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Anderson signs contract with health district

The Morrow County Health District Board recently approved a three-year contract with physician Betsy Anderson.

Anderson has worked in Corvalis for the past seven years. She has been a doctor for the past 10 years. Anderson graduated from med school in 1997 from OHSU and finished her residency in 2000.

Before becoming a physician, Anderson taught high school science for 10 years in Philomath.

Born and raised in Beaverton, Anderson has been married 26 years to her husband, John, a self-employed carpenter. They have two children, Malcolm, 21, a senior at OSU, and Emily, 19, a sophomore at Evergreen in Olympia, WA.

Anderson is not a stranger to eastern Oregon with one side of her family from Athena and the other from The Dalles. Anderson, her husband and their children have vacationed in the area many times. When their children moved off to college, Anderson and her husband decided that it was the perfect opportunity to relocate.

Betsy Anderson

Anderson says she "likes the size of the medical community (in Heppner). It's nice to know people and realize you are helping people with their health." Anderson says Heppner is just the right size and is "super friendly" with perfect weather. As for the hospital, Anderson says it is a "fantastic medical establishment, a well-run hospital and very organized."

Anderson says that even though her contract is written for only three years, she is planning on staying longer.

Two file for sheriff's position

As of October 2, two individuals have filed paperwork to run for Morrow County Sheriff. Larry Sample will be challenging Kenneth Matlack, the incumbent, for the position in the May 2008 primary election.a

The deadline to file to run for a position is March 11, 2008. The primary election date is May 20, 2008.

The only other position filed for at this time is Assessor, filed by Greg Sweek.

A special election will be held on November 6, 2007 and will include two measures, 49 and 50.

Willow Creek Campground holds sign dedication

Fourth and fifth grade students sing at the dedication of the Willow Creek Campground sign.

About 60 people attended the dedication of the Oregon-California Trails Association Willow Creek Campground Sign near Cecil. The ceremony began with an invocation by Rev. Tim Van Cleave, and the flag salute led by Kip Krebs, Ione High School Student Body President.

Representatives of Oregon-California Trails Association included Glen Harrison, State President, and Roger Blair, Northwest Chapter Chairman.

Representing the Oregon Historic Trails Advisory Committee were John Chess from the Tamastslikt Cultural Institute and Keith May from Pendleton.

Other organizations in attendance included Oregon Dept. of Transportation, U.S. Forest Service, Ione Community Agricultural and Business Organization, Heppner Chamber of Commerce, Morrow County Court and the Ione School District.

Project Director, John Edmundson expressed appreciation to the many people and organizations that helped with this project.

Ione grades 4/5 students from Mrs. Holland's class sang Roll On Columbia, Roll On and the Oregon State Song. Additional music was provided by Duane Neiffer, Alex Carlson and Eric Jepsen.

The ceremony was closed with a benediction by Father Jerry Condon, Taps played by Eric Jepsen and a 1950 Cecil Store Poem written and read by Dorothy Krebs,

After the ceremony, the attendees went to the Cecil Store for refreshments provided by Maureen Krebs and Anne Morter.

Flu Clinic schedule announced

The Morrow County Health Department will be holding a flu clinic in the following locations:

Monday, Oct. 15 – Stokes Landing Community Center in Irrigon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 16 – Boardman Senior Center in Boardman from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 – St. Pats Senior Center in Heppner from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 – Ione Fire Hall in Ione from 4 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 18 – Morrow County Health Department in Heppner from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 22 – Morrow County Health Department in Boardman from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 7 p.m.

The cost for shots will be $20 for Flu, $15 for Tetanus, $42 for Pneumovax, and $15 for TdaP (under 64 years old). Flu shots will be available at all regular Morrow County Health Department Clinics while supplies last. Those getting shots should remember to bring their insurance card, Medicare card and/or Medicaid card. For more information call 676-5421.

ALL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

Honor Society assists with cleanup

Members of the HHS National Honor Society helped the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District with weed removal along Willow Creek.

Heppner High Schools National Honor Society students and advisor, Mrs. Payne assisted Morrow Soil & Water Conservation District staff with the removal of a recently identified infestation of Japanese Knotweed along Willow Creek in Heppner. The site is approximately 15 by 40 feet and was flowering and setting seed.

Japanese knotweed, also called Mexican bamboo, is an aggressive invasive weed on the west side of Oregon and was originally introduced as an ornamental. A member of the buckwheat family, it is an upright, shrub like perennial that can grow to over 10 feet in height. It reproduces primarily by seed and by vegetative means with the help of long, stout rhizomes. It spreads quickly and excludes natural vegetation, posing a significant threat to riparian areas.

"The Board didn't want to wait and see how this plant reacts to eastern Oregon climate and wanted it removed, the students are always looking for an opportunities to serve the community, so we decided to just get it done" said Kevin Payne, Morrow SWCD Natural Resource Technician.

Japanese Knotweed is on the state noxious weed list but not in Morrow County's Weed Ordinance, so there is no authority to require eradication or control, but the Weed Control Supervisor has been asked to follow up with herbicide treatment and monitoring.

If you have a plant you're unsure of the identity, Morrow County Weed District is available for weed or plant identification. Call 989-9502 for assistance.

Free collection events for agricultural waste pesticides and empty containers set

Growers in the Umatilla River Basin and surrounding areas can safely and anonymously dispose of old or unusable pesticides collection events in Boardman at the North Morrow County Transfer Station on Friday, October 5 from 1-5 p.m. and at the Pendleton Convention Center on Monday, October 8, from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. This event is sponsored by the OSU Extension Service, Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District and other state and local organizations. All highly toxic "legacy" pesticide, such as DDT, dieldrin and dinoseb, will be accepted for free. The first 100 pounds of other pesticide wastes will be accepted at no charge. Empty, triple-rinsed plastic pesticide containers will also be collected at this event free of charge.

The Umatilla Basin Watershed Council, the Oregon Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Agriculture (ODA), the Umatilla Soil and Water Conservation District, OSU Extension Service and other partners are working together to improve water quality in local streams. The October 5th and 8th collection events help to support water quality goals by removing old pesticides from the Basin that could pose pollution risks to streams, rivers or groundwater if not disposed of safely. The collection events are supported through grant funds from EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency).

Pre-registration is required for collection of waste pesticides from growers in NE Oregon. To register contact Laura Yates of Clean Harbor Environmental Services at 1-800-444-4244 or yates.laura@cleanharbors.com, or obtain the registration form by visiting OSU Extension's web page at: www.cerealcentral.com (click on the Calendar page to download application) or Umatilla SWCD's web page at: http://www.umatillacountyswcd.com/. There is no need to register if you wish to only dispose of empty, triple-rinsed containers.

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