

~ 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.

Medicare Part D Help

To the Editor:

We at Murray's Drug would like to remind people who have Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage that now is the open enrollment period which allows changes to your plan.

We encourage evaluation of your prescription plan each and every year during the open enrollment period of November 15 through December 31. Our experience is that healthcare plans can and do change each year and pharmacy part D plans are no exception. Availability of local pharmacy services covered medications, co-pays, and donut hole coverage are but a few of the options that can differ between insurance companies and the plans they offer. A plan that served you well one year may or may not be the best choice among the plans available the next year. This can be a daunting task however. The good news is that help is available. This help is in the form of a plan comparison tool available on the internet at the address of www.medicare.gov. This is the best way in which to study the available plans because it shows an accurate 'apples to apples' comparison and can project anticipated drug coverage and costs using your own personal information and preferences. It is confidential and informative. The only down side to the website is that access to the internet is of course required and even then it can be a challenge to navigate. However, there is more good news!

We in Morrow and Gilliam counties have access to this quality comparison tool and access to a person (living, breathing, and local) who knows the intricacies of the website. So this is the best of both worlds, objective information and local help. Usually this combination yields the best decision for you. It is not a salesperson's opinion (often linked to a sales commission) or a poor comparison which often just confuses. In Morrow County the Morrow County Health District provides this service, they can be reached by calling 541-676-9133. In Gilliam County the Gilliam County Senior Services provides this service, they can be reached by calling 541-384-2114.

Remember, time is of the essence as Medicare allows only the one time period each year for changes, November 15 through December 31.

John and Ann Murray
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)

Attention: MEDICARE PART D PATIENTS:
Nov. 15-Dec. 31st is the time to Re-evaluate, Renew, or change your Medicare Rx Plan!
We have added new plans from last year.
We appreciate your business and will work hard to earn and keep it. If you want local pharmacy services call for more information.
Impartial assistance with the medicare.gov website available as a service from the Morrow County Health District by calling 541-676-9133.
Thank You - John and Ann Murray



Holly Rebekay Lodge to host monthly card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will be hosting their monthly card party at the Lexington Lodge Hall this Saturday, December 4.

The cost for an evening of sandwiches, chips, pickles and snacks is \$6 per person of which \$1 will go towards new card tables.

The lodge is in dire need of new tables so a donation jar will also be out for those wishing to help toward the purchase of new tables.

Prizes will be awarded to men and women for high and low scores. Playing of cards will start at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

2010 Cardinal Basketball Schedule

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| Dec. 3 & 4 - Lone Basketball Bonanza, 1 p.m. (JV) and 3 p.m. (V) | p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Feb. 1 - Condon/Wheeler at home, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) |
| Dec. 10 & 11 - Heppner Tournament, 3 p.m. (V) | Dec. 27 - at Irrigon, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Jan. 14 - at Condon, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Feb. 4 - at Echo, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) |
| Dec. 17 - at Horizon Christian, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Dec. 29 - Pilot Rock at home, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Jan. 15 - Sherman at home, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Feb. 5 - at Central Christian, 1 p.m. (GV, BV) |
| Dec. 18 - Helix at home, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Dec. 30 - at Riverside, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Jan. 21 - Echo at home, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Feb. 11 - at Helix, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) |
| Dec. 21 - at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Jan. 7 - at Nixyaawii, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Jan. 28 - Nixyaawii at home, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Feb. 12 - Dufur at home, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) |
| Dec. 23 - Culver at home, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Jan. 8 - Arlington at home, 2:30 p.m. (BJV, GV, BV) | Jan. 29 - at South Wasco, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | Feb. 17-19 - District Tournament in Umatilla |
| | Jan. 11 - Irrigon at home, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV) | | |

Heppner Varsity Wrestling Schedule

- Dec. 4 - at Grant Union, 10 a.m.
Dec. 10-11 - Muilenberg Tournament-La Grande, 4 p.m.
Dec. 16 - Pomeroy at home, 5 p.m.
Dec. 18 - Christmas Tournament-Milton Freewater, 9 a.m.
Dec. 29 - at Pomeroy, 2 p.m.
Dec. 30 - at Imbler, 2 p.m.
Jan. 7 - at Riverside (Duals), 2 p.m.
Jan. 8 - at Riverside Rumble, TBA
Jan. 14-15 - at Oregon Classic-Redmond, 10 a.m.
Jan. 20 - Heppner 5-Way, 5 p.m.
Jan. 22 - at Kittitas Tournament, 10 a.m.
Jan. 29 - at Irrigon Tournament, 5 p.m.
Feb. 5 - BEO Invitational, 9 a.m.
Feb. 11-12 - at Halfway Tournament, 2 p.m.
Feb. 18-19 - District Tournament at Enterprise, 2 p.m.

HHS Boys' Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 3 - Imbler at home, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4 - at Tri Cities Prep, 6 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Heppner Tournament, 3 p.m.
Dec. 11 - Heppner Tournament, 11 a.m.
Dec. 17 - at Elgin, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 18 - Union HS at home, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 21 - at Imbler, 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28 - Christmas Tournament, 3 p.m.
Dec. 29 - Christmas tournament, 1 p.m.
Jan. 4 - Tri Cities Prep at home, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7 - at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8 - Irrigon at home, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 - Pilot Rock at home, 7 p.m.
Jan. 15 - at Weston-McEwen, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 21 - Enterprise at home, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 22 - Elgin at home, 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 - at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29 - Weston-McEwen at home, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 - at Enterprise, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 - at Union, 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 11 - at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12 - Stanfield at home, 5:30 p.m.

HHS Girls' Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 3 - Imbler at home, 3 p.m.
Dec. 4 - at Tri Cities Prep, 1 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Heppner Tournament, 3 p.m.
Dec. 11 - Heppner Tournament, 11 a.m.
Dec. 17 - at Elgin, 6 p.m.
Dec. 18 - Union HS at home, 4 p.m.
Dec. 21 - at Imbler, 3 p.m.
Dec. 28 - Christmas Tournament, 3 p.m.
Dec. 29 - Christmas tournament, 1 p.m.
Jan. 4 - Tri Cities Prep at home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 7 - at Stanfield, 3 p.m.
Jan. 8 - Irrigon at home, 1 p.m.
Jan. 14 - Pilot Rock at home, 3 p.m.
Jan. 15 - at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Jan. 21 - Enterprise at home, 6 p.m.
Jan. 22 - Elgin at home, 4 p.m.
Jan. 28 - at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
Jan. 29 - Weston-McEwen at home, 4 p.m.
Feb. 4 - at Enterprise, 6 p.m.
Feb. 5 - at Union, 4 p.m.
Feb. 11 - at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
Feb. 12 - Stanfield at home, 4 p.m.

Heppner Jr. High Girls' Basketball Schedule

- Jan. 7 - Lone at Heppner, TBA
Jan. 8 - at Dufur (A team only), 9 a.m.
Jan. 15 - at Umatilla, 8 a.m.
Jan. 22 - Heppner Tourney, 8 a.m.
Jan. 28 - Heppner Tournament, 9 a.m.
Jan. 29 - Heppner Tournament, 8 a.m.
Feb. 4 - at Mount Vernon, 9 a.m.
Feb. 5 - at Riverside, 8 a.m.

Heppner Jr. High Boys' Basketball Schedule

- Nov. 13 - at Irrigon, 8 a.m.
Nov. 20 - at Pilot Rock, 8 a.m.
Dec. 4 - at Riverside, 8 a.m.
Dec. 10 - at Echo, 9 a.m.
Dec. 11 - Heppner Tourney, 9 a.m.
Dec. 17 - Heppner Tournament, 9 a.m.
Jan. 7 - Lone at Heppner, TBA
Jan. 8 - at Dufur (A team only), 9 a.m.

"CHRISTMAS IS"

Sunday, December 5th
- 2:00 pm - matinee
- 7:00 pm

At the United Methodist Church, Heppner
Monday, December 6th
- 7:00 pm

A community musical featuring a women's chorale, elementary and high school students & musical instruments.

For tickets call
Jan Stroeber 541-676-5824
Adults- \$10.00 Children \$5.00
Refreshments served

MORROW COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS.
SOUTH END 57185 HWY 74, LEXINGTON AND
NORTH END 69900 FRONTAGE LN,
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FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS
SATURDAY DECEMBER 25, 2010
SATURDAY JANUARY 1, 2011

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IT ALLOWS OUR ATTENDANTS TO BE WITH THEIR FAMILIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.
MORROW COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS 541-989-9500.

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Morrow County Health District is Offering Free Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Assistance

Morrow County Health District will hold Free Medicare Part D consultation appointments to help you determine the best prescription plan for your specific needs. Plans change each year so it's important to review your coverage every year!
We will be scheduling appointments for the following locations on the following dates:

HEPPNER	
December 1, 2, 7, 9, 15, 16, 20, 21, 28, 30	IONE
December 14	IRRIGON
December - Will Depend on Appointments Scheduled	

Call 676-9133 or 1-800-737-4113 Mon. - Fri.
9 am - 5 pm to schedule your consultation appointment.

PLEASE BRING YOUR MEDICARE CARD & A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS.
List should contain name of medication, dosage and how often taken - or bring medication bottles.