

Health district hears good audit news

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had 18 page-outs with seven transports for \$6,288 in revenue; there were two flights; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had four admissions, two swing bed admissions, 14 admitted for observation, 584 outpatients, 92 emergency room encounters, 1577 lab tests, 124 x-ray procedures, 28 CT scans, 38 EKG tests, 52 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 164 visits; pharmacy had 1032 drug doses for \$52,942 in drug revenue.

-learned from Molly Rhea, director of nursing services, Home Health and Hospice, that Hospice has admitted an illegal immigrant for care. Rhea said that

the patient does not have Medicaid or private insurance and the district will receive no reimbursement for the patient's care.

-learned from Vander Does that the district plans an educational puppet show to be presented in the elementary schools, first at Heppner Elementary and then at Boardman, Irrigon and Lone schools.

-learned that the district's purchase of an apartment to provide housing for medical staff has been postponed until testing for soil contamination by an oil tank has been completed.

-held a joint medical staff and board dinner meeting prior to the regular meeting.

Creative Care Preschool visits fire station



Three and four year old students at the Creative Care Preschool in Lone visited the fire station recently. The firefighters showed them a Sesame Street video about fire safety and taught them how to stop, drop and roll to put out fires on clothing. The trip ended on a note of excitement with each student taking a turn sitting in the fire engine and working the lights and sounding the horn. As a special treat, children received a bag with information on fire safety and their own red fire fighter hat.

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

Willow Creek Terrace residents and staff enjoyed October's haunting holiday, pleased with the opportunity to treat some little ghouls, goblins, and ghosts, and pleased with their win in the Scarecrow Contest, residential category. The staff's Maxine Look-Alike Contest added hilarity to Halloween, with Manager George Nairns winning the coveted prize.

A week and a half later, several resident-veterans were among veterans honored at the Heppner High School Veterans Day celebration. Floyd Green, Ed Dick, Bud Batty, and George Jefferies were joined by Harriet Batty and volunteers Merlin and Claudia Hughes and Suzanne Jepsen for the trip to the program and luncheon.

November is recognized as National Hospice Month, so on November 18, the Terrace hosted the local hospice volunteers and staff as a way to say, "Thank you for the good work you do." Residents appreciate these "wonderful people" and enjoyed the opportunity to build and renew relationships with them.

One especially favorite relationship on the Hill is between the residents and the Ol' Time Fiddlers, who recently visited again. Bob Stevens, Bill West, Al Riney, Clarence Baker, Bill Meyers, Jim Simpson, and Roland and Karen Fulbright were the talented members who shared their talents this month with residents and their guests.

Music plays an important part in the lives of several residents, so they were pleased when music filled the halls again on the 20th. The Heppner High School Choir entertained with several selections.

One music aficionado is George Jefferies, who celebrated his 89th birthday on the 17th, surrounded by friends and family. George provided his recorded music to a celebration the day before, when Roberta Johannes celebrated her 90th birthday with neighbors and friends. She enjoyed a birthday dance with guest Tom Wilson. Merl and Judy Cowitt and Faye Wilson and George also took a spin on the impromptu dance floor as they celebrated with "Bert."

Roberta was one of six children born to Thomas and Mary Ann Detrie, in Wisconsin. She married out of high school and spent some years in Western Oregon. Bert and her second husband, Elvin Johannes, had a home in Heppner for several years. She remembers that finding work was difficult in the thirties and forties and remembers babysitting and waiting tables as two of her jobs, besides the more important job of raising two daughters. Bert also found time to do some drawing and painting and she has continued to enjoy beadwork and reading. Until recently, she remained active in the Heppner Garden Club and the VFW Auxiliary. Playing Bingo at the Terrace and down at the St. Patrick's Senior Center are activities she looks forward to weekly.

Last week, Bert was one of the residents who enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the staff and some visitors. With that special day in mind, the following blessing has been contributed, a reflection of much of what the Community on the Hill is thankful for each and every day:

"Dear Lord, my thanks I offer Thee for priceless gifts bestowed on me!

I use them constantly, and yet, the Giver I sometimes forget!

Thanks for my eyes, dear Lord - I see the glories that encircle me.

While through my ears come speech and song - the world of sound to me belongs!

My hands with their sense of touch, are daily Blessings - they mean so much!

My voice, too, is a gift from God - a constant help along life's road.

My mind, my heart, my soul - all three are precious treasures, Lord, from Thee.

For life on this Thanksgiving Day, accept my gratitude, I pray."

W.J. Thompson

Schonbachler graduates at top of his class

1st Lieutenant Michael Schonbachler, USAF, graduated Thursday, November 22, from training as an Electronic Warfare Officer for the B-52 Bomber in Shreveport, LA, receiving distinguished graduate honors. He graduated at the top of his class.

A 2000 graduate of HHS, Schonbachler will be stationed at Barksdale AFB in Shreveport, LA with the 96th bomber squadron.

Schonbachler's parents, Donna and Gary Schon-



Michael Schonbachler, son of Heppner, were on hand for the ceremony.

Sorensen graduates from basic military training

Air Force Airman Anthony S. Sorensen has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX.

Sorensen, a 2004 graduate of Riverside High School, is the son of Roberta Sorensen of Boardman.



Anthony S. Sorensen

Heppner Garden Club to hold Christmas party

Heppner Garden Club will meet at the Senior Center on Monday, December 3, at 7 p.m. to celebrate their Christmas party, as well as ending the week-long wreath making project. This is their money making project which all the members need to participate to make it work.

Hostesses will be JoAnne Burleson and Neva DeMayo. Members are encouraged to bring a goody, as well as food articles that will be given to the Neighborhood Center.

The program will be music provided by a singing group from the Baptist church.

Women of Hope donated funds to utility assistance programs



Donna McCurdy, on behalf of the Women of Hope, presented checks to Tom Wolff (Columbia Basin Electric) and Judy Eckman (City of Heppner) for their assistance programs. Monies raised by the Women of Hope from their bake sale in October were matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Columbia Basin will put their check toward their Helping Hearts program, a low income and emergency assistance program. The City of Heppner will put their check toward their utility assistance program. The South Morrow County Ministerial Association is in charge of administering the needs of both the City of Heppner utility assistance program and the Columbia Basin Electric low income and emergency assistance program. After the needs are administered by the Ministerial Association, the funds are then administered by Columbia Basin/City of Heppner as needed.

Marriages

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers has released the following report of marriage licenses issued:

-November 20: Judson Lance Coppock, 65, Heppner and Shannon Kathleen Benefit, 59, Heppner.

-November 23: Michael John McCabe, 23, Heppner and Brenda Sue Wagner, 20, Danville, IN.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court Judge Charlotte Gray has released the following report:

-Marlene Norris, 74, Heppner, Violation of the Basic Rule by going 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$113 fine.

Murray's Drug is currently a pharmacy provider for the following Medicare Part "D" plans:

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Morrow County Health District is pleased to welcome Betsy Anderson, M.D. as a new provider.



She joins Ed Berretta, M.D. and Sheridan Tarnasky, PA-C at Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner.

Dr. Anderson is accepting new patients.

Appointments can be made by calling 676-5504.



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- Thursday, November 29th -



Ladies' Night

Barbecue Steak and Oysters Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m.

by Chefs Mortimores and Kennys

(for Elks members and out-of-town guests only)