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Medical board meets

The Morrow County Medical Board agreed to a three percent raise for non-union employees at their monthly board meeting held Monday, July 11, in Ione. Negotiations are underway with union employees.

The board discussed the results of a survey concerning an assisted living facility in Boardman. According to Erich, 1015 surveys were mailed to Boardman households, with 159 returned. The largest group of the responses indicated that if an assisted living facility was constructed, one-bedroom apartments with private baths and kitchenettes were preferred. Respondents also indicated that arrangements offering linen/laundry services and outdoor recreation areas were important.

The board also discussed the availability of property near existing doctor and dental offices and the school in Boardman in connection with an assisted living facility. Erich said he would look into the possibility.

The board took no action on a drug free work place policy, which had been approved by the employees' union, the American Federation of State, County Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The board directed Erich to discuss with the union the inclusion of random testing into the policy. According to Erich, the union opposed random testing.

Erich reported that Pioneer Memorial Hospital is still aggressively pursuing the hiring of an additional physician or a physician's assistant. The former physician's assistant for Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Clinic, Marc Goodboy, resigned to accept a job elsewhere. Erich suggested the possibility of sponsoring an individual in a two-year physician's assistant program which will get underway in Sept. of next year. The person should already have training or an associate degree in the medical field, such as a registered nurse, because the program will enable the person to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Morrow County Public Health director Laura McElligott told the board that a nurse practitioner's program is already in operation at LaGrande, however the future of the program is uncertain. Candidates for this program must have a bachelor's degree in nursing and will end the program

with a master's degree.

Erich reported that the medical services' cash situation "has significantly improved" over a year ago but said that revenue "dropped in May substantially." "I think we'll finish the year quite well compared to other years," said Erich. He said that he had received notification from the state that fees at Pioneer Memorial Hospital could be raised. Pioneer Memorial Clinic fees were adjusted last year, he said.

Erich said that both of the county's dental clinics "seem to be doing fine," with June figures indicating that the Heppner Dental Clinic had 173 patient visits and the Boardman clinic 154. Erich said that they have advertised for a dental hygienist. A hygienist now comes in around every six weeks for three days from Dr. Sharkey's dental office in Hermiston.

Local firemen respond to blaze

Four local volunteer firemen have responded to a huge wheat fire in Grass Valley. Around 7,000 acres of wheat fields and Bureau of Land Management rangeland were still burning out of control Tuesday.

Firemen Hal Bergstrom, Rusty Estes, Bob Nairns and Tom Wicklund responded to a "call for mutual aid" from the State Fire Marshal. The men took a pumper and a brush vehicle with them. Allen Burkenbine of the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department said that Heppner responds to fire emergencies in the Condon area and vice-versa. Grass Valley is around an hour from Condon and south of The Dalles. Virginia "George" Nairns, wife of Bob Nairns, said that her

husband called her Sunday night and said that the men were "hot, tired and hungry." She said that evacuation had been started for the town of Grass Valley because fire was threatening the town, but they were able to keep the fire from the town and residents did not have to evacuate. A Boy Scout troop had set up tents and cots for the firefighters and another group was providing meals.

Burkenbine said that two other men from Heppner may go to Grass Valley to provide relief for the men who are now there.

George Nairns said that she was out of town Sunday and had not been notified by Heppner Fire Department that her husband had left for Grass Valley.

Marriage Licenses

The Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

July 1: Jay Louis Sullivan, 33, Irrigon; and

Kelly Sue Olmstead, 27, Irrigon.

July 7: Mark Leonard Boudier, 23, Heppner; and

Lorraine Marie Greene, 17, Irrigon.

Kenneth Green recuperating

Harry and Selma Green are home from a month and a half at the VA Hospital in Portland where Harry was with his brother Kenneth Green. Kenneth underwent surgery and is in rehabilitation at Vancouver. Friends who would like to write to him may send letters or cards to VAMC/Vancouver Division/CRU, 1601E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver, WA 98663

Christmas in July

Craft and Bake Sale
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4-H News

Thready Bears Sewing

Claire Anderson, Reporter
The Thready Bears 4-H sewing club met on July 11 to start sewing their fair project. Members learned about pre-washing material before starting their project. The meeting was held at the extension office. Some members went to the McCalls fashion show. At fair members are going to model their projects that they sewed and will model in "My Favorite Outfit".

The Martingales

Salli McElligott, Reporter
The Martingales 4-H Horse Club held a meeting June 8 at the home of Laurie Childers. They discussed selling mini-elephant ears on the Fourth of July. They also discussed a play day June 19. They planned to attend the pre-fair June 18. After their meeting they watched two films and then adjourned.

Colleges list honor students

Local students have been honored by colleges for the 1994 spring semester. To be included in such honors students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete a minimum of 12 credits passing all credits attempted. A pass grade does not count.

University of Idaho

J.J. Shaw of Heppner was named to the Dean's List at the University of Idaho. Shaw is majoring in engineering.

Eastern Washington University

Ronald Doherty and Thomas Huston III both Heppner have qualified for the Dean's Honor List at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA.

Whitman College

Laurel Webber-Gray has earned academic distinction for the 1994 spring semester at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA. She is a sophomore.

Bridal Tables

Rachel Norton and Brian Roth
Wedding July 30

Cindi Hudson and Bob Roberts
Wedding August 13

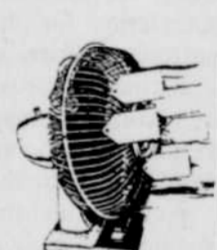
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Honeydew Melon	35¢ lb.	Western Family 2 lb.	
		Tator Tots Reg. \$1 ⁹⁹	99¢