Mon/Wed/Fri out of area-Show Low, Snowflake, Taylor, etc. with a 72 hr. Notice. Call (928) 243-8251 for more information. Always on the lookout for volunteer drivers.

The HOCRN Raise the Flag 252 project is moving forward. There will be a Community Breakfast at the site by the High School on Friday morning, 7/3 from 7-8 and the Flag Raising ceremony will be at 8:15.

The Garden Tour will be August 29th. The Harvest Dinner will be September 19th at the new garden behind Mountain Meadows Elementary School.

\***Rim Country Library-** Hours: Tues-Wed-Thurs, 11am-4pm. Friday, 11am-2pm. The first Saturday of the month, 11am-2pm. Monday, 4/13 is Dairy Queen Day. DQ will give a portion of its profits that day to the Library. The Library has a new Seed Library thanks to Ace and Joe Adair. Come and get free seeds. New manager Marie Wilkes offers a recommended fiction and non fiction book each week on Facebook.

\* **Rim Country Senior Center-** Hours are Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm. Lunch is served Mon-Fri, 11am to

Noon at the Center's Dining Room. Veteran's lunch is free. Please reserve 24-hours in advance. Lots to do there- Bridge, exercise classes, Men's Coffee on Fridays 7-9am. Having a craft fair and bake sale on April 18, from 9-1. Ladies' Tea 4/11 with a craft activity making Easter Bonnets. .

\* **American Legion Veteran's Outreach**- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at The Legion. Call Marty Jarvey, 928-369-8455 for more information.

\***American Legion Auxiliary, Carol Stant presenter:** Coffee with Veterans the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings from 9-10.. Please send any Viet Nam Vets you know to Carol to be acknowledged and given commemorative pins. The Auxiliary will also be hosting a Family Day Open House on 4/25 from 10am-2pm with all kinds of family fun in the parking lot. Looking for bake sale donations. The Auxiliary is working on a Veteran's Memorial and 2"x6"commemorative plaques are available for \$50 each that will be on the Memorial display. There will be a Female Veteran's Luncheon on Saturday, June 13th. Get names of female vets to Carol to be honored. The Poppy Poster event was very successful. 135 posters were created by children from Mountain Meadows, Capps, and the Junior High. Winners per age group will be honored at their schools and then progress to State competition and possibly to Nationals.

**HOFD/HOSAR, Alan Gillis presenter:** HOFD water drive started this week to help fire fighters and stranded travelers in need. Drop off donations at the Fire Station from 9-5. Alan also represents HOSAR, HeberOvergaard Search and Rescue, to assist Navajo County Search and Rescue. Actively seeking donations. The website is [HOSAR.org](http://HOSAR.org). Looking for volunteers for Ground division, Mounted division(bring your own horse) and Aerial Unit. Training courses starting in May, the first of which will be a Wilderness Survival course put on by a seer, (an individual who's been trained by the US Air Force to go after downed pilots). HOSAR will also hold CPR courses at the Fire Station for CPR, First Aid, ADD and Stop the Bleed certification which costs only \$45. This is a 2 year, iNational certification. Go to the [HOFDAZ.com](http://HOFDAZ.com) website for information. HOSAR will be sponsoring an initiative for first responders ...a Horses and Heroes initiative at United Farms at 277 and Zeniff. It will be a free activity for First Responders to come out and clear their heads. Veterans can also come. Go to [HOSAR.org](http://HOSAR.org) for more information.

**AJ's R V Park, Michelle:** Spaces for overnighers up to monthly campers. Discounts available for vets and first responders. Family friendly camping. Open May 1 through November 1.

**Fire Services:** Gearing up for fire season.

**Accord Hospice:** Doing Blood Pressure clinics at the American Legion and the Senior Center, as well as 2 in Snowflake, St. Johns and Showlow.

**Michelle at Amore Rim Salon**- newly renamed (formerly Just Teasin') - We will celebrate our community's newest salon with a Ribbon Cutting on June 3, 2026. Save the date!

**Lion's Club:** Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success. Thanks to the American Legion Auxiliary and the Chamber for helping. Also thanks to the Mogollon HS baseball team and coaches that cooked all the hot dogs and many volunteers. The Senior Center boiled all the eggs and along with Legion Auxiliary, stored all the eggs. The turnout was great.... Around 200 participants, including one thieving black bird!

**Risen Electric** thanks the community for its support. They had a busy winter season. They do back up generators, EV chargers and whatever your electric needs are. Will be doing home electrical inspections.

**Hancock-Leavitt Insurance, Kara presenter:** Now offering homeowners insurance on a case by case basis. Call her for more information.

**Heber-Overgaard Jeep Group, Gary Cook, presenter:** Group is not for side by sides. They have done 2 runs this year, to Red Knoll and Black Canyon. Good time had by all. Gary can be reached at 832-264-2389 and can be found on Facebook.

**Meeting Adjourned at: 6:30pm**