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Datta to leave Health District

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Boardman migrant clinic would provide health and ambulance services. Mills suggested that Vander Does "start a conversation" with Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman concerning issues related to the track.

learned that the Boardman migrant clinic, headed up by Boardman physician Dr. Robert Boss, has not yet provided financial information to the district. The district subsidizes the clinic, but board members have indicated that they are hesitant to make payment until they receive the clinic's financials. The board also learned that the city of Boardman has already made their \$20,000 contribution to the migrant clinic, which was processed through the health district and has already been forwarded on to the migrant clinic. The city of Boardman had previously made their contribution contingent on the district also making its contribution. Boardman mayor is Ed Glenn, who is a former member of the MCHD Board.

learned that the defibrillators have arrived to be placed at high schools district-wide and will now schedule training for high school staff by district paramedics.

learned from Rhea that the M.C. Home Health survey has been completed and has received no deficiencies.

learned from

Vander Does that a nurse practitioner who was interested in employment with the district decided against it because Heppner is to rural.

heard the following reports for January: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 424 patient visits in January with 20 new patients and 44 seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 205 patients with 37 new patients, 31 seen by a nurse and 27 no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 15 runs with 15 transported for \$12,579 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 26 runs with 17 transported for \$15,297 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had seven runs with three transported for \$2,425 in revenue; there was one life flight; PMH had 12 admissions, five swing bed admissions, 432 outpatients, 69 emergency room encounters, 1553 lab tests, 111 x-ray procedures, 28 CT scans, 34 EKG tests, four treadmill procedures, four respiratory therapy procedures, 130 Home Health visits, two Hospice admissions, and 1835 drug doses administered for \$70,602 in revenue.

Fair Board to meet

The Fair Board meeting will be held March 7 at 6 p.m. at the fair office. The public is invited to attend.

New look to Main Street business



Heppner Family Foods will now adorn the front of Heppner's grocery store, owned by Kim and Bert Houweling (lower corner). The sign was installed by URM, the store's new supplier, Feb. 28.

MCSB to vote on adding vo-ag component to HHS curriculum

At the March 9, 2006 regular meeting, the Morrow County School District Board will vote on a proposal to add to the Heppner High Curriculum a Vocational Agriculture/Career Educational component and teacher. The school district has been reviewing, discussing and studying the possibility of adding such curricula for over a year. At the September 2005 Morrow County School District Board meeting, the Board heard a presentation from area Vocational Agricultural high school teachers regarding structuring a 21st century Vocational Agricultural program for high school students. These teachers told the Board that the District should develop a focus for the program prior to its implementation. Since Vocational Education covers a wide spectrum of topics, student ages and student participation, the school district must define the needs of the students to be addressed before implementing the program. The teachers urged the District to recruit the best possible teacher for the program once the educational focus was refined.

Since the District has a very successful Professional Technical Education program in place, it is the vision of the District to not interfere with other programs but enhance and build programs that benefit student involvement through various class offerings. Adding the Agricultural curriculum will enable our school to offer other class offerings that benefit our students. The State of Oregon has placed additional career education requirements on school

districts statewide. The District wants to address these additional requirements when adding the agricultural vocational component to the Heppner High School curriculum.

The program upon which the Board will vote addresses all of the above concerns and does not diminish the existing course offerings and curriculum at Heppner High School. The proposed program will offer a junior high introduction to agriculture and agricultural science. There will be Ag classes offered for freshman through seniors. This will probably include soils and livestock judging, tractor driving, speech and parliamentary procedure. Horticulture/botany class and animal science/ag mechanics class offerings are being considered. Future Farmers of America will probably return to Heppner High. An additional math class will be offered to help meet the additional math credit graduation requirement beginning with the 2010 graduating class. To help meet the new state careers requirements, a freshman careers class will be offered. With the above proposal, the District hopes to have course offerings available to all students no matter what career track they have.

The above course outline is not definite and depends on the District's ability to recruit the right teacher. Board members Barney Lindsay, Bill Kuhn, Nancy Vander Does, Craig Miles and Heppner High School Principal Daye Stone welcome comments on the above proposal. Interested persons are also invited to attend the March Board meeting.

Transfer station fee to be waived for large items

Beginning Saturday, March 4, 2006 the Morrow County Transfer Stations will waive the fee for the disposal of large items such as furniture, home appliances and mattresses for residents of Morrow County. You will be required to show proof of residence in the county with identification. You will further be issued a receipt in the amount the disposal cost would have been. The Morrow County Court will subsidize those costs with tippage fee money. We hope the citizens of the county will take advantage of this new policy.

Heppner to hold cleanup days

It's time again for City of Heppner Cleanup Days. The city's Beautification and Parks Commission has set from now until March 12 to spruce up the community just in time for the St. Patrick's celebration.

Les Schwab Tire Center is helping by accepting tires for disposal. This is limited to four passenger or pickup tires per each household.

The following cleanup opportunities are available also and are located at the City Yard off Riverside Street: a yard debris only pile for burning and a metal only recycling dumpster; no tires, refrigerators, washers, dryers or other large appliances can be accepted.

An appointment is needed to use the above and can be made by calling City Hall at 676-9618 or Bruce Nelson, Public Works director at 980-3401.

An easily accessible recycling bin for household metals, glass, newspapers (no plastic) is located close to the City Yard and is available year round.

For further information, contact City Hall at 676-9618.

Card party and Bunko night to be held at Odd Fellows

Now that basketball season is over on Saturday evenings come on down to the Odd Fellows Hall in Lexington for the monthly card party on March 4. Play will start at 7 p.m. and an evening of fun is planned. Snacks, sandwiches and drinks will be served throughout the evening. The cost is \$5 per person and is open to the public.

On March 12, starting at 4 p.m., the Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting a Bunko party at the Odd Fellows Hall in Lexington. Whether you are an expert or a beginner, you are welcome to come and participate in an afternoon of fun. The cost is \$5 per person and is open to the public.

Obituaries

Charles E. Van Gorder, Jr.

Charles E. "Chuck" Van Gorder, Jr., 73, of Boardman, died Feb. 23, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

A funeral service was held Feb. 28 at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston. A graveside service was held March 1 at Hudson Cemetery in Rainier, WA.

Van Gorder was born Nov. 3, 1932, in Yakima, WA, to Charles E. and Hazel J. Reeves Van Gorder. He was raised in Seattle. He lived in Rainier for a short time before moving to Portland.

He married Hazel Gore on Nov. 17, 1956 in Portland. They moved to Seattle where he worked as an electrician for Bethlehem Steel. They returned to Portland where he worked for Frank Chevrolet. He then worked as a truck driver. He also operated Chuck's Appliance.

He was a member of the Church of God Fellowship in Grandview, WA.

He enjoyed golf, gardening, trucking and fixing appliances.

Survivors include his wife; daughters, Myrtle Conlon of Boardman and Kathy Doughty of Umatilla; sons, Charles Van Gorder III, Nathan Van Gorder and Jon Van Gorder, all of Boardman; brother, Jim Van Gorder of Portland; sisters, Lynn Dunbar of Kelso, WA, Kathleen Reed of Rainier and Melissa Armbruster of Arlington, WA; 18 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter, Kayce Van Gorder; and grandson Zachary Van Gorder.

Memorial contributions may be made in care of, Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR, 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Cruz-In to kick off St. Pat's parades

The sixth annual St. Paddy's Cruz-In will take place Saturday, March 18 as part of the 24th annual St. Patrick's celebration in Heppner.

Vehicle enthusiasts will assemble at the Northwest entrance to Heppner (former Kinzua Mill site) on Highway 74/207 from 10-11:45 a.m. The Cruz-In parade into Heppner will begin at noon. After the parade, the vehicles will be displayed on both sides of Willow Street for judging and viewing.

Participants will need to submit their registration soon. Forms can be found at www.heppnerchamber.com; by calling the Heppner Chamber at 676-5536; or by mail, P.O. Box 1232, Heppner, OR, 97836. Registration received before March 13 will be \$10 and after March 13 will be \$15.

Categories will include classic and modified cars and pickups and also vintage and foreign entries. Dash plaques will be awarded to each entry. The Leprechaun's Choice award will also be given.

The St. Patrick's Parade will begin at 1 p.m.

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