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## Contract with Dr. Berretta approved

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employment with CRHS. Total expenses are listed at \$1,234,519.

The CRCHS balance sheet for the year ending Dec. 31, 2005, lists \$817,111 in total assets and \$461,208 in total liabilities for \$355,903 in total equity.

The financial information for the clinic, which serves the general population, not only migrant workers, has not yet been audited. The MCHD Board requested that information prior to approving an additional subsidy.

"I need to be able to look the taxpayers in the eye," said MCHD Board member Linda LaRue of the \$70,000 subsidy provided to CRCHS by MCHD and the MCHD's request for the CRCHS financial statement. "I didn't see anything that would be a misuse of funds," she added. Some board members indicated concern about subsidizing a clinic which had \$355,903 in equity for 2005, its first year of operation, and indicated that they will revisit the issue following the CRCHS audit, which they also plan to request.

-learned that the training for the new defibrillators, which were donated by the district are to be placed at county high schools, has been completed in Irrigon. The training will be held soon in Boardman and have yet to be scheduled in Heppner and Ione.

-received a request for first aid kits for the Little League.

-learned of the district's purchase of an \$8900 used 1998 Chevrolet one-ton, four-wheel drive pickup which will be funded

by grants. The new pickup will be able to pull the large decontamination trailer, also purchased through a grant, located at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. The current district pickup was not powerful enough to pull the trailer.

-learned that Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 386 patients with 19 new patients and 45 seen by a nurse in February; Irrigon Clinic had 202 patients with 27 new patients, 42 seen by a nurse and 30 no shows; Heppner Ambulance had 21 total runs with 17 transports for \$15,501 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 24 total runs with 18 transports for \$16,599 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 15 total runs with seven transports for \$5,508 in revenue; there were two flights; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had nine admissions, 377 outpatients, 68 emergency room encounters, 1282 lab tests, 91 x-ray procedures, 33 CT scans, 21 EKG tests, and five respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 131 visits; Hospice had no admissions; the pharmacy had 1195 drug doses for \$55,984 in revenue.

## Water Control District board to meet

A meeting of the board of the Heppner Water Control District will be held Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m., at the Pettyjohn office building in Heppner. Agenda items include FY 06/07 budget, election of officers and review of project bids. This is a public meeting.

## Easter Portraits

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## Obituaries

### Kenneth Deane Graves

Kenneth Deane Graves, 39, died March 17 near Dayville. He died doing what he loved, flying helicopters.

A memorial service was held March 25 in Heppner.

Graves was born to Bonnie Deane Graves on Feb. 23, 1967 in Heppner. He graduated from Heppner High School in 1985.



His love of the woods and operating heavy equipment made logging a natural career choice after high school.

Early in his career, he and his mother spent time logging in Alaska, and logging eventually took him all over the Pacific Northwest. Ultimately, he found that operating chainsaws, cats, dozers and loaders wasn't enough and he became a helicopter pilot. Graves then combined the best of both worlds and became a helicopter logger. In the summer, he fought wildfires by providing air support with the ships he flew. Not only was he doing what he loved, he was considered one of the best at his trade.

Graves will be remembered for putting his heart into everything he did and towards everyone he met. He had a driving ambition, never giving less than the best to all he encountered. Graves gave of himself generously and passionately as witnessed by his life focus in doing for others. He strived to make himself and those around him better. His sound character, pure heart, strong values and enthusiasm for life are an inspiration to everyone. All who knew Graves were touched by his deep laugh, warm spirit, compassionate heart and beautiful soul.

Survivors include his mother, Bonnie Paullus of Sumpter; father, Deane Graves of Umatilla; fiancée, Renee Kuehner of Clarkia, ID; daughters, Kayla and Samantha of Coeur d'Alene, ID, and daughter, Whitney of Klamath Falls; sister, Candy Nielson and husband Rob of Julietta, ID; brothers, Mike and Eric Graves of Portland; grandmothers, Connie Lucille Petty of Canyon City and Doris Graves of Heppner; aunts and uncles, Kenneth and Candy Gates of Lexington, Rita Woolsey, Louie and Betty Carlson, all of Heppner, Walt and Rita Hill of Ocean Shores, WA; and cousins, Mike and Missy Towers of Burns, Kevin and Melanie Troxell of Boardman, Bonney Jo Hill of Heppner and Sean Engard of Reno, NV.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wildland Firefighter Foundation in care of Driskill Memorial Chapel, 241 S. Canyon Blvd, John Day, OR 97845.

### Martin Charles Dudley

Martin Charles Dudley, 51, passed away March 16, 2006 at his home in Hood River due to natural causes.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2006 at 2 p.m. at Anderson's Tribute Center.

He was born March 5, 1955 in Vallejo, CA to Lile and Phyllis (Mossbarger) Dudley. He moved with his family to the Hood River Valley in 1966. He graduated from Hood River Valley High School and attended University of Oregon. After college he became a journeyman glazier.

He married Patti Jensen and they had a son, Connor and a daughter, Katie.

Dudley met his wife Kelly Franklin in July of 1993 and it was love at first sight, the two became soul mates and were married shortly thereafter.

Dudley loved to read and learn new things, he always had a strong desire to help others and after more schooling he became a massage therapist to work hand in hand with Kelly. Together they both studied the latest techniques in health and fitness, which was their love and passion. One of his proudest achievements was the trophy he received for the hole in one he acquired at Hood River golf course. He enjoyed hiking and mushroom hunting along with working out at the gym.

Survivors include his wife, Kelley; son, Connor; daughter, Katie; mother, Phyllis Dudley of Ione; brothers, Jay Dudley of Hillsboro, Lory Dudley of Hood River and George Dudley of Gladstone; sisters, Robin Moran of Ione and Vivian Dudley-Smith of Gresham; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to the Ione Community Church Memorial Fund in memory of Martin Dudley, Box 346, Ione, OR 97843.

## Commissioner candidates to attend WCVEDG meeting

The April 5 meeting of the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group will feature a question and answer session with the two Morrow County Commissioner candidates Ken Grieb and Loyal Burns.

The meeting will be held at Heppner City Hall at 8 a.m. and the public is invited to attend.

After the question and answer session, WCVEDG will hold its regular monthly meeting and discuss among other items the South Morrow Industrial Park sale.

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## SMART distributes books during St. Pat's



SMART coordinator Barb Moore (right) and Darby Holtz, an HES kindergartener, hand out books to the crowd during the St. Patrick's Day parade.

The Leprechauns were out on Saturday, March 18 for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade and the wearing of the green was everywhere. With close to 50 entries, the stream of paraders seemed to go on for miles. For the first time, the students and volunteers of the Heppner SMART program took to the streets with 600 books, ready to hand them out to any child and some grown-ups who wanted one. There were books of all kinds and reading levels, from "Ask Mr. Armadillo" to classic Arnold Lobel books such as "Mouse Soup." The SMART kids receive two books per month to take home and read with their families and they were very excited to share that opportunity with all of the children at the parade.

The SMART program was founded in

## United Way visits Neighborhood Center



(L-R): Dale Hilding, United Way Board; DeAnne Tolle, Wal-Mart Distribution Center; Martie McQuain, Wal-Mart DC; ElRae Wells, volunteer/committee chair; William Gatchel, UW Board; Debbie McIntosh, Pendleton School District; Jan Skaggs, Neighborhood Center coordinator; Steve Strampe, Wal-Mart DC; and Michael Lasher, Umatilla-Morrow ESD.

Each year board members and donors of the United Way of Umatilla and Morrow Counties tour agencies sponsored by the United Way before monies are distributed. Touring the South Morrow County Neighborhood Center this year were Dale Hilding, United Way Board; DeAnne Tolle, Wal-Mart Distribution

## MCSO arrests suspect and finds drugs and gun

Seth Lee Osgood, 29, of Irrigon, was stopped March 17 by Under sheriff Steve Myren for a traffic violation. Osgood had two outstanding warrants for his arrest and was taken into custody. He also received two traffic citations.

Deputy Adam Bredfield and his drug detection dog "Stevie" were called to the location of the

stop. "Stevie" alerted to the presence of drugs. A search warrant was served on the vehicle producing over three ounces of methamphetamine and a loaded handgun.

Osgood was taken to Umatilla County Jail where he was lodged on the outstanding warrants and charges related to the drugs located in the vehicle.

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