

## Health dept. gets Wildhorse grant



(L-R): Morrow County Judge Terry Tallman, Public Health Director Sheree Smith and Morrow County Commissioner Leann Rea. -Contributed photo

The Morrow County Health Department has been the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation. The grant funds were used to accomplish an expansion and remodel of the Boardman Public Health office. The office remains at the same physical location, but the entrance is now on the north side of the building.

The remodel included creating three exam rooms (there were previously two), an office space for documentation, a bathroom in the exam area, an immunization station and a lab area boasting both a clean

and dirty sink area. The expansion and improvements also include water access to each of the rooms to provide the needed physical requirements to meet the objectives of improved efficiency of service delivery and increase capacity to respond in an emergency situation.

The exam area is located within a separate wing, improving the spatial use of the building to support program delivery and achieve better client flow through the clinic, as well as increase client confidentiality.

## Essay, artwork contest held



(L-R): Jack Lehman, Madelyn Nichols and Hannah Palmer. -Contributed photo

Oregon and Morrow County Family and Community Education members recently joined members across the nation in sponsoring an essay and artwork contest for fourth-grade students.

This contest is held annually; the theme for 2012-2013 was "trustworthiness." Students are asked to write an essay and draw a picture involving the theme.

The winners for the 2012-2013 contest in Morrow County were from Mrs. Gibbs' class at Heppner Elementary School.

First Place: Hannah Palmer. Hannah also won third place in the state. Honorable Mentions: Jack Lehman and Madelyn Nichols. They were recognized in a school assembly on Wednesday afternoon, May 29.

## Sign up to comment at DEQ public hearing

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has just opened public comments and registration for the public hearings on the newly-released draft permits for the Morrow Pacific project on a first-come, first-served basis. With only 720 slots in total, those wanting to comment should sign up for a slot as soon as possible.

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## Youth fishing derby 'reel' fun



Blake Walton (pictured above with ODFW staff) received the largest fish in the Junior group and also the total overall catch of day. -Contributed photo

Morrow County Parks and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife recently hosted the eighth annual Youth Fishing Derby.

The derby was held at Cutsforth Park Pond on June 1 from 8 a.m. till 11 a.m. The nice weather during the event brought out many families to participate in the event, even if there were multiple events happening around the area. Area businesses were very generous again this year. Pettyjohn's Farm and Building Supply donated a box of bobbers, which allowed each registered participant to receive a bobber. Mike's Mobile Slaughter and Processing donated hot dogs for all to enjoy. The Cason family purchased a 20" bicycle in memory of John Cason to award as a raffle prize. Granite Northwest donated several Bi-Mart gift cards, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Community Bank, Columbia Basin Electric Co.-Op., Morrow County Court, Ferguson Surveying and Engineering, Adam's Distributing, and Heppner Elk's Lodge (BPOE #358) all made contributions that allowed the purchasing of trophies, participant ribbons, water, lunch supplies and prizes for the raffle. Volunteers Betty Gray, Wayne Hams, Nancy and Allen Anderson, Rick and Anita Peterson, Dave and Roberta Jones, Kirsti and Jim Cason, Glen Ward, and the Department and Fish and Wildlife staff helped keep things on track and running efficiently.

With the weather being as nice as it was, and multiple events and graduations in the area, the number of participants was down slightly from last year. This year there were a total of 64 registered youth fishermen between the ages of two

and 14.

The derby began at the blow of a whistle; it was not long before the kids were landing fish. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) surprised everyone when participants learned the ODFW put a few trophy fish in the pond. Blake Walton, age six, was a very happy boy when he landed one of these extraordinary trophy fish, measuring 24-1/2" long.

As the event went along, many kids would bring up their prized catch to be measured and recorded, while others chose to bring their day's catch at the end of the derby. At 11 a.m., the whistle was blown and the derby officially ended; everyone was provided time to turn in their day's catch. Volunteers reviewed and calculated who had the largest fish in each age group, who had the smallest fish of day, and who had the highest total combined overall length. Several youth caught the five-fish limit for the derby, while others were not so successful.

Awards were presented to the following:

Peewee (0 - 5): Kylee Morgan, age 5. Fish measured 17 inches.

Junior (6-10): Blake Walton, age 6. Fish measured 24-1/2 inches.

Senior (10 - 14): Katie Munkers, age 14. Fish measured 15-1/2 inches.

Wee Fish (Smallest fish of day): Kami Holtz, Age 11. Fish measured 6-3/4 inches.

Total Highest Combined Length of Fish: This individual turned in only four fish of the five fish permitted—Blake Walton, age 6. Fish measured 24-1/2", 14-1/4", 13", and 13" for a total combined length of 64-3/4".

## Senior center to get new HVAC unit

The Heppner Housing Authority and St. Patrick's Senior Center have given the go-ahead to Heppner Heating to replace the heating and cooling system in the St. Patrick's Senior Center and apartment building on the corner of Main and Willow in Heppner. The system has been in disrepair for many years.

The total cost of the project is \$22,847.80, with an up-front payment of \$10,000 to order the equipment. The City of Heppner donated \$3,273.62 from the sale of the HUD house, and many others donated the \$6,337 through the Friends

Helping Friends Remembrance Walk. Due to those gifts, Heppner Heating received a \$10,000 check on May 29 and the new unit has been ordered.

The unit should arrive in about 30 days and the replacement process can start, weather permitting. A crane will be used to remove the old unit from the roof and place the new one. The entire project will take two to three days.

The balance of \$12,847.80 will have to be paid upon completion; the senior center is in the process of requesting a grant to help with this amount.

**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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## A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

Maybe a revision of the "April showers will bring May flowers" line from the song would better describe Heppner right now: "May showers will bring June flowers." Residents at Willow Creek Terrace, when they meander out between rainfalls to the patio, the gazebo, and the rock wall of plants, can see that the promise of blooms increases rapidly. And while waiting for those June flowers, they can enjoy their several potted plants thick with blossoms.

The weather did not deter the Heppner High School students who came to work on Mustang Mop-Up. Though mud was a challenge with some jobs, 15 workers persisted in the morning and 23 returned to continue the work after lunch. Their diligence made a tremendous difference at the Terrace, as they left the flower pots and beds and the garden weeded, the wet-dry garden completed, and the windows and screens and the building sparkling clean. Residents and staff are immensely impressed by these students.

Time indoors has not been wasted by the residents. Though they appreciate their individual time in their apartments, opportunities to socialize continue to enhance life on the Hill. A favorite activity following their morning exercises is a discussion of the particular day's special meaning. On May 8, the observance of Victory in Europe in 1945 led to conversation about World War II, its impact on individuals, and the differences between life then and life now. That was also the day designated as World Red Cross Day, which brought some memories of having served in the Red Cross, of blood drives and giving blood, and of the lives that residents know were impacted by this organization. Limerick Day, on May 12, always brings lighter discussion and laughter. The nickel was introduced to USA coins in 1866, and on commemoration of this event, on May 16, residents enjoyed a conversation about the several designs on nickels over these many years. May 23 is National Lucky Penny Day, and that morning discussion included reminiscing about the tradition of a bride wearing a penny in her shoe on her wedding day to bring good luck. The discussion on Brothers Day, on May 24, became emotional for several who shared memories of their brothers. But the conversation about John Wayne on his May 26

birthday commemoration brought a spark to hearts who adored him in his many movies.

May has also been a month for showing appreciation to some people especially important to the Terrace residents. During Nurses Week, which began on the 12<sup>th</sup>, the Home Health and Hospice staffs were guests for lunch. And to show gratitude to their healthcare providers, who receive a day of recognition in May also, the Terrace community sends vegetable and fruit pizzas to the Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

As soon as weather permits, the planting of two trees will show the Terrace's commitment to May 16<sup>th</sup>'s Love a Tree Day, and the residents and staff couldn't let National Backyard Game Day go without activity, so on that rainy day, they took their yard games indoors for some fun.

Everyone appreciates the trees donated by the Heppner Garden Club, garden plants from Jan Stroeber, and the ongoing volunteer help with planting and weeding of their garden by a local youth group. ConAgra Foods continues to donate cases of frozen foods, and the Odd Fellows continue to provide some food.

Food and drink seem to play a part in life on the Hill, come rain or shine, and May offered several celebrations of both with designated days of recognition. Coke is paid tribute on May 8, butterscotch brownies made May 9 special, the 14<sup>th</sup> was Buttermilk Biscuit Day, Cherry Cobbler and Pizza shared their special day on the 17<sup>th</sup>, Devil's Food Cake was commemorated on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and the month of these special days ended with Mint Julep Day on the 30<sup>th</sup>. These do add some zip to the menus.

Adding another type of zip to life on the Hill is the new resident Colleen Kitch, who moved in on May 23. Colleen is a long-time resident of the Willow Creek Valley, so she is no stranger to many of her new neighbors. By the time she celebrates her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 30, she will surely know all her neighbors, who will, no doubt, enjoy her choice of tacos for her special lunch.

One more apartment remains available at Willow Creek Terrace, so interested readers are encouraged to call 541-676-0004 for information. When a new neighbor moves in, residents will view the individual as a welcome addition to their community.

## Students learn crop science



Students from Lone Community School got a hands-on experience on the first annual crop tour as part of their course requirement for crop science, a college level class through Blue Mountain Community College. Tyler Hansell of 12-H, Inc. toured students through watermelon, potatoes, alfalfa, onions, corn and wheat production, and helped them understand groundwater recharge for irrigation. Pictured L-R are Joe Doherty, Daniel Holtz, Bailey Haguewood and T.J. Patton. Not pictured are Evan Rietmann, Kirk Haguewood, Luke Jobs, Jason Thompson and Karina Rios. -Photo by Erin Heideman