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Letters to the Editor

No vote urged for Health Care Levy

To the Editor:

Last November I predicted that unless a major effort was made by the County Medical Board to reduce or eliminate the expenses of Pioneer Memorial Hospital they would be forced to submit a levy request for health care of over \$500,000.00. Well, I have just examined the approved health care budget for 1988/89 and the Board has proven me wrong. The levy request for the coming year is actually a little less than last year's, but the way this figure has been arrived at could prove disastrous for all of Morrow County's present health care.

Apparently, in order to present a levy request that had some chance of being approved by Morrow County voters, the Medical Board has unrealistically inflated the revenue expectations in their budget. For the hospital, which has clearly been falling short of budgeted revenues in the current year, the Board has projected a slight increase next year over what they hoped to receive this year. Budgeted revenues from the Nursing Home are shown with a powerful 31% increase over last year's budget, a total increase of \$177,232.00. If the projected revenue for the Nursing Home proves correct it will be enough to provide full support for the Nursing Home and still cover all the hospital's costs for Dietary Services, Laundry Services, Medical Records, and 64% of Administration. The Boardman Ambulance is expected to produce revenues 122% above what they had budgeted for last year. A

surprise figure also appears in the "Available Cash on Hand" column of the new budget showing an increase of \$54,000.00 over last year's opening balance. I don't know where this extra cash is coming from unless the Board plans to absorb the remaining funds designated for the North Morrow Medical Center into their new general fund. All told, in a time of unstable economics at best in our county, the Medical Board has projected increased health care revenues of nearly \$260,000.00, a figure which I believe is quite unrealistic.

But there is another change in this year's levy request that makes the above projections even more dangerous. This levy is being presented as a unified "Morrow County Health Fund" subsidy, rather than being designated to the various health care entities as in past years. What this means is that the Board will be able to freely move funds from one entity to another. So, if the actual revenues for any of the health care entities fall short of projections, any of the other entities may suffer financial shortages as well. If the projections are as far off as I believe they are, this next year could see the bankruptcy of all County health care if the present levy is approved.

I urge all the voters of Morrow County to say "no" to the Health Care levy. We all must begin again to be involved in the process of finding realistic solutions to our County's health care needs.

(s) Rev. Steven Rowe
Boardman
481-4915

Support our school budget

To the Editor:

We need to support the School Budget. It is important that we have the best quality education for our

future generation in Morrow County.

(s) Anna Graham

Obituary

Louise C. Farley

The funeral for Louise C. Farley was held Thursday, February 25 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner with concluding service and burial at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Farley, 69, of Heppner, died Monday, February 23, 1988 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

A lifelong resident of Heppner, she was born Feb. 16, 1919, to Frank and Hilma Bergstrom Anderson. She attended schools in Heppner, was graduated from Heppner High School and attended Oregon State University.

On Nov. 16, 1946, she married James J. Farley in Heppner. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her husband at the home; daughters Trisha Halvorsen of Canby and Shanny

Miller of Lexington; brother Frank Anderson of Heppner and four grandchildren. One granddaughter died earlier.

Officiating at the service was Father Tony Bullman and George Izzett. Musical selections were by Carley Drake. Casket bearers were Don Howard, Steve Anderson, Charles Anderson, Ron Barker, Eric Anderson and Paul Hisler, Jr. Honorary bearers, Jiggs Fisk, Don Bristow, Cornett Green, Bob Oylear, Howard Bryant, Mervin Leonard and Phil Doherty.

Concluding service and interment was at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Ore, 97836 or the American Diabetes Assn., Oregon Affiliate, 3607 S.W. Corbett, Portland, OR 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's office reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

Feb. 25: Morrow County Sheriff's deputy arrested a juvenile for probation violation no warrant out of Umatilla County Sheriff's office;

Morrow County Sheriff's deputy responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the lone area. Report was unfounded;

Morrow County deputy responded to the lone area to another report of a suspicious vehicle. It was unfounded;

Deputy responded to the West Glenn Estates in Boardman where there was a report of a fight. No arrests were made. Morrow County dispatched the Boardman ambulance to West Glen Estates where subject refused transport;

Morrow County is investigating a report of theft on the Old Columbia Highway. Theft of welding, value \$300. Investigation is still underway;

Morrow County assisted Boardman Police Department in a disturbance at the Shell Station.

Feb. 26: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to an unknown illness. Transport was made to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Feb. 27: Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to a Boardman business to back up Boardman Police Department;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to report of a female, 69, with an unknown illness;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman fire department and ambulance to 3 mile Canyon trailer court (Sim Tag) after receiving a report of a resident fire. Ambulance did not transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated report of Theft of a car stereo from the Irrigon area;

Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated report of individuals shooting guns and spooking animals in the Hardman area.

Feb. 28: Morrow County Sheriff's office investigated a report of a child who had been assaulted;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to report of a victim with unknown injuries.

Feb. 29: During the week of February 22-28, Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted one disabled motorist.

Frank Dee Halvorsen, Ione-No Snowmobile License, \$13 fine.

Marvin Robert Padberg, Ione-No Snowmobile License, \$9 fine.

Loren Arthur Heideman, Ione-Allowing Unlicensed Juveniles to Operate, \$9 fine.

Ronald Ted Palmateer, Ione-No Vehicle License-snowmobile, \$9 fine.

Billy D. Shipp, Richland, WA.-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$57 bail forfeited.

Ermin Godinez, Hermiston-Offensive Littering, \$30 fine.

Dana Leroy Heideman, Ione-Operating Snowmobile on public road, \$13 fine.

Kelly Jay Keen, Heppner-No Mud Flaps, \$17 fine.

Larry Joe Sellars, Prineville-No Valid Elk Tag, \$67 fine.

Brian Stephen Thompson, Heppner-Exceeding the Maximum Speed, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$36 fine.

Gregg Alan Reitmann, Ione-No Snowmobile License, \$13 fine.

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

Feb. 22: 8:32 a.m.-false alarm; 8:05 p.m.-report of Truck Blocking Road.

Feb. 23: 12:45 a.m.-request of officer for Security Check; 8:03 p.m.-Found Property; 8:09 p.m.-civil matter.

Feb. 24: 12:06 p.m.-motorist assist; 12:25 p.m.-civil matter; 7:41 p.m.-False Alarm.

Feb. 25: 2:03 p.m.-Funeral Escort; 7:21 p.m.-False Alarm.

Feb. 28: 3:35 p.m.-motorist assist.

D.A.'s Report

The District Attorney's office at the County Courthouse in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Kurt Cate, 19, of Irrigon, was sentenced to Five (5) years to the care and custody of the Corrections Division, following a plea of Guilty to Robbery in the Second Degree and Assault in the Fourth Degree. He received a fine of \$50 for the benefit of the Crime Victims Compensation Account. He appeared before Judge Ralph Currin on February 19.

Russell Ernest Waggener, 24, Irrigon, was sentenced on the charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance and imposition of sentence was suspended on the condition that the defendant serve one year formal probation to the Corrections Division. He was fined \$200, which was suspended, ordered to pay court-appointed attorney's fees in the amount of \$500, ordered to pay \$15 to the board of Police Standards and Training, and \$50 to the Crime Victims Compensation Account. He appeared on February 19, before Judge Ralph Currin.

Douglas Lynn Lindsey, 22, Irrigon, plead guilty to Frequenting a Place where Controlled Substances are Kept. He was given a sentence discharge. He appeared on February 19 before Judge Ralph Currin.

Donald Lee Bechtold, 23, Irrigon, appeared for Arraignment on the charges of three counts of Conspiracy, one count of Manufacture of Controlled Substance, one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance, three counts of Theft in the First Degree, and, one count of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm. The defendant is presently lodged in Benton County Washington jail. Bail is set at \$100,000 with a security deposit of 10%. He appeared February 26 before Judge Ralph Currin.

James Ray Steelman, 33, Brookings, appeared for arraignment on the charge of Probation Violation. Entry of Plea is set for March 11, 1988. He appeared on February 26, 1988 before Judge Ralph Currin.

Merle D. Barrow, 39, Canby, appeared for arraignment on the charges of Custodial Interference in the Second Degree, and, Assault in the Fourth Degree. He entered a plea of Not Guilty to both counts. No trial date has been set. He appeared before Judge Ralph Currin on February 26.

Health Dept.

Morrow County Health Department lists its following schedule for the month of March:

Friday, March 4-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon County offices, 1-4 p.m.

Office will be closed on March 10-11 for a public health nurse assoc. meeting.

Tuesday, March 15-blood pressures and immunizations, Boardman City Hall, 1:30-4 p.m.

Wednesday, March 16-blood pressures, Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon kitchen, 2-3 p.m.

Friday, March 18-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22-blood pressures and immunizations, Irrigon County offices, 1-4 p.m.

Friday, March 25-blood pressures and immunizations, Heppner office, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hospital Budget Slashed

Recently the County Budget Committee put the axe to a proposed budget that cut cleanly across every fund. The most blood drawn, however, was from the Medical Services budget.

Faced with a budget proposal that would have increased property taxes more than a million dollars over last year, the Budget Committee ordered \$80,000 cut from all funds proportionately to their respective expenditures.

That cut the Medical Services fund especially deep.

The Medical Services budget funds Pioneer Memorial Hospital and its medical staff, with extended service to Lexington and Ione, and the North Morrow County Ambulance with plans to extend early response to Irrigon. For not quite a year now, those services have been administered by a single County Medical Board rather than three regional boards.

After several public hearings, and other work sessions, the Medical Board proposed a budget that would require no increase in tax support. Among other things, that required a two-step 25% increase in patient charges. The proposed medical services budget required a tax levy of \$4,581.00 less than last year.

No other entire fund receives scrutiny by a citizen board nor is any other fund presented as a separate ballot title. Nonetheless, the Budget Committee and County Court retain the same degree of control.

In the end, the \$80,000 blanket cut was allocated 28% to the Medical Services budget (which represents only 8.7% of the total tax levy and 24.8% of the total expenditures, 83.2% of which are funded by patient revenues).

The March ballot will have two items. A Medical Services levy which is \$28,364.00 (6.6%) less than last year and a levy for all other County government which is \$918,904.00 (28.2%) more than last year.

As I see it, the sad part of this chop job is:

1. The Budget Committee and County Court will have a chance to redo the other County government funds when they fail, but the Medical Services budget will pass and we'll just have to live with it.
2. The temptation to pad the proposal like everyone else must surely touch the Medical Board.



Hospital Notes

Pioneer Memorial Hospital reports admitting and discharging the following patients during the past week:

Raymond Batty, Heppner-admitted Feb. 23, discharged Feb. 23;

Jefferson Hiatt, Heppner-admitted Feb. 23, discharged Feb. 23;

Maynard Seefeldt, Lexington-admitted Feb. 23, discharged Feb. 23;

24; Eileen Padberg, Lexington-admitted Feb. 22, discharged Feb. 24;

Linda Ripple, Heppner-admitted Feb. 15, discharged Feb. 25;

Patricia Lemley-admitted Feb. 20, discharged Feb. 25;

Patients discharged were: Ardis Largent, Heppner-discharged Feb. 27 and;

Lincoln Nash, Heppner-discharged, Feb. 27.



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Dr. Wallace Wolff's Office Will Be Closed From March 5th - 8th

Dr. Wenburg will be in the hospital and hold clinic hours while Dr. Wolff is gone. Clinic hours are March 4: 9-12 and 1-5; March 5: 1-5; March 6: No clinic hours; March 7: 8-12 and 1-4. For Appointments call 676-9133.

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