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HEALTH DISTRICT

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June 30. Mills said that the board intends to appoint someone from Irrigon to fill LaRue's spot.

The district presented LaRue with an engraved watch.

In other business, the board:

-learned that Blauer met with people from the Condon clinic. He said the clinic has hired a new physician's assistant from Iowa, following the retirement of Dr. Carlson after 30-some years of serving the Condon area.

-learned from Blauer that he met with Oregon Health Sciences University cardiology services personnel concerning the possibility of once again providing cardiology care at Pioneer Memorial Clinic with Dr. Hanlon or another physician. Dr. Hanlon, who had previously provided cardiology care at PMC through a Bend hospital, is now affiliated with OHSU.

-learned that there are now four people in long-term care at Pioneer Memorial Hospital and four in the swing-bed area and that the long-term care census had been up, but then dropped with a patient transferring out. "We're appreciative of being able to take care of people," said Blauer. "It's not just the money."

-heard from Blauer that he had heard "a lot of positive feedback" about the new PA at the Irrigon Clinic.

-learned from Blauer that the district has purchased a full-color newsletter which will be mailed to people in the

district. He said the first edition should appear in mailboxes shortly.

-discussed holding a goal setting session some time later this year.

-learned that the Community Health Improvement Partnership packets have been completed and people have been sent out to complete interviews concerning comments on the district's current health care system, and communities' needs and wants, with the results expected by February 28.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had seven admissions for November, one swing bed admission, 10 admissions for observation, one swing nursing facility admission, 445 total outpatients, 72 total emergency room encounters, 1406 lab tests, 103 x-ray procedures, eight CT scans, 27 EKG tests, one treadmill procedure, six colonoscopy procedures, 40 respiratory therapy procedures; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 417 patient visits with 21 new patients, 52 patients seen by a nurse and 12 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 149 patient visits, 28 new patients, 66 seen by a nurse and five no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 15 total page-outs with 12 transports for \$16,413 in revenue, Boardman Ambulance had 35 total page-outs with 15 transports for \$17,315 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 23 total page-outs with 16 transports for \$15,976 in revenue, there were two flights; Home Health had 110 patient visits; pharmacy had 673 drug doses for \$46,604 in revenue.

Morrow County elected officials sworn into office



Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers on Monday performed the swearing in ceremony for Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer (top photo), County Commissioner Ken Grieb (middle photo), and County Judge Terry Tallman (bottom photo). -Photos by Autumn Morgan

Commercial Float Trophy awarded



Randall Peterson and Doris Brosnan present this year's Commercial Float Trophy to Community Bank representative Amy Kollman. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

At a late-fall committee meeting to discuss Heppner's Winter Holiday Event of December 16, the light parade became one topic and "How to increase the number of entries?" became a question.

Winning light-parade entries in several categories receive cash prizes along with bragging rights, but the commercial-float category did not have a designated prize. A suggestion of a traveling trophy was approved.

A hunt of trophies available from catalogs and internet businesses produced nothing that seemed appropriate. Instead, a holiday decoration became the centerpiece of a trophy de-

signed by Randall Peterson, with suggestions from his wife, Marlene.

Whether or not the "traveling trophy" served as an incentive, commercial entries in the light parade were three times as great as in previous years. A newcomer to Main Street Heppner became the first winner of the Commercial Entry Trophy. Community Bank now displays the trophy that features a star etched with its name and the year of its winning entry.

Next winter, Peterson will add another star to the trophy, which will travel to the next winner of the commercial category of the light parade.

Heppner FFA Alumni to meet

The Heppner FFA Alumni will meet Tuesday, January 11, at 7 p.m. in the AG classroom at Heppner High School. The Alumni will be hosting a feed at the home basketball game on January 21 so please plan to attend and help with the planning of that and other upcoming events. You didn't need to wear a blue corduroy jacket to be an alumni member.

Producers urged to signup for Conservation Stewardship Program, application period extended

The Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service has extended the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) cutoff date for accepting applications for the 2011-1 ranking period from January 7, 2011 until January 21, 2011. Agricultural and forestry landowners are encouraged to apply for the program.

CSP offers payments to producers who maintain a level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels

of stewardship. Eligible lands include cropland, pastureland, rangeland and non-industrial forestland. For this signup, applicants will compete for funding within state-identified ranking pools.

"CSP allows producers to meet their conservation objectives, while enhancing the sustainability of their operation," said Kacee Lathrop, district conservationist. "We encourage interested agricultural and forestry participants to visit with us as soon as possible to begin the application process."

For a full list of

requirements review the self-screening checklist at the county USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office or on the Oregon NRCS Web site at: <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov>.

CSP is a continuous sign-up and applications submitted by eligible producers after the January 21st cutoff will be considered during the next funding cycle.

For more information about the Conservation Stewardship Program in Oregon, visit their website at: <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov>.

DA's Report

The Morrow County District Attorney's Office has released the following report:

-Travis Levin Richards, 19, was convicted of Violation of Wildlife Laws w/Culpable Mental State, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to one year hunting license suspension, 180 days incarceration with 180 days suspended, 12 months bench probation, complete 40 hours of community service, other conditions, and pay \$1,348 in fines, fees, and assessments.

-Darwin David Smith, 23, was convicted of Contempt of Court + and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration with 90 days suspended, 12 months bench probation, complete 20 hours of community service, and other conditions. Smith was also convicted of another count of Contempt of Court + and was sentenced to 90 days incarceration with 90 days suspended, 12 months bench probation, complete 20 hours of community service, and other conditions. Total fines, fees, and assessments are \$1,316.

Community Lunch Menu

Heppner Christian Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, January 12, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include baked ham with raisin sauce, au gratin potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, applesauce, hot rolls, and apple crisp. Menu is subject to change.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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"A wise man's heart directs him toward the right, but the foolish man's heart directs him toward the left."

Ecclesiastes 10:2 or Ecl. 10:2

This quote brought to you by the Willow Creek Tea Party Patriots

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
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OR 1-877-695-4648 (1-888-MYLIMIT)

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