

IRRIGON CLINIC

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 -learned from Blauer that "because of the recent health care reform measure, hospitals are now required to conduct a community health needs assessment." Blauer said that "Our assessment was done in conjunction with the Community Health Improvement Partnership's effort and the results of our work in this area were reviewed."

"The board approved our plan to address some of the issues identified in the assessment and they emphasized how much they appreciate all that our organization and our staff members have done to support our communities," he said.

-learned that the district lost \$6,211 for the month of May with \$604,206 in gross patient revenue, less \$10,583 in bad debts and a larger-than-normal deduction for contractual and other adjustments (Medicaid and Medicare) in the amount of \$84,310, and received \$102,894 in tax revenues and \$11,733 in other operating revenue for \$623,733 in total operating revenue. The district had \$638,631 in total operating expenses and \$8,686 in non-operating gains. The district still shows a

\$10,992 average monthly year-to-date gain.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 405 patient visits with 17 new patients, 27 seen by a nurse and 11 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 179 patient visits, 27 new patients, 47 seen by a nurse and nine no shows; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had two admissions, five swing bed admissions, 10 admitted for observation, 478 total outpatients, 71 total emergency room encounters, 1573 lab tests, 122 x-ray procedures, 20 CT scans, 22 EKG tests, one treadmill procedure, five colonoscopy procedures, two endoscopy procedures, 54 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 104 patient visits; Hospice had three admissions; pharmacy had 1,172 drug doses for \$77,049 in drug revenue; Heppner Ambulance had 21 total page-outs with 17 transports for \$21,816 in revenue, Boardman Ambulance had 36 total page-outs with 18 transports for \$23,070 in revenue, and Irrigon Ambulance had 22 total page-outs with 14 transports for \$16,486 in revenue; there were two flights.

Public meetings planned on Heppner Wind project

Two public meetings are scheduled for the proposed 310-turbine Heppner Wind Farm. One is to be held on July 10 at 6 p.m. at the Stanfield Elementary School and the other will be on July 11, 6 p.m. at Heppner City Hall.

State officials will be on hand to answer questions about the project.

Pizza time

By Aaron Smythe

On June 11, the seven members of the Ione Community 4-H foods group met at the Ione Community Church. Each member made a pizza for their family dinner. Types of crust were thin, herb, pan crust and whole wheat. Members could choose from several meats, lots of vegetables and two types of cheese for toppings. Most popular were Canadian bacon and pineapple, three meat and garlic chicken.

The club's next meeting will be July 7; club members will go over fair registrations and learn about strawberries.

No fireworks on Nat'l Forest lands

Fireworks and forests don't mix, the U.S. Forest Service reminds everyone. Whether planning to spend the holiday camping at a favorite campground or enjoying one of several back-country trails or scenic drives, one message remains consistent: leave fireworks at home.

Forest regulations prohibit possessing, discharging or using any kind of fireworks, including sparklers and smoke bombs, on National Forest lands.

Regulations are enforced, and a violation is punishable as a misdemeanor by fine or imprisonment, or both. Violators will be fined and, if found responsible for starting a forest fire, can be held liable for costly fire-suppression expenses.

Forest visitors are also reminded to be careful when smoking or building campfires in the forest. Please ensure that all campfires are extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving them.

NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner

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

The average temperature was 59.5 degrees, which was 3.3 degrees below normal. High temperatures averaged 71.8 degrees, which was 4.8 degrees below normal. The highest was 85 degrees on the 22nd. Low temperatures averaged 47.1 degrees, which was 1.8 degrees below normal. The

lowest was 33 degrees, on the 10th.

Precipitation totaled 2.49 inches during June, which was 1.11 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation of at least .01 inch was received on 12 days, with the heaviest, 0.80 inches, reported on the fifth.

Precipitation this year has reached 10.39 inches, which is 1.73 inches above normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 12.19 inches, which is 0.53 inches below normal.



The outlook for July from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near- to above-normal temperatures and near- to below-normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during July are 85.7 degrees and normal lows are 53.9

degrees. The 30-year normal precipitation is 0.33 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

Bank of EO, employees donate to Relay for Life



Bank of Eastern Oregon's Morrow County branches were among the American Cancer Society's sponsors for the Relay for Life held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds on June 30 and July 1. From holding branch fundraisers to volunteering for hours at the actual event, BEO employees (L-R) Laurie Barrow, Becky Sparks, Sharon Rietmann, Tricia Rollins, Arlynda Gates, Anna Wedding and Shelli Britt (not pictured) were instrumental in pulling off the event, held for the first time in Heppner. Bank of EO and its employees say they "look forward to making this an annual event and encourage members of the community to join in the fight for this worthy cause." -Contributed photo

RACKSPACE AGREEMENT

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 amount it pays to the local utility for its use of kilowatt hours of electricity at the Facility. This fee will be annually calculated based on electricity usage through June of the particular year.

According to the agreement, Rackspace will also participate (pay into) all newly issued bonded indebtedness in Morrow County. Payment for new bonds will only be for voter-approved new bonds and not for refinancing bond issues.

In order to receive the property tax exemptions, Rackspace agreed to several employment and investment conditions. In the agreement, Rackspace must hire at least 35 full-time employees at the facility, and their annual average pay must be equal to or greater than 150 percent of Morrow County's annual wages. The company also

agreed to spend at least \$25 million on constructing the data facility.

Although the exact nature of the business that will be conducted at the new facility was not spelled out in the agreement, Rackspace is mainly known for providing website hosting, e-commerce hosting, cloud computing and other corporate database services.

According to the online information source Wikipedia, Rackspace is an IT hosting company based in Texas, with offices in Australia, the United Kingdom, The Netherlands and Hong Kong and with data centers operating in Texas, Illinois, Virginia, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong. Its clients include 40 percent of the members of the Fortune 100. In 2011, the company was named as one of the top 100 places to work by Fortune Magazine.



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BURNING BAN

Effective July 5, 2012, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner is imposing a **CLOSED SEASON** for open burning based on local fire safety concerns.

This burning ban is for the City of Heppner. A reminder that open burning also includes a "burn barrel."

The closed season will remain in effect until further notice this fall as per **ORS 478.960.**


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