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**Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice receive award**

Six of Oregon's Medicare-certified home health care agencies are being honored as recipients of Acumentra Health's Quality Leader award. The awards were presented at the Oregon Association of Home Care Annual Special Recognition Awards Luncheon held at the Salem Convention Center.

Five of the Quality Leader awards are being given to home health care agencies that have achieved the greatest improvement in management of oral medications and reduction of acute care hospitalizations. The sixth award is being given for improvement in pain interfering with activities and reduction of acute care hospitalization. These figures are based on performance for a 12-month period ending in October 2006.

The six agencies being honored are Asher Home Health Services located in Fossil, Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice in Heppner, Adventist Health Home Care in Tillamook, Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice in Prineville, Sacred Heart Home Health and Hospice in Eugene, and Generations Home Care Services in Portland.

"We are proud to recognize the outstanding achievements of these six agencies, as well as the overall quality improvements accomplishments by agencies statewide. As a result of their strong efforts, Oregon is ranked #1 nationally in the Acute Care Hospitalization measure," explains Lynn Kemper, Home Health Project Manager at Acumentra Health.

Acumentra Health has honored similar achievements and presented Quality Leader awards for the past four years. The annual Quality Leader awards acknowledge agencies that have shown the most improvement in key measurement areas. Agencies are divided into two groups based on the pace of their efforts and recipients are selected from these categories that represent small, mid-sized, and large agencies.

**Scofield, Crum plan September wedding**



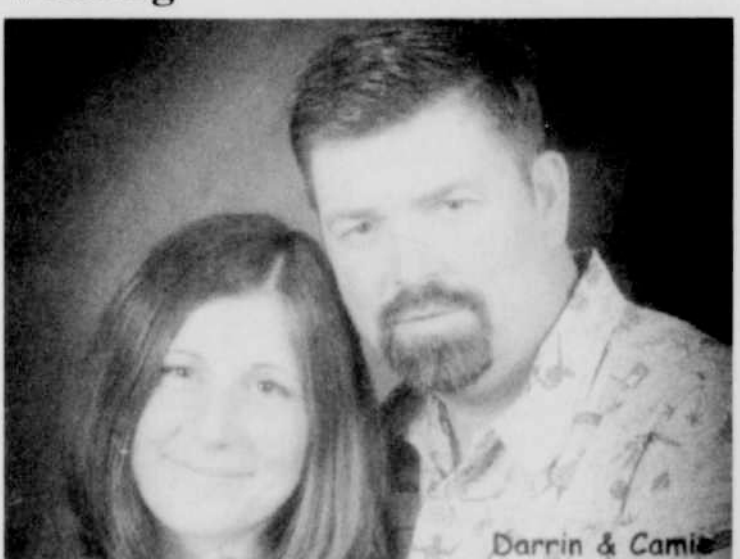
Lauren Scofield and Robert Crum

Dennis and Alice Scofield announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Scofield, to Robert Crum of Ione. Lauren is a graduate of OSU and is currently employed by Farm Credit Services of Pendleton.

Robert is the son of Bev Crum and Monty and Susan Crum of Ione. He is a graduate of OSU and a self-employed farmer.

A September 2007 wedding is planned.

**Crum, Padberg to have June wedding**



Camie Crum and Darrin Padberg

Bev Crum and Monty and Susan Crum of Ione announce the engagement of their daughter, Camie Crum, to Darrin Padberg.

Camie is a student at Central Washington. Darrin is the son of Marvin and Tanna Padberg of Ione. He is a farmer.

A June 2007 wedding is planned.

**DA's Report**

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard has released the following report:

-David Molina was convicted of furnishing alcohol to a minor, a class A felony - 180 days in jail with 180 days suspended, 40 hours community service, complete an alcohol package, \$834 if fines, fees and assessments.

**Baigrie, Kilkenny wedding planned**



Kevin Kilkenny and Rebecka Baigrie

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Baigrie of Middleton, Idaho announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecka to Kevin Kilkenny, son of Ms. Mary Emert or Ione and Mr. Robert Kilkenny of Heppner.

Rebecka graduated from Middleton High School in 1998 and the University of Idaho in 2002 with a BS in Management Information Systems. She is currently employed as an information systems project director.

Kevin graduated from Heppner High School in 1993 and the University of Oregon in 1998 with a BS in Business Administration emphasis in finance. Kevin is president of Arrowhead Wholesale Insurance. The couple is planning a June 8 wedding in Lake Tahoe followed by a Mediterranean Cruise. They will make their home in San Diego, CA.

**Loan funds available for low income homeowners**

USDA, Rural Development has loan funds available for very low income homeowners in Morrow County at 1% interest rate. These funds can be used for almost any needed repair or improvement related to the dwelling.

Maximum loan of up to \$20,000.00 with a maximum term of 20 years may be used for owner occupants of single family housing units. Household income cannot exceed the limit of:

1 person	\$17,300
2 person	\$19,750
3 person	\$22,250
4 person	\$24,700
5 person	\$26,700

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Hospital RNs:  
Sheryl Angell, Sandi Hanna, Laura McElligott, Cindy Sowell, Sue Walton and Linn Young.  
Clinic Nurses  
Linda Dunaway, Trish Maben and Sue Thompson  
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**~ Letters to the Editor ~**

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT 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 \$10.

**Young people giving back to the community who supports them**

Letter to the editor:

It seems we see the results of all the things our young people do wrong plastered all over the news these days. As a business owner in Heppner, what I saw last Thursday is something I would like to see on all the news channels, and in every newspaper! As I drove around Heppner and saw the kids and adults from the high school performing community service projects, I was overwhelmed. They were everywhere, from private residences to city parks, doing whatever needed to be done to clean up. One of the residents who was the recipient of the hard work had tears in his eyes as he was telling me about the kids and adults who cleaned up his yard.

What an incredible idea—our young people giving back to the community who supports them in all they do. This is a learning experience that will last them a lifetime. Thank you Heppner High School students and staff. A special thank you to the administrators who saw the value in allowing this to take place on a regular school day.

Nancy Snider, Wheatland Insurance Heppner

**Cast your vote carefully**

To the editor:

Everyone paying attention knows Oregonians do not want any more tax increases. Even so, a Road Levy is currently before Morrow County voters. A completely natural reaction would be to either vote no, or to simply not vote, knowing that 51% of Morrow County voters must cast ballots in this off-year election, with majority of these in favor, or the Levy will not pass.

Please consider the following before casting (or not casting) your ballot. Your decision will greatly impact the way Morrow County roads are maintained for many years.

The main reason is that the budgets of small Oregon counties have experiencing shrinkage in state and federal support for some years. Recently costs for petroleum products, equipment, etc. have increased dramatically. Now, added to budget shrinkage and increased costs, the federal government has curtailed the Aid to Rural Counties payments we received for the past 6 years. These funds were vital; a form of PILT (Payment In Lieu Of Taxes) to timber producing counties for the vast amounts of federal timberland not otherwise taxable by local governments. Much of our county road system was constructed with timber sales revenue. The question now is how can we maintain them?

Your Morrow County Road Committee, along with the Morrow County Court has worked diligently for a number of years to conserve costs while continuing to provide an acceptable level of public transportation and safety. Road projects completed in the past several years have been supplemented with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) or special, dedicated funds. Of necessity, the Road Budget has been used primarily for the manpower and equipment to perform all necessary operations and maintenance (including snow removal).

Now we have reached a point at which normal maintenance will not suffice for several county road portions. That is to say, they need serious (and therefore expensive) re-working of shoulders, borrow pit, road base, and paving. This work must be done for continued public traveling safety, but no state or federal grants or funding are available in the foreseeable future.

Morrow County must perform this work to preserve public safety. That means these roads MUST be brought up to travel safety standards. Also, snow removal and winter made safety must be continued. However, the magnitude of cost to repair these roads is such that it will completely drain all road maintenance, equipment, and manpower budgets for the foreseeable future. That means chip sealing, patching, routine grading, shoulder work, etc. will be performed essentially on an emergency only basis.

Further, the result of such a course of action means that in four or five years, after these several projects are completed, the rest of the major roads in Morrow County will be in about the same shape as the problem ones are today, demanding further emergency finance shifting measures. That is exactly the situation we are trying to avoid with passage of this Levy.

Please consider this and cast your vote carefully.

Ray Grace Heppner

**Marriage Licenses**

The County Clerk's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner released the following marriage license information:

-Danny Besser, 24, Echo and Challis Levin Buck, 23, Echo.

-Larry Joe Woodall, 25, Boardman and Bethany Cortna Thompson, 24, Boardman.