

Artifactory this weekend

The annual Artifactory and craft fair will be held this Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center on the corner of Main and Willow in Heppner.

Admission is free to the public. Aside from a variety of vendors, the senior center will have cinnamon rolls, hot dogs, Polish dogs, stew, French bread, drinks and more.

Proceeds from table rental and food sales go to St. Patrick's Senior Center to keep the doors open and the space available for community events.

Call 541-676-5826 for more information.

Holly Rebekah to host card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will host its November card party on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the lodge hall in Lexington. Play will start at 7 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. Snacks will be served throughout the evening.

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
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HEALTH DISTRICT

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Pioneer Memorial Hospital has used the district's new telestroke machine at least four times.

"It has worked slick," said Rhea.

With the machine, local care providers can immediately access medical experts for assistance in assessing stroke victims. Rhea also said another new piece of equipment, the "glidescope," has also been "a huge life saver."

"We've already used the glidescope many times and it's just amazing," she said.

The glidescope allows for much easier intubation (insertion of a tube into a person's trachea, into the lungs to assist breathing) of patients.

-learned from Rhea that the district is ordering a new, easier to use ventilator with financial help from the Hospital Foundation.

-heard from CEO Mike

Blauer that the hospital has increased its swing bed and long-term-care patient census. Blauer commended Rhea for her work in increasing patient loyalty. Blauer said that Willow Creek Assisted Living is also full or nearly full.

-heard from board member David Burns concerning the large number of medical-related jobs nationwide that will be lost following the proposed cut in Medicare. The monies formerly used to fund Medicare will soon be used to fund Obamacare. Burns also said that, according to information he had received, 80 percent of the people in Oregon live within 20 miles of the Willamette River, which dramatically affects voting trends throughout the state and results in issues important to people in rural areas taking a back seat.

-learned from Blauer that the timeline for the

Irrigon Clinic remodel is progressing favorably.

-learned from Mahoney that the district lost \$2,275 for the month of September, with \$567,931 in gross patient revenue, down from \$701,064 in August; with \$14,515 in bad debts; a \$109,305 deduction for Medicare/Medicaid contractual and other adjustments; \$99,405 in tax revenue; \$130,350 in other operating revenue for \$673,866 in total operating revenue; \$686,587 in total operating expenses; and \$10,445 in non-operating revenue for the \$2,275 loss. The district still maintains a \$49,546 average monthly gain.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 366 patient visits in September with 35 new patients, 23 seen by a nurse and 12 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 177 patient visits with 21 new patients, 48 seen by a nurse

and 10 no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 18 total page-outs with 17 transports for \$20,743 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 18 total page-outs with six transports for \$8,555 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 20 total page-outs with 11 transports for \$18,466 in revenue; there was one life flight; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had one admission, three swing bed admissions, seven admitted for observation, 399 total outpatient visits, including the emergency room, 71 emergency room encounters, 1,344 lab tests, 82 x-ray procedures, 24 CT scans, nine EKG tests, four treadmill procedures, six colonoscopy procedures, two endoscopy procedures, 19 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 108 nursing visits; Hospice had one admission; and pharmacy had 679 drug doses for \$98,075 in drug revenue.

Book fair in Ione

Ione invites area residents to visit its scholastic book fair and experience what coordinators call "A celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives."

The book fair will be held Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 7-8, from 3-8 p.m. in the Ione Elementary School gym.

The scholastic book fair theme—All-Star Book Fair: Every Reader Is a Star!—is part of an exciting reading event that brings to school a selection of fun, engaging and affordable books kids want to read. There are many books and fun things for all ages.

"It's a great time to buy for your friends and family this holiday season," says one event coordinator. "Everyone is welcome."

HHS to hold parent conferences

Heppner High School will be holding parent-teacher conferences on Friday, Nov. 2, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., and Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 4-8 p.m. Parents are invited to stop by to pick up report cards and visit with teachers in classrooms during these times.

Children's theater to perform

Are residents are invited to join Mary Lennox, Colin Craven, Archibald Craven, the Bugs that Rock and a host of others in a musical wonderland this Friday, Nov. 2, at 3 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. when the Missoula Children's Theatre and local students present an original musical adaptation of The

Secret Garden.

The Secret Garden will be presented in the Heppner High School Cafetorium. Admission is free.

The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Heppner is brought to you by the Friends of the Heppner Library with support from Morrow County Unified Recreational District.

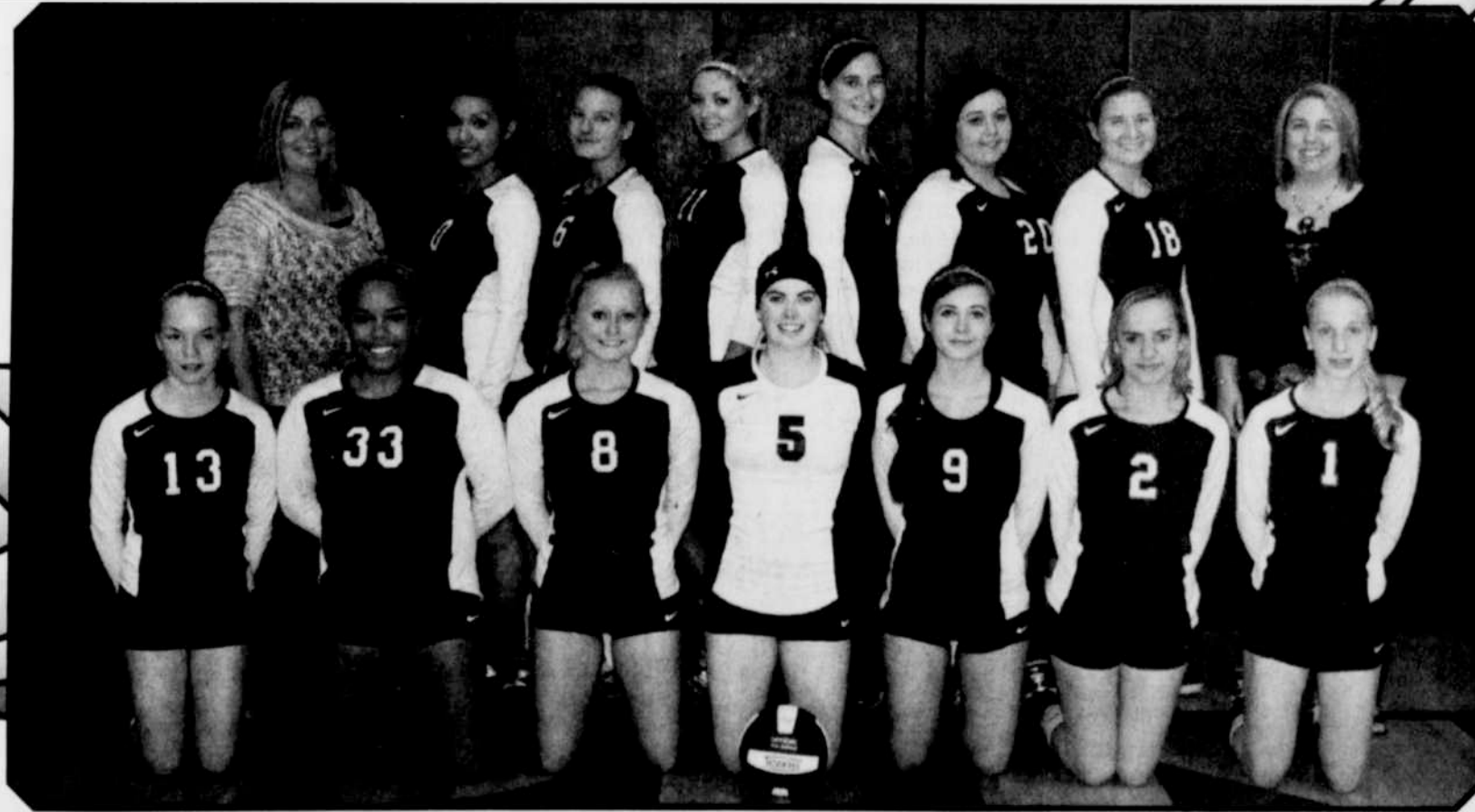
First Friday Friends of Jesus this week

The next session of First Friday Friends of Jesus will be held this Friday, Nov. 2, at All Saints Episcopal Church from 8 a.m. to noon. Children ages four through 12 are invited to attend a morning jam-packed with Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and a free lunch. Newcomers are always welcome.

Good Luck in the Playoffs Lady Cardinals!

State Playoff Game-

Ione v. Imbler @ Imbler High School 6:00 PM Wednesday, October 31



Back row-Coach Dawn Eynetich, Jaqueline Juarez, Jessie Flynn, Lacey Thompson, Rachel Holland, Jenna Taylor, Emily Holland, Coach Jill Martin
Front row-Emily Rea, Shadow Kendrick, Stacey Halvorsen, Lauren Garrett, Alisha Taylor, Brianna Snyder, Ann Rietmann

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