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Health district announces Veterans' Day closures

Morrow County Health District has announced that Pioneer Memorial Clinic in Heppner and Irrigon Medical Clinic will be closed on Thursday, November 11, for the Veterans' Day holiday.

Laboratory and radiology departments at Pioneer Memorial Hospital will also be closed Thursday for non-emergent outpatient services.

Mr. Bill's Trivia returns for HDC fundraiser

The Heppner Daycare and Preschool is bringing Mr. Bill's Trivia back for another great, fun fundraiser on Saturday, November 20, at 7 p.m. at the Elks Club.

Team can consist of six players and the table cost is \$150 (\$25 per player).

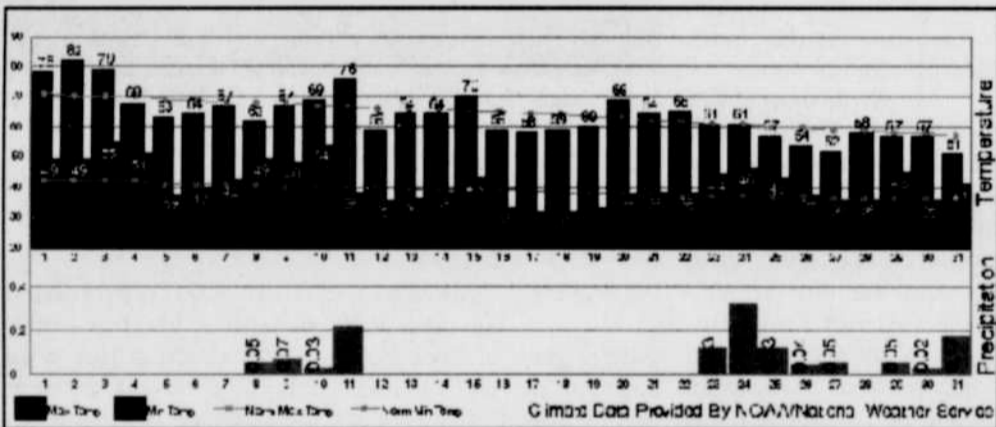
This fundraiser will help Heppner Daycare and Preschool cover some costs that would be impossible to cover on their own. The HDC board relies heavily on state funding which was recently cut and, of course, fundraisers.

Annual carnival to be held at HES

Heppner Elementary School and Parent Teacher Club will be hosting the annual carnival on Thursday, November 18, in the HES gym.

The carnival games will be open from 6:00-7:30 and dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. All you can eat hot dogs, baked potatoes, chili, drink and desert will cost \$5 per person with ala carte items available for \$2 which includes drink and dessert. The games will include the junk food walk, bingo, plinko, fish pond, Wii games, raffle prizes and so much more.

NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner



According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures in Heppner averaged slightly warmer than normal during the month of October.

The average temperature was 52.3 degrees which was 1.0 degree above normal. High temperatures averaged 63.7 degrees, which was 0.5 degrees below normal. The highest was 82 degrees on the 2nd. Low temperatures averaged

41.0 degrees, which was 2.5 degrees above normal. The lowest was 32 degrees, on the 17th.

Precipitation totaled 1.28 inches during October, which was 0.16 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation - at least .01 inch - was received on 12 days with the heaviest, 0.32 inches reported on the 24th.

The outlook for November from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal tem-

Community Bank conducting Change for Charity Drive

Beginning November 1st, and continuing until December 20th, 2010, Community Bank is conducting The Change for Charity Drive in all of their areas. The program is an effort to collect funds from the community, to be used in that same community. Community Bank matches \$.50 on every dollar (up to \$5,000). Each branch manager has selected a charity to raise funds for that will directly benefit the citizens in the area.

In addition, this year, the two regions of the bank are in competition to raise the most money for their charities. Community Bank will donate an extra \$1,000 to the charities in the region where the most donations are collected. The Western Region includes branches in Hermiston, Heppner, Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, Walla Walla, and Clarkston. The Eastern Region encompasses branches in La Grande, Baker City, Union, Elgin, Wallowa, Enterprise, and Joseph. The total funds collected will be calculated after December 20, when the winning region will be determined.

Charities to benefit in the Western Region, by branch are as follows: Heppner branch is collecting

Men of St. Patrick's & St. William's to hold fall dinner meeting

The men of St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic Church will hold their annual fall dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 16.

A memorial Mass for the deceased men of the parishes will begin at 6 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Dinner will follow the Mass in

funds for the Neighborhood Center; Hermiston branches are collecting for Good Samaritan Ministries; Pendleton branches for Pioneer Relief Nursery; Milton Freewater for the City Light and Power Assistance Program; Walla Walla branch is collecting funds for the United Way of Walla Walla; and the Clarkston branch will provide holiday gifts for nursing home residents in their area that do not have local families.

In the Eastern Region: La Grande branches are collecting for the Friday Back Pack Program (food for kids in need for the weekend); Baker City is collecting for all of the food banks in the Baker City area; Union branch is collecting for their local food bank; Elgin branch, for Elgin Food Bank and Community Connections; Wallowa branch collects for the Wallowa Food Bank; Enterprise and Joseph branches are collecting for the Joseph/Enterprise Food Bank at Community Connections.

All branches will have donation jars available through December 20. Coins and bills are accepted. For more information about the Change for Charity Drive, contact your local branch manager.

the parish hall. After dinner, a meeting will be held to plan activities for the coming year. There will also be a video presentation and entertainment provided.

Anyone with questions or suggestions can contact Fr. Gerry at 541-676-9462 or Dan Van Schoiack at 541-676-9971.

Fair board meeting announced

The next Morrow County Fair Board meeting will be held on November 21 at 5 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Obituaries

Paul Richard Simms Jr.

Paul Richard Simms Jr. died Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at Regency Hermiston Health & Rehabilitation Center in Hermiston at the age of 50. A memorial service was held on Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 3 p.m. at Family Worship Center in Irrigon. Disposition was by crema-



Paul Richard Simms Jr.

tion at Elk Lodges. He enjoyed truck driving, hunting, fishing, panning for gold, and he loved NASCAR, the NHRA and motocross racing.

He is survived by: his wife of 18 years, Patty Simms of Boardman; sister, Belinda Simms of Auburn, CA; mother-in-law, Pauline Lucille Dalton of Boardman; and two nephews, Kenneth and Richard Simms.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Ruth Simms Sr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838 to help with expenses.

The condolence book can be signed online at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of the arrangements.

HHS students celebrate Red Ribbon Week



Last week at Heppner High School was Red Ribbon Week. This year's theme for the week was, "Take a step towards being drug and alcohol free." To represent the theme, the whole student body printed giant foot prints going around the perimeter of the school in bright red paint on October 26. Overall the week was a great success and was concluded on Thursday with all of the students wearing red. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

Neighborhood Center only accepting food, financial donations until Jan. 1

The Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County will not be accepting clothing or household items through January 1. They will, however, be accepting food donations and financial assistance to help those in need during the holiday season.

The Neighborhood Center will be distributing Christmas food and gift boxes.

MCHD offers free Medicare Part D help

The Morrow County Health District will once again offer free Medicare Part D prescription drug plan consultations throughout the county during November and December.

A District representative will be available in Heppner on November 16, 22, and 23 and on December 1, 2, 7, 9, 15, 16,

20, 21, 28, and 30, in Ione on November 18 and on December 14, and in Irrigon on November 17. A December date will be added for Irrigon if needed.

Consultations will take place at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner and at the Ione Community Church in Ione. The meeting location for Irrigon will

be given when appointments are made.

To make an appointment for a consultation, call 541-676-9133 or 1-800-737-4113. Please bring a list of medications, the dosage and how often taken, or the medication bottles, to the appointment.

Alice in Wonderland performance to be held Friday

Children from the Heppner, Lexington and Ione areas will be performing the children's classic Alice in Wonderland on Friday, November 12, 2010,

at 7:00 p.m. in the Heppner High School cafeteria.

This Missoula Children's Theatre production is sponsored by the Morrow

County Unified Recreation District with support from Heppner Friends of the Library and is performed free to the public.

Parade of Lights scheduled for Dec. 16

Heppner's 14th annual Parade of Lights will be held Thursday, December 16, at 5:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Columbia Basin Electric Co-op.

Prizes will be awarded for Best Community Float, Best Commercial Float, Best Individual Float, and Best School Float. Entry forms are available at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

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"Christmas Is" tickets on sale

Tickets for "Christmas Is" are now available at United Methodist Church and County Shears. The Christmas community musical program will be held Sunday, December 5, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and on Monday, December 6, at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.

Refreshments will be served after the program. A portion of the proceeds will go support music education in Heppner.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161
OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

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