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Health District adopts $5.9 million budget

The Morrow County Health District, at their regular meeting in Irrigon Monday night, adopted a $5,916,680 budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year and imposed taxes at the rate of $.6050 per $1,000 assessed value for operations and $.39 per $1,000 for local option tax for operations.

Of the $5.9 million, $3,267,855 goes for personnel services; $1,603,733 for materials and services; $579,403 for revenue deductions and bad debt; 0 for contingencies; $219,500 for capital purchases and $246,189 for capital lease and loan reduction.

In other business, Chief Financial Office Nicole Mahoney reported that the month of May ended with another profit. The district showed a $67,298 gain for the month and a $449,793 gain for the year. The average year-to-date monthly gain was $40,890. "All in all, we've had a pretty good year," said board Chair Larry Mills.

Also at the meeting, Director of Nursing, Home Health and Hospice Molly Rhea reported that the district has agreed to a three-percent cost of living increase for the registered nurses, effective July 1. Their agreement with the RNs also includes payment for overtime for over 12-1/2 hours per day, rather than over 40 hours per week, as per the previous agreement. Rhea said that after investigation she discovered that most other hospitals she contacted pay overtime after 12-1/2 hours per day.

At Rhea's request, the district also approved spending $1,500 to pay for participation in a state-mandated, but not state-funded Oregon Patient Safety Commission reporting program.

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Fire season here; Sunday blaze burns 100 acres

Fire burned around 100 acres of stubble at the Charles and Marcia Anderson place near Ruggs on Sunday, June 25, according to Heppner Fire Chief Rusty Estes. Estes said the Heppner Department called the Ione Fire Department for mutual aid, but the fire still took around two hours to put out.

MCGG Green Feed to hold Grand Opening this Saturday

The Morrow County Grain Growers Green Feed Store in Heppner will hold its grand opening this Saturday, July 1 from 8a.m. to 4p.m.

MCGG had previously purchased the feed store and has made extensive remodeling and increased inventory changes.

For those who come to the grand opening there will be free hot dogs and hamburgers from 10a.m to 2p.m. There will also be 30 percent off all nursery stock, 20 percent off Montana Silver and clothing and other items on sale. Door prizes will also be given away, says Jamie Helfrecht, store manager.

Montana State lists graduates

Several Oregon students have received degrees from Montana State University during the university's 110th commencement ceremonies held May 6.

Graduates included Lindsey Heather Ward, Heppner.

Class of '86 plans reunion

The class of 1986 will hold its 20-year class reunion Friday, July 21, through Sunday, July 23.

A banquet will be held on Saturday night.

Dana Reid is chair of the event.

WC Baptist plans Bull Prairie services July 9

The Willow Creek Baptist Church will hold church services at the Bull Prairie campground on Sunday, July 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th ISSUE:

THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 30th at 5:00 P.M.

Ione's Blues Festival 2006

July 2nd, 3rd and 4th

"Red, White and Blues - Cruisin' to the Blues"

-- SCHEDULE OF EVENTS --

--- Sunday, July 2nd ---

4:00 p.m. FIRST ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT
$40 entry fee (proceeds benefit the Ione 4th of July Fund). Pays first, second and third place. Food included (no-host beverages). Location - Ione American Legion Hall. Contact Marv Padberg, 422-7276, for information.

--- Monday, July 3rd ---

Annual 4th of July Golf Tournament at China Creek Golf Course, Arlington. $50 per golfer (benefits IHS Scholarship Fund). Contact Stacie Miller, 422-7410, or Craig Holland, 422-7455, for information. Free bus service from Ione School to China Creek in Arlington and back! (Bus sponsored by ICABO.)
7:30 a.m.: Bus leaves from Ione Schools
8:30 a.m.: Team set-up
9:00 a.m.: Shotgun start

EVENING EVENTS IN IONE:

6:30 p.m. **Talent Show with prizes** at the Amphitheater Stage in the Ione Park. Contact LynnDee Ramos, 422-7559, for information.
Followed by... **Golf Tournament awards presented**
Followed by... **Live Karaoke Contest** (by Samarra Van Doorn)

--- Tuesday, July 4th ---

7:30 a.m. **Dawn's Early Light Fun Run.** Contact Dale and Karen Holland, 676-5034.

10:00 a.m. *Children's fish pond and Horseshoe pit open.
*Used Book Sale by the Topic Club outside the Fire Hall. Donations accepted.

11:00 a.m. PARADE and CLASSIC CAR CRUISE
Grand Marshal: Wayne Rietmann.
BLUES CRUISE CLASSIC CAR SHOW. Contact Chuck Nelson, 989-8148, for information.

12:00 p.m. *Food Vendors open in the park (too numerous to mention!).
*Pie and Coffee in the Fire Hall, sponsored by the Altar Society Ladies.
*Local businesses open: Collier's Market, The Office Pub and Grill, Taylor's Restaurant and Lounge, Sunflower Junction.
*Bingo at the Legion Hall. Contact Harold Rietmann, 422-7472.
~ Children's Games:
* Straw money pile (ages 3-8)
* Frog jumping contest (frogs approved)
* Bicycle Raffle drawing
~ Other Events and Games:
* Open volleyball - Dunk Tank
* Water slide (weather permitting)
* T-shirt sale by Ione Booster Club

Ione 4th of July buttons on sale - $10 donation for the fireworks

2:00-4:00 p.m. Swimming Pool opens ~ SWIM FREE!

2:00 p.m. **Blues Music Opening Act - "BASELINE"** featuring local talent Wayne Seitz, Dustin Padberg and Matt Greenup.

3:00 p.m. BLUES MUSIC featuring...

THE ETOUFFEE BAND ~ HARPER ~ HILLSTOMP

(Music sponsored by Morrow County Recreation District.)

5:00 p.m. *Blues Cruise Classic Car Show awards by Chuck Nelson.
*4th of July Buttons numbers drawn and posted at ICABO hot dog booth.

7:00 p.m. Jet Boat Fishing Trips auction (benefits Mike Matthews Scholarship Fund, Ione Education Foundation and other Ione community organizations).

DUSK **FIREWORKS, FIREWORKS, FIREWORKS!**
(Made possible by your generous donations and the Morrow County Recreation District.)

The Ione 4th of July Committee asks for your consideration and safety to others. Please NO DOGS OR FIREWORKS in the PARK during our celebration. Thank you!

At the MCGG GREEN FEED STORE in Heppner:

GRAND OPENING!

SATURDAY, JULY 1st, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Free barbecued hamburgers & hot dogs from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Enter to win door prizes!

All nursery stock is 30% OFF, Montana Silver is 20% OFF, we have clothing on sale, plus coupon specials on Purina Horse Feed!

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