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Commissioner candidates voice their opinions on Morrow County issues

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county will not be facing the shortages that we have experienced the last few years. Then when you add the increased revenues from the Tippage fees, I believe the future budget meetings will be a true joy. Call me an optimist.

HG-T: If elected, would you plan on changes in the public works/road department?

Wenholz: I feel that the Public Works/Road Department is doing an excellent job with the funds available to them in our current budget situation. As more funds are available I am all for looking at giving them more money so more projects can be worked on.

Rea: The only changes I would like to see made, is to provide the Road Department with more funding. That would allow them to get more actual road work done. Here again, I believe lack of communication and misinformation has created a lot of misconception as to the work the Road Department has been able to accomplish.

Garden Club news

The Heppner Garden Club will hold a plant exchange at the Senior Center on Saturday, May 3, from 8 a.m. to noon. Those bringing plants should bring them in containers.

The Garden Club will be meeting on Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m. at the Willow Creek Diner and Bakery. Hostesses will be Danny Picard and Betty Bailey and they will provide treats.

The program will be "Growing Tomatoes" by John Marick. Marick grows his own tomatoes which are big and delicious.

Senior Center Menu

St. Patrick's Parish members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, May 7. The menu will include chicken enchiladas, green salad with tomatoes, carrot salad with raisins, and flan.

Obituaries

Donna M. Schonbachler

A memorial service for Donna M. Schonbachler will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 2, at the Heppner Elementary School gymnasium in Heppner.



Donna M Schonbachler

Ms. Schonbachler, 53, of Heppner died Tuesday, April 29, 2008, at her home with her husband Gary and sons Eric and Michael at her side.

She was born June 3, 1954, in Silverton, the daughter of Arthur and Laura Davidson Gooley. She worked for Pioneer Memorial Home Health / Hospice and was a volunteer in numerous community activities. Her first love beyond her family was her job and the people she helped. The ocean and the sound of its waves was her favorite place to be, and laughter was always present about her.

Carroll H. Davis

Graveside services for Carroll H. Davis will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at the Lone Rock Cemetery. A potluck will follow the service at the new community hall at Lone Rock.

Mr. Davis 79, of Lone Rock died Sunday, April 27, 2008 at the Country Spice Residential Care Facility in John Day.

He was born February 2, 1929 in Walla Walla, WA the son of Emmett and Agnes Booth Davis. He was raised and attended school in Lone Rock. He often road horseback to and from school. He then attended high school at Condon.

Alice May Wagner

A memorial service for Alice May Wagner will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Private burial will take place at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.

Mrs. Wagner, 89, of Heppner died Sunday, April 27, 2008 at Regency Residential Care in Hermiston.

She was born May 28, 1918 at Heppner, the daughter of Harv and Stella May McDandel. She was raised and attended school in Heppner where she graduated from high school in 1936. She attended beauty college and then operated the Alice Wagner Beauty Shop in the old Heppner Hotel Building. She later operated a beauty shop in Kinzua.

In December of 1950 she married Robert E. Wagner at Heppner. In 1959 the couple moved from Kinzua to Portland. The couple also lived in the Willamette Valley and Hermiston for a time. After her husband's death she returned to Heppner and lived at the St. Patrick's Senior Center for nearly 10 years.

Fishing derby to be held May 10

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, along with Morrow County Parks, will be sponsoring a fishing derby on Saturday, May 10, at Anson Wright Park fishing pond. This free fishing derby is for children up to 14 years of age and will be from 8:30-11 a.m.

To volunteer or donate to this event call Betty Gray at Morrow County Public Works Department at 989-9800 or email to bgray@co.morrow.or.us.

Survivors include: her husband, Gary Schonbachler of Heppner; sons, Eric Schonbachler of Portland and Michael Schonbachler of Shreveport, LA; mother, Laura Zoller of Mt. Angel; brothers, John Gooley of Mr. Angel, Bob Gooley of Silverton, Tim Gooley of Salem; and sister, Janice Anderson of Salem. She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur Gooley.

The family ask that in place of flowers, memorial contributions be sent to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836, to pass forward the heartfelt care that was provided her, to be passed on to others.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Davis served two years in the United States Army. He returned to Lone Rock, and then took over the family ranch which he continued to operate throughout the rest of his life. Except for a short time at the Country Spice Residential Care Facility in John Day, he was a life long Gilliam County resident.

Survivors include his sister Blanche Burres of Condon and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's charity of choice.

Sweeney Mortuary of Condon is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include: daughters, Suzan Lytton of Heppner, and Pam Tonies of Reno, NV; sons, Billy Wagner and Fred Watkins both of Hermiston; brothers, Arlo McRoberts of Rancho Mirage, CA, Ellis McRoberts of Heppner, and Lee McRoberts of Gresham; sisters, Frances Wright of Twin Falls, ID and Caroline Goodwin of Portland; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by: her husband Robert Wagner; sons, Chuck Wagner and David Wagner; daughter, Regina Wagner; and brothers, John McRoberts and Oliver Devin.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Patrick's Senior Center, PO Box 715, Heppner, OR 97836.

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Health district approves nearly \$9 million for 2008-09 proposed budget

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the district had \$4,612,900 in resources, including \$599,589 in tax monies and had \$4,579,383 in expenditures for only a \$33,517 gain.

The district plans a \$925,000 expansion of Pioneer Memorial Hospital to accommodate a swing bed area which will enable the hospital once again to serve long-term patients. Mahoney, CEO Victor Vander Does and Mills said Monday that they planned to meet with Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation representatives Tuesday to request at least \$250,000 from the Morrow Equity Fund towards remodeling costs. The district plans to fund an additional \$540,000 with a flex-lease loan, but that amount may be ratcheted up if they do not receive monies from the Morrow Equity Fund. The remaining amount will be funded as follows: other loans-\$100,000; cash on hand-\$565,200; and grant funds-\$32,000.

Other capital purchases in the 2008-09 budget include an upgrade of the existing HVAC control system-\$10,000; flex lease lending costs-\$20,000; purchase of a colonoscope and endoscope which a new doctor, Dr. Nichols, is expected to use to perform exams-\$142,000; hospital roof-\$75,000; Microsoft Office software upgrade-\$11,700; carpet replacement in the main hall-\$6,500; scheduled car replacement-\$15,000; emergency room video conferencing equipment-\$32,000. Total capital purchases amount to \$1,237,200.

Mahoney said that a six-percent increase in patient charges has been built into the 08-09 budget and Vander Does said that the addition of a new physician is expected to add substantially to the district's revenue.

DA's Report

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

-John Louis Munkers, 25, was convicted of strangulation, a class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 180 days suspended, 24 months bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other numerous conditions, and pay \$1,413 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Nolen Brice Brock, 48, was convicted of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, a class C felony, and was sentenced to one year's driver's license suspension, six months in jail, one year post-prison supervision, other numerous conditions, and pay \$528 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Vanessa C. Cardenas Gutierrez, 20, was convicted of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended, 18 months bench probation, complete 20 hours of community service, other numerous conditions and pay \$188 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Justin Dean Wolfe, 35, was convicted of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended, 18 months bench probation and other numerous conditions. Wolfe was also convicted of another count of harassment, a class B misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 90 days suspended, 18 months bench probation and other numerous conditions. Fines, fees and assessments are \$1,046.

Holly Rebekah Lodge to host monthly card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting the May card party this Saturday, May 3. Play will begin at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

Also at the meeting, it was announced that the district has rejected all bids on the long-term swing bed project and is re-letting the bids.

In other business, the board:

-learned that the district lost \$71,146 in March. Total operating revenue was \$419,924 with \$504,590 in operating expenses and an additional non-operating gain of \$13,519. This results in an average monthly year-to-date loss of \$1,849.

MCHD's current levy expires this year and the district plans to put a new levy before the voters this fall.

-heard the following report for March: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 447 patient visits with 38 new patients, 45 patients seen by a nurse and 20 no-shows. (Mahoney and Vander Does said that the clinic now plans to call patients prior to their scheduled appointments. The Irrigon Clinic had previously instituted that practice.); the Irrigon Clinic had 193 patient visits, 35 new patients, 37 seen by a nurse and 15 no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 26 page-outs and 19 transports for \$19,235 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 26 page-outs and 19 transports for \$19,150 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 14 page-outs and 12 transports for \$10,593 in revenue; there was one flight; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had 11 admissions, two swing-bed admissions, eight admitted for observation and one admitted for respite care, 463 total outpatients with 70 emergency room encounters, 1489 lab tests, 110 x-ray procedures, 37 CT scans, 28 EKG tests, and 80 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 153 patient visits; Hospice had one admission; and pharmacy had 800 drug doses for \$34,733 in drug revenue.

HEPPNER ELKS 358
676-9181 "Where Friends Meet" 142 North Main

- Thursday, May 8th -
LADIES NIGHT DINNER
Starting at 6:30 p.m.
Chefs: Sweeneys and Coes

Also that night...
Mother's Day Ceremony at the Lodge

AT MCGG GREEN FEED & SEED IN HEPPNER:

Visit our well-stocked nursery! New plants arriving weekly...
Roses, Fruit Trees, Bedding Plants, Vegetables
Plus Soil Amendments, and Rototiller & Lawn Thatcher Rentals
We have Hanging Flower Baskets for Mother's Day (May 11th)

Morrow County Grain Growers Green Feed & Seed
242 W. Linden Way, Heppner • 676-9422 • 989-8221 (MCGG main office)

Marriages

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

-April 24: Jose Guadalupe Sanguino, 26, Umattilla and Lisette Garcia, 22, Irrigon.