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Health district levy continued from page one

Coquille Valley Hospital District-\$1.52; Curry General Hospital District-74 cents; Lower Umpqua Hospital District-\$3.97; Wallowa Health Care District-\$1.79.

Board members plan to nominate one or two people from each community to serve on a committee to work for passage of the levy and to raise funds. The board also plans to inquire as to what impact a successful levy would have on other taxing entities within the county.

MCHD CEO Nicole Mahoney told the board that the district lost only \$5,285 in June, partially due to increased patient revenue and a large contractual adjustment check (for the now-defunct nursing home). The district has lost \$373,956 for the year, an average loss of \$31,163 per month, generally due to increased expenses, lower Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements than it cost the district to care for those patients and a too small patient base.

In other business, the board:

-heard from Vander Does that MCHD will begin providing nursing services for Summit Springs Nursing Home in Condon. Summit Springs had previously contracted with MCHD for nursing services, but subsequently contracted with Asher Clinic in Fossil and then hired its own nurse administrator. Summit Springs will pay MCHD a fee for service-\$150 for the first hour per visit and \$40 per hour thereafter.

-re-elected Larry Mills chairman of the MCHD board and Linda LaRue, secretary-treasurer.

-learned that the Willow Creek Terrace is now full and has a waiting list. Vander Does said that WCT generated more than \$4,000 over expenses this past month. Vander Does said that WCT's increase in income resulted from an unusual month, however, the assisted living facility could now expect to

generate around \$2,000 above expenses monthly. He said that this could ultimately increase WCT's reimbursement to the district. Willow Creek Terrace is a separate entity from MCHD and pays the district for administrative services.

-learned that Vander Does has been appointed to the board of the Area Health Education Center, which plans a September meeting in Heppner.

-learned that Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 364 patients in June with 19 new patients and an additional 43 seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 190 patients, with 27 new patients and an additional 59 seen by a nurse.

-learned that Pioneer Memorial Hospital had 18 admissions and 419 outpatients, and completed 1,204 lab tests, 117 x-ray procedures, 22 CT scans and 12 respiratory therapy procedures.

-learned that Pioneer Memorial Home Health had 212 total visits.

-learned that the Boardman Health Care Center had 494 patient visits with charges totaling \$67,456.55.

-learned that the Heppner Ambulance had 18 total runs with 18 transports; Boardman Ambulance had 19 total runs with nine transports; Irrigon Ambulance had 14 total runs with 11 transports; with two flights.

Marriage Licenses

July 20: Lewis Lee Maker, 56, Umatilla and Sherry Agness Carr, 37, Umatilla.

July 23: Kevin Eugene McClenahan, 46, Umatilla and Nancy Ruth Tischer, 26, Umatilla; Tyson Robert Palmateer, 25, Echo and Melissa Ann Anderson, 25, Echo.

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Letters to the Editor

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 \$7.)

Don't just gripe, get active

To the Editor:

Every town has someone who contributes little to the community except to gripe and stir up trouble with constant criticisms. Nothing suits them and seldom is there a good word expressed acknowledging or appreciating efforts of the people involved in and doing their best in many projects in progress for the betterment of the community.

My dad (who lived in this town all of his life) once told me "If I didn't have anything good to say about someone or something, to not say anything at all."

This good advice is still applicable to those who do not involve themselves in attending meetings where information is presented and letting their ideas be known to those making decisions instead of moaning after the fact in the newspaper.

(s) Arch and Jeanette Padberg
Heppner

Stop criticizing and file for open city position

To the Editor:

Last week's Gazette Times carried a letter criticizing the city council and the mayor.

I think the writer's time would be far better spent volunteering for any one of the many community organizations that are working to make this a better place.

The city council members are our friends and neighbors. They are people who are willing to donate their time and energy to improve the community and to make decisions that are sometimes pretty tough. I feel the council has always strived to make decisions that are in the best long-term interest of the community.

There are three council positions and the mayor that are up for election this fall. I would encourage the writer to go to the city hall and file for one of these positions.

If we are so unhappy about city government and we won't step up and offer to serve on the council, then I would suggest you call a moving van.
(s) Larry Mills
Heppner

HLL to hold wrap up meeting

Heppner Little League Committee will be holding a wrap-up meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m., at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Correction of figures used in letter

To the Editor:

My letter in last week's GT used the figures "1 of every 2000." Of course it should have read "1 of every 200," and that's bad enough. This was an error on my part, and not an attempt to deceive anyone, or increase the Heppner census by 12,600. I made an effort to correct this prior to publication, but was unable to beat the presses. If this miscalculation caused anyone, other than myself, any pain, anguish or ire, I apologize. I deserve all the flak I know I'm going to get over this.

(s) Gene Sonstegard
Heppner

Justice Court report

Following is a summary report for the Morrow County Justice Court (combined Heppner and Irrigon) for June 2004. The report gives a highlight of the cases filed and the finances received. The totals are calculated by offense date.

Cases Filed: Traffic Citations- 194; Misdemeanors- 14; Civil Claims- 4; Small Claims-1; and DUII- 9.

Miscellaneous Activities: Pre-Trials- 15; Warrants Issued- 46; and DUII Diversions Filed- 4.

Trials/Hearings: Minor Hearings (Traffic)- 2; and Jury Trials- 1.

Fines, fees and restitution received totaled \$31,505.13. The amount turned over to the county was \$22,065.13 and the amount turned over to the state was \$9315. Restitution was paid out in the amount of \$125.

WCVEDG needs volunteer envelope stuffers

The Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group is sending out 10,000 business recruitment flyers and needs volunteers to stuff envelopes.

Volunteers will meet at the Forest Service building in Heppner on Monday, Aug. 2 and Tuesday, Aug. 3 from 5-9 p.m. Volunteers will stuff flyers, put on label and help in the effort to bring new businesses to the Willow Creek Valley. Volunteers can work for as long as they like and bring a spouse, friend or both.

Pizza and beverages will be provided for volunteers. For more information, contact David Sykes at 676-9228.

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Shenanigans send update on trip to Ireland

To the Editor:

Shenanigans attended their last fiddle class in Drumshanbo this morning, Saturday, July 24, and then traveled by bus to Galway where we are staying in a youth hostel. It's been a wonderful trip so far.

While based in Dublin, we toured Newgrange and Castle Trim (the castle used in the filming of Braveheart). We also spent many hours and walked many miles seeing the wonderful sights in Dublin.

While in Drumshanbo for music school, we stayed at three private homes. It rained on us (a "soft" Irish rain) about half the time we were there, but we didn't let it slow us down. We walked everywhere in and around town, and ate absolutely tons of food (to give us energy for all the walking). We met lots of people from Ireland and all over the world.

Over 650 music students were enrolled in the Joe Mooney Summer School- named for one of County Leitrim's renowned musicians. In addition to the students of fiddle, flute, harp, tin whistle, pipes,

accordion, concertina, mandolin and banjo, a number of students attended classes in several styles of dancing and singing. The tiny town (more like a village) was overflowing.

We arrived in Galway this evening around suppertime and did a bit of shopping around after grabbing a quick bite to eat.

Tomorrow we will take a ferry to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. We've arranged for a gentleman with a mini-bus to give us a tour of the island.

Monday we will tour north Clare and see the Cliffs of Moher, the Burren, and Aillwee Cave.

Tuesday will be our last day in Ireland. After spending the night at a farmhouse between Doolin (the "music capital of Ireland") and Lisdoonvarna we will travel to Bunratty Castle where we'll have a medieval banquet Tuesday evening. We fly out of Shannon Airport Wednesday morning.

We're thinking of all of you- well, a little bit at least.

(s) Peg Willis, Shenanigans
Instructor
Pendleton

Births

Hannah Elizabeth Green- a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, was born July 14, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Candace and David Green of Heppner. Hannah was weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are Brenda and Joe Snyder of Cumberland, MD, William Miller of Cumberland, MD and Clifford Green of Heppner and the late Cindy Green.

Jackson Robert Lavender- a son, Jackson Robert, was born June 15, 2004, at Seton Medical Center in Austin, TX to Jason and Tina Lavender, of Pflugerville, TX. Jackson weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 21½ inches long. Grandparents are Robert Antone (Tony) and Verina Schiller of Pflugerville and Ronnie and Sandra Lavender of Austin. Great-grandparents are Raymond and Norma French of Heppner and Marilyn Schiller of Echo and the late Robert Schiller and Gladys Hall of Waco, TX and the late Lloyd D. Hall Sr. and Wallace C. and Mamie Lavender of Hewitt, TX.

Cyann Saige Pettyjohn- a daughter, Cyann Saige, was born July 20, 2004, at Conrad Hospital in Conrad, MT to Laura DeBoo and Ryan Pettyjohn of Valier, MT. Cyann was born at 7:47 p.m., weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces and was 20¼ inches long. She joins sibling, Daynon Bear, 2. Grandparents are Jenny DeBoo of Cutbank, MT and Smiley DeBoo of Missoula, MT and Jeanneine Miller of Jasper and Rick Pettyjohn of Pendleton.

Aaliyah Cerina Norton- a daughter, Aaliyah Cerina, was born July 21, 2004, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston, to Jamie M. Barnett and Kevin L. Norton of Heppner.

Walden to visit Heppner

U.S. Congressman Greg Walden (R-OR) and Sandy Baruah, Chief of Staff of the Economic Development Administration in Washington D.C., will visit Heppner to visit with local civic and business leaders on Tuesday, Aug. 3. This event occurs after spending the morning in Condon and on the first of an extensive five-day trip through Eastern Oregon.

Mayor Bob Jepsen will take Walden and Baruah on a tour of Heppner's downtown area and the new city plaza. Following the tour, they will join Chamber of Commerce members for a lunch at John's Place (164 N. Main). The public is also invited to attend lunch, during which Walden will update attendees on issues in Congress affecting Eastern Oregon.

Following his visit to Heppner, Walden will spend the remainder of the week in numerous forums visiting with people in Hermiston, Pendleton, La Grande, Baker City, Ontario, John Day, Burns and Frenchglen.

Congressman Walden represents the Second District of Oregon, which includes 20 counties in southern, central and eastern Oregon. He is a deputy whip in the House leadership structure and a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce as well as the Committee on Resources.

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For more information, call Deana Price, 676-5552

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Join us for an exotic Far East Race like no other! We'll be dashing through the streets of Tokyo, climbing Mt. Fuji, and diving into the Sea of Japan as we run to complete the race.

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