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Orem takes helm in Morrow County



New OWGL Morrow County president Eric Orem with outgoing president Shannon Rust. Orem will take over as president after Rust steps down at the end of the year. —Contributed photo

Shannon Rust, Oregon Wheat Growers League's Morrow County president since 2005, has decided to step down from the position effective December 31. Rust is a long-time member of the OWGL board, and has been recognized many times for her dedication and hard work. She was awarded Outstanding Committee Chair (Membership Committee) in 2005 and Outstanding County President (Morrow County) for 2009.

First Friday Friends of Jesus

The next session of First Friday Friends of Jesus will be held December 2 from 8 a.m. to noon at All Saints Episcopal Church on the corner of Church and Gale in Heppner. All children ages four through 12 are invited to join a morning filled with Bible stories, skits, crafts and games. Snacks and a free lunch are part of this once-a-month event, sponsored by the Shared Ministry of Hope Lutheran Church and All Saints Episcopal Church.

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Thursday December 1st
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FFA news

The Heppner FFA chapter competed in the FFA Ag Sales and Service Career Development Event on Friday, November 18 at Stanfield Secondary School. Heppner's FFA team competed at both the beginner and advanced levels.

Teams from throughout the district turned out to represent their chapters at the contest. Competitors were responsible for creating a product or service to sell during a 10-15 minute sales presentation. They also had to take a test and participate in a role play of a sales situation for customer service, prospecting, advertising or telephone sales. Advanced teams were also required to participate in a team activity, which was included in their final scores.

Heppner's beginning team took first place, beating out number-two team, Hermiston, and third-place winner, Echo. The beginner team consisted of Tommy Bredfield, Paige Grieb, Kaelyn Lindsay and Caitlynn Bailey.

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Shared Ministry Advent services

During the season of Advent, in addition to regular Sunday worship at 10 a.m., the Shared Ministry will gather on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. for soup, followed by a short worship service beginning at 7 p.m. The services will use the sung version of vespers known as Holden Evening Prayer.

These Advent gatherings will be held at All

Inland Northwest Christmas concert

The Inland Northwest Chorale and Orchestra will present their annual Christmas concert, "Experiencing Christmas," on Friday, December 9 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 10 at 4 p.m. The concerts will be held at Echo Community Center, 20 So. Bonanza, Echo, OR.

According to a release by the group, the program is designed to provide a mix of popular favorites and new music. Chorale selections include Carol of the Bells, Carol of the Drum, Celebration Bells, Sleigh Ride, Ya Viene La Vieja and A La Nanita Nana. The orchestra will be

Christmas trees available in Ione

The Ione High School greenhouse will be open for people to purchase fresh cut Christmas trees this week.

Hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 8 to 10 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prices range from \$25 to \$45 and will be posted at the greenhouse

vanced team took second place, after Hermiston. Echo placed third. The top three advanced teams have qualified to go on to the state Ag Sales and Service Contest to be held December 10 in Dayton.

The district job interview contest was also held November 18 in Stanfield. Individuals were required to send their resumes and cover letters ahead of time. They then filled out applications and were critiqued through their interviews. Results for the job interview career development event are as follows:

Advanced: 1st —Zech Hintz, Heppner; 2nd —Daniel Christianson, Pilot Rock; 3rd —Crystal Mitchell, Pendleton.

Beginner: 1st —Nick Levy, Pendleton; 2nd —Michael Hintz, Heppner; 3rd —Delaney Paullus, Pendleton. The top three in the advanced contest qualify to compete at the sectionals contest in LaGrande in February. The sectional winners will go on to compete at the annual state convention in Hermiston.

HEALTH DISTRICT

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ment that was down significantly, and a \$75,000 reimbursement from the unemployment department as some factors in the rosy bottom line.

In other business, the board:

—learned that Blauer returned a plan of correction to the state fire marshal outlining how the district will correct deficiencies, but has not yet received a reply. He said that he received a rough estimate of the cost of replacing sprinkler heads throughout Pioneer Memorial Hospital at \$50,000. He said he proposed to the fire marshal that PMH replace the sprinkler heads over a two-year period, but does not yet know if that will be acceptable. He added that he learned that protests had been made to the state because so many hospitals had been critiqued harshly by the new fire marshal, who pointed out deficiencies that had not been remarked at previous evaluations.

—learned Blauer had spoken with the Irrigon Fire Chief concerning the shared vehicle bay where the MCHD ambulance is currently stored. He said the chief indicated that the Irrigon Fire Department would like to construct a new building; however, it is uncertain where the ambulance would be stored in the future. The board discussed transferring the county's interest in the shared vehicle bay to the Irrigon Fire Department, remodeling the current Irrigon Medical Clinic and possibly creating an office for the MCHD paramedic in Irrigon, developing a larger meeting place there, but putting a vehicle bay for the Irrigon ambulance on the back burner.

"We've always had a good relationship [with the Irrigon Fire Department]," remarked Mills. Board member Leann Rea requested that a written statement outlining MCHD's relationship with the IFD be developed.

—opted to cancel the MCHD Board meeting in December due to scheduling conflicts with the holidays. The board will receive financial reports and agreed to schedule a special phone meeting if necessary.

—approved the 2012 board meeting calendar as follows with all meetings scheduled to be held on Monday beginning at 7 p.m.: Jan. 30, Ione Community Church; February 27, Sand Hollow Room, Port of Morrow, Boardman; March 26, Home Health Office, Heppner; April 30, Mor-

row County School District Office, Lexington; May 21, Home Health Office; June 25, Morrow County Annex building, Irrigon; July 30, Ione Community Church; August 27, Home Health Office; September 24, Sand Hollow Room; October 29, school district office; Nov. 26, Home Health office; Dec. 31, Morrow County Annex.

—received the following profit/loss statement for October: \$631,241 in gross patient revenue and -\$9,738 in total revenue deductions for \$640,980 in net patient revenue, \$102,894 in tax revenue and \$7,954 in other operating revenue for \$751,830 in total operating revenue; \$645,990 in total operating expenses, a non-operating gain of \$84,347 for a \$190,186 gain for the month (a \$19,420 average monthly year-to-date gain).

—approved the district's governance policy with minor adjustments.

—heard a brief report on the Community Health Improvement Plan and the "biggest winner" challenge promotion to get underway in January, which includes a weight-loss contest with optional weekly weigh-ins, classes such as yoga, and other health-related opportunities.

—heard concerns from board member David Burns regarding diversity on the board.

—received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 420 patient visits for the month with 34 new patients, 89 patients seen by a nurse and 13 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 177 patient visits with 27 new patients, 67 seen by a nurse and 10 no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 30 total page-outs with 26 transports for \$41,803 in revenue, Boardman Ambulance had 29 page-outs with 13 transports for \$17,332 in revenue, Irrigon Ambulance had 22 page-outs with 16 transports for \$18,657 in revenue, there were three life flights; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had four admissions, three swing bed admissions, seven admitted for observation, 462 total outpatients, 83 emergency room encounters, 1,553 lab tests, 110 x-ray procedures, 24 CT scans, 31 EKG tests, one treadmill procedure, six colonoscopy procedures, two endoscopy procedures, nine respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 144 patient visits; Hospice had two admissions; and pharmacy had 1,072 drug doses for \$53,374 in drug revenue.

Tree lighting, open house Thursday

The city of Heppner will usher in the Christmas season with Christmas tree lighting and a merchants' open house on December 1 at 5:30 p.m. on Main Street.

The tree-lighting ceremony will include carolers, special activities, and hot chocolate and desserts available for purchase to support Heppner Elementary School. Merchants will also have special activities, and will stay open late to accommodate Christmas shoppers.

MORROW COUNTY PARKS BOARD WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 2011 AT 1:00 PM AT THE COLUMBIA BASIN ELECTRIC CO-OP ROOM AT 171 WEST LINDEN WAY HEPPNER, OREGON AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS, REVIEW OF PARKS, GRANTS, AND PROJECTS. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND

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