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## New health district administrator on job



Victor Vander Does

New Morrow County Health District Administrator and Pioneer Memorial Hospital CEO Victor Vander Does was on the job as of Tuesday, September 21.

Vander Does, 53, replaces interim administrator Sheila Dahlman, who is resigning from the position. Her last meeting with the board has been scheduled for Sept. 30.

Vander Does, who is most recently from Davenport, WA, was born and raised on a farm in southern Michigan. His family raised fruits and vegetables on their farm which was about 20 minutes from Lake Michigan.

Vander Does attended Lake Michigan Junior College before moving to Detroit and then to Chicago, where he received a certificate in lab and x-ray at the Chicago Institute of Technology. He worked in x-ray in Chicago before earning a bachelor's degree in biology at DePaul University at Chicago in 1974.

After graduation he came to the West Coast and ended up at South Bend, WA, as a lab and x-ray tech at Willapa Harbor. He became chief technologist there and then earned his master's degree in management in 1985. Before he left that facility in 1997, he had become its administrator, serving in that capacity for 10 years.

After leaving there, he had an 11-month stint in Davenport, before taking a year off.

Vander Does' wife, Nancy is currently employed with a medical insurance company in Washington, but plans to join him as soon as possible in Heppner. He says they are recently empty-nested—her two daughters reside in Olympia, WA.

The Vander Doeses enjoy traveling and have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and in Europe. Nancy enjoys rocks, he says, and they have recently purchased a metal detector in order to pursue a new hobby. He also enjoys hiking, biking and computers.

"I'm glad to be here," says Vander Does. "I think I can

help. I think we can make a difference."

"It (Morrow County Health District) has a significant amount of potential," he said. "I believe we can turn it around, but it will take time."

He said that the key to managing a hospital is stability among its administration,

physicians, staff and board. He commented that with a stable board, "excellent staff" and now a permanent administrator, the final pieces to the puzzle are stable physicians. He said that the recruiting of one physician and the possible recruiting of another soon, "will give us the stability that the hospital needs."

## City council approves impound ordinance

### School advisory committee seeks HES no parking zone

By Becky Breazeale

The Heppner City Council, at their monthly meeting on September 13, approved a new ordinance regarding the city's ability to impound vehicles during traffic stops when it has been shown that an applicable offense has been committed.

According to this ordinance, a police officer who has probable cause to believe that a person is guilty, at the time, of certain crimes could impound the vehicle.

The crimes include driving an uninsured vehicle, driving under the influence of intoxicants, driving with a suspended or revoked license and driving without a license.

If the operator of the vehicle is in violation of any of the above offenses, a police officer then shall make immediate arrangements for impoundment of the vehicle.

Once the vehicle has been impounded, the owner will be provided with a copy of a "Vehicle Tow Information" report that will contain pertinent information. This information includes the location of the vehicle and the phone number and address of the city of Heppner.

All impounded vehicles are subject to towing and storage costs and the vehicle and its contents are subject to a lien for payment of these costs.

The owner or the possessor of the vehicle will be entitled to a prompt hearing to contest the validity of the impoundment. Once satisfactory proof of ownership or right of possession

has been shown and payment of the accrued towing, storage and administrative fees have been paid, the vehicle and its contents will be immediately reclaimed. If applicable, proof of insurance coverage, proof of the valid driver's license or proof of valid vehicle registration may also be required.

In other business, the Heppner/Lexington Advisory Committee submitted a letter to the city council requesting that Stansbury Street, which runs directly in front of Heppner Elementary School, be redesignated to a bus loading zone. Currently, there are six parallel parking spaces on Stansbury

Street and the board is asking for that to be changed to a no parking zone.

As the board explained, as the children arrive in the morning and leave after school, the parents and the busses are parking in the same area to load and unload children. This is becoming a problem due to the fact that the parents' cars are becoming entangled with the bus line up and this could cause potential problems.

The Advisory Committee is requesting four new signs that state "Bus Loading Zone No Parking 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M." The committee is also asking for the assistance from the Heppner City Police Department to enforce the no parking area.

## Lexington ballots to go out Oct. 4

Ballots for the Town of Lexington will go out to voters on October 4, with ballots due in on election day, October 19.

Lexington Mayor John Renfro said Lexington voters will decide two advisory matters—one deciding a council position between two candidates, Bob Taylor and Glenn Anderson, and the other seeking authorization to borrow and spend monies for the Lexington water project.

The winner of the council position advisory vote will be appointed to serve on the Lexington City Council until the regular election in 2000. The council could have appointed a council member without a vote, but they could not decide between the two candidates.

The water project advisory vote will indicate to the council whether voters would approve expenditure of \$75,000 for a basic water project and \$45,000 for an additional water project.

The basic project will revamp the water distribution system, replacing small pipes with larger ones and replacing deteriorated pipes and valves.

The additional expenditure of \$45,000 will be to revamp the cistern at the airport and provide improvements on the wells.

The additional project will help alleviate water pressure problems in homes at higher elevations and will reduce maintenance on pipes that have to be repaired.

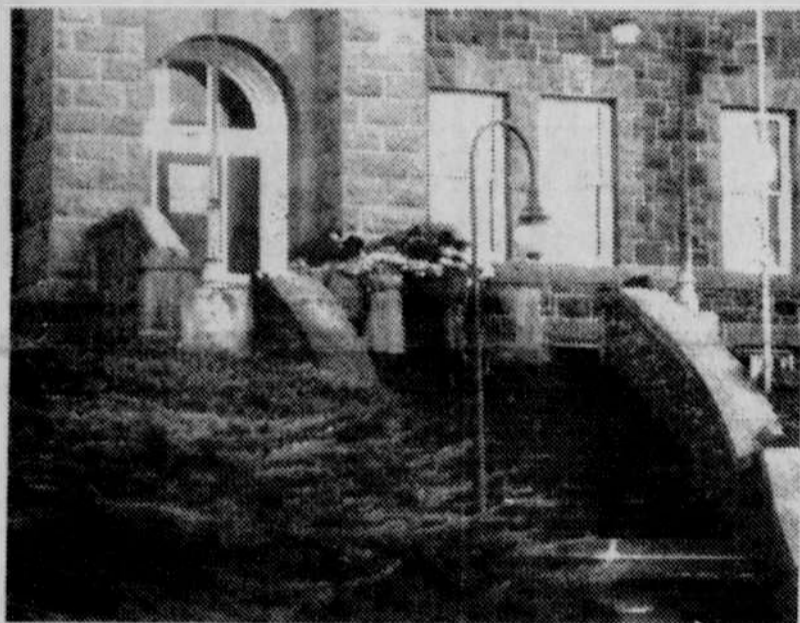
Renfro said that voters may approve or reject either or both of the water system advisory measures.

The third issue, which is not an advisory matter, asks voter approval of the Lexington City Charter update.

Renfro said that the current city charter was adopted in 1903 and is "slightly out of date." He says that the current charter is so antiquated that it specifies that only unmarried women with property are eligible to vote. The current charter also calls for a town marshal, which the town no longer has.

Renfro says that the basic concept of the council, mayor and recorder will remain the same.

## Prayer event draws teens, adults to flagpole



Adults pray at the Morrow County Courthouse Sept. 15 in support of students

Nineteen students turned out for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual "See You at the Pole"—national day of student prayer on September 15 at the flagpole at Heppner High School.

According to a news release, the prayer event had taken on renewed urgency in the wake of the shootings in Littleton, Colorado, in which two of the students who died, Rachel Scott and Cassie Bernall, were killed while bearing witness to their faith in God.

More than three million youth were expected to pray on campus that morning nationwide.

In Heppner, 15 adults showed up at the Morrow County Courthouse flagpole in support of the students at the "See You at the Pole" event.

## WCC barbecue planned Sept. 26

The Willow Creek Country Club will have a family barbecue on Sunday, Sept. 26, at approximately 1 p.m. following the completion of the Last Gasp Tournament.

The tournament will start at 8 a.m. and is for men and women, with the type of play determined by the committee in charge.

Each family is asked to bring their own meat to the barbecue. Those whose last names begin with "A" through "K" are asked to bring salad and "L" through "Z", dessert.

Hosts will be Ralph and Sally Walker, Gary and Martha Munkers, Gene and Luvilla Sonstegard, Rusty and Cyde Estes and Stub Lewis.

## Oyster Feed Salmon Bake

The Hardman Community Center's annual All-You-Can-Eat Oyster Feed/Salmon Bake is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2 starting at 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Bazaar proceeds to help IUCC rebuilding effort

For the past several years, a popular bazaar has been held at the Legion Hall in Ione to raise money for the Jason Halvorsen Memorial Scholarship. This year the bazaar proceeds will be used to help rebuild the Ione United Church of Christ, which was destroyed in a fire.

The bazaar and luncheon are scheduled for Saturday, October 16, beginning at 11 a.m.

Funds earned from the event will be added to the money for the new church, which will break ground this fall.

Organizers of the sale, Cathy Halvorsen and Jannie Allen, are

encouraging anyone in the Ione-Lexington-Heppner area to not only attend the bazaar, but also donate items to be sold. They are looking for hand-crafted items such as pillows, quilts, wall hangings, aprons, household goods, wooden works, crocheted snowflakes, etc. In addition to handmade works of art, baked goods are also needed.

Everyone is invited to attend the Fall Into Winter Bazaar, and enjoy a luncheon of soup and bread.

Those with questions or ideas may call Cathy at 422-7107 or Jannie at 422-7563. Crafted items may be dropped by Jannie's home at 210 Third Street in Ione.

## Greg Smith to announce candidacy in Heppner

Greg Smith has planned a reception and announcement of his candidacy for Oregon State Representative for District 59 on Saturday, September 25, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner with the announcement at 11 a.m. and the reception to follow

immediately from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Senator Ted Ferrioli, Representative Lynn Lundquist and Oregon Republican Chairman Perry Atkinson plan to be on hand for the announcement and reception.

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## First Christian to host youth group kick-off

The First Christian Church will host their 1999 Youth Group Kick-off on Sunday, September 26, at 5 p.m.

Youth group will again be held in the downstairs level of the First Christian Church.

This year's kick-off night will include a pizza feed, movie and "lots of music" while those attending test skills at "human horseshoes." (You'll have to come to find out.)

"The youth group staff is really

should meet in the parking lot

of the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner at 7:30 a.m. that day. The group will have lunch in Burns from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and then depart on the tour which will be held from 1-5 p.m. They will return to Heppner at 9 p.m.

Anyone wishing to attend should call George Koffler, 676-9125, to reserve a spot.

looking forward to getting started. We have some great plans for this year," said a church spokesperson.

Everyone is invited to bring their friends and "enjoy."

For more information about this event or about the youth group, contact Sam and Mary Kay Bellamy, 989-8567, Hank and Juli Howard, 676-5891, or Joe and Samarra Van Doorn, 676-9687.

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