

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
MORROW COUNTY  
LAND USE HEARING**

**THE MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION** will hold a joint workshop with the Morrow County Court on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. with the following hearings of public interest at 7:00 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center in Boardman, Oregon.

Conditional Use Permit CUP-N-308: Dan Williams, applicant and owner. The property is described as tax lots 1400 and 1402 of Assessor's Map 2N 23. The property is on Highway 74 at approximately milepost 11 and is zoned Exclusive Farm Use. Request is to approve two non-farm dwellings. Criteria for approval include Morrow County Zoning Ordinance Article 6.

Land Partition LP-N-440: Patrick and Vickie McNamee, applicants; Robert and Anne Peterson, owners. The property is described as tax lot 600 of Assessor's Map 5N 27 21. The property is located south of Highway 730 and west of Rand Road and is zoned Rural Residential. Request is to partition the property into two parcels. Criteria for approval include Morrow County Subdivision Ordinance Article 5.

The joint workshop will provide the County Court and the Planning Commission the opportunity to review the pending Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance and respective map changes for the Umatilla Army Depot property within Morrow County. Documents to be reviewed will be the exceptions statement, Comprehensive Plan policies, proposed use zones along with proposed maps. It is anticipated that hearings for these changes would begin April 29th in front of the Planning Commission.

Opportunity to voice support or opposition to the above proposal or to ask questions will be provided. Failure to raise an issue in person or by letter or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals based on those issues. Copies of the staff report and all relevant documents will be available after March 7, 2014. For more information, please contact the Planning Department at 541-922-4624 or 541-676-9061, extension 5506.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2014  
MORROW COUNTY  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Ordinance notice

The City of Heppner will hold a public hearing March 10, 2014 to accept testimony regarding the testing of ORDINANCE 6-4-3-F ALLOWING THE STORAGE OF VEHICLES WITH A PERMIT. The hearing will be held March 10th at 7:00 PM, at Heppner City Hall 111 N Main St. at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Copies of the proposed ordinance changes are available for viewing at Heppner City Hall between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Kim Cutsforth City Manager.  
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**HEALTH DISTRICT**

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briefly mentioned.

-learned from Grigg that the district's contract with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) is to expire July 1. He said that district administrative staff met with union reps the previous week to begin negotiations. Mills said that over the years the district's relationship with AFSCME has been "pretty good."

-heard from Grigg that ductless heating and cooling units are in the process of being installed in the hospital's patient rooms and in "other key areas" around the hospital.

"Once complete, these units should significantly improve the quality of heating and air conditioning and comfort for our patients and staff," he said.

With the new units, patients can control the heating and cooling in each room. Installation is expected to be completed in a couple weeks.

-learned from Grigg that all employees, providers and board members are invited to the district's employee recognition banquet to be held this Friday, Feb. 28, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Employees and providers who have

"reached milestones of service" will be recognized, as well as "the outstanding work that is occurring throughout the health district," he said.

-approved early changes to Dr. Russ Nichols' contract, which will bring his contract into line with other providers' contracts in the district. Dr. Nichols' contract was previously set to expire July 14, but will now commence on Feb. 25 and continue until Feb. 25, 2017, unless 90 days' notice is given. His employment may be terminated by the district "only for good cause shown." An automatic three-year renewal is

available to him.

-received the following reports for January: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 405 patient visits for the month, 11 new patients, 53 seen by a nurse and 11 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 225 patient visits for the month, 33 new patients, 48 seen by a nurse and four no-shows; Heppner Ambulance had 26 total page-outs with 22 transports for \$39,277 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 23 page-outs with 13 transports for \$17,853 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 23 page-outs with 15 transports for \$19,156 in revenue; there were two flights; Pioneer

Memorial Hospital had five admissions, three swing bed admissions, 11 admitted for observation, two admitted for hospital respite, one swing nursing facility admission, 448 total out-patients, 45 emergency room encounters, 1,608 lab tests, 95 x-ray procedures, 10 CT scans, 19 EKG tests, five colonoscopy procedures, two endoscopy procedures, one colonoscopy procedure, 18 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 135 patient visits; Hospice had four admissions; Pharmacy had 2,495 drug doses for \$99,155 in drug revenue.

**Heppner players sweep the board at chess tournament**



Top: Elementary school chess participants (in no particular order) Jackson Lehman, Tyson Vawser, Felix Matthew, Cedie Dayadante, Brian Lindsay, Ty Boor, Hailey Wenberg, Sebastian Garcia, Kells Ferguson, Nickolas Wenberg, Morgan Cutsforth and Adan Guerra. Center: Middle school top players (in no particular order) Mitch VonGuten, Reiah Waite, Jimmy Adams, Gavin Hanna and Leo Waite. Bottom: High school tournament champion Kai Arbogast (far right) with two of his competitors. *-Contributed photo*

Saturday, Jan. 22, the kings, queens, bishops and knights were waiting at Heppner Elementary School as the troops arrived for the Regional Chess for Success Tournament.

Teams came from five different schools, and every participant played at least five games. The divisions for the tournament were high school, junior high and elementary. There were

individual winners for each grade levels, as well as team winners for each division.

The competition was highly competitive; nevertheless, the Heppner players walked away with the top honors in every division, along with the individual trophies.

The participants for the elementary school were Jackson Lehman, Tyson Vawser, Felix Matthew, Cedie Dayadante, Brian Lindsay, Ty Boor, Hailey Wenberg, Sebastian Garcia, Kells Ferguson, Nickolas Wenberg, Morgan Cutsforth and Adan Guerra. The elementary school top six competitors were Jackson Lehman, Tyson Vawser, Cedie Dayadante, Felix Matthew, Sebastian Garcia and Hailey Wenberg.

The contestants for the middle school were Mitch VonGuten, Gavin Hanna, Jimmy Adams, Cody Wizner, Reiah Waite and Leo Waite. The middle school top players included Mitch VonGuten, Reiah Waite, Jimmy Adams, Gavin Hanna, and Leo Waite.

The sole competitor from Heppner High School was Kai Arbogast, who earned champion status for the three participating high schools.

The top chess players will compete in the Chess for Success State Tournament in Portland on March 14 and 15.

Students and coaches say they will be keeping their noses to the chessboard as they practice, practice, practice for their next big challenge.

**SAGE Center, Boardman Chamber host agriculture, energy job fair**

*Regional sustainable agriculture and energy career opportunities showcased*

BOARDMAN—A job fair focused on agriculture and energy is being held March 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, in Boardman.

The event is open to the public, giving attendees a chance to visit with area food processors, utilities, farms, local government agencies, educational institutions and forest products companies about careers, education and job-seeking help.

The event is the first of its kind at the SAGE

Center and is planned to be an annual event.

"It gives people the opportunity to connect with the region's leading agriculture and energy industries to discover rewarding careers," said Kalie Davis, SAGE Center manager.

Local high school students and college students have also been invited to the fair to see careers available in their communities and learn what kind of education they need to work in local industries.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Hearing Notice Morrow County Special Transportation Committee is holding an organizational meeting Thursday, March 13, 2014 to discuss the Special Transportation Plan update and review the

bylaws. The meeting will take place at 5pm, Stokes Landing Senior Center, 195 Opal Place, Irrigon, OR. Contact: Linda Skendzel 541-922-6420  
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**Local day care offers good cause close to home**

Worthy causes range from world hunger to a cure for cancer, but some good causes may be a little closer to home...such as Heppner DayCare.

"While we would all like to fundraise for a cure, the Heppner DayCare, Inc. fundraises to keep the doors open," said day care board members.

Heppner DayCare has been open approximately 28 years. Many people may not realize that the day care operates as a non-profit organization. It is an equal opportunity provider that is operated by a staff of three employees and six volunteer board members. The center provides childcare and preschool to the future generations of local communities.

What exactly is a non-profit organization? It's an entity that develops a business model that does not aim to earn a profit.

As a non-profit, the center offers childcare and preschool to local communities while refraining from accruing a profit for any needs that extend beyond the center's ability to carry out its services. In simplistic terms, any profit and all monies earned by the non-profit are immediately used for wages, monthly utilities and mortgage payments, supplies, building maintenance and healthy food items.

"While it might seem like we fundraise a lot, all money received is used so the center can stay open and provide the childcare and preschool services that are so desperately needed," said one board member.

It is true that non-profits don't earn any money at the end of a fiscal year, but

that's because the money is spent on the center's childcare and preschool programs, as well as paying its employees.

"As a non-profit, Heppner DayCare gains funding through a few grants, donations and, mainly, fundraising events, which is why we need the continued support of everyone in our communities," stressed another board member.

Some of the day care's fundraising events include hosting the Elks Ladies Night Dinner, Bill's Traveling Trivia, selling Sees Candy, working the Morrow County Fair gate and, coming again soon, Krispy Kreme. Krispy Kreme orders and payment will be due March 5.

"It will be 16 years in March that the Heppner DayCare, Inc. has employed myself as director/preschool teacher," said day care director Merry Chandler. "This position has given me a lifetime of memories with many children of many ages. Through the years children grow and look to me as 'Momma Merry'... what a wonderful gift!"

"The Heppner DayCare is full of patience, love and understanding, and without your children, we cannot teach and give those three morals that are valued. We are all about what is in the best interest of children."

Heppner DayCare hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for children age 30 months to 12 years. Rates are \$2.50/hr. Current childcare enrollment is 31. The day care serves USDA-approved meals/plans for breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Call 541-676-5429 for more information.

**Last Sat. outing for Nordic ski club**



The last scheduled Saturday ski for the Arbuckle Nordic Ski

Club found them on the 701 spur off the 53 road. Under cloudy skies, they crossed Pole Creek and headed north toward Arbuckle Mountain. They said trail conditions were good, with a bit of new snow added to the base recently, and everyone reportedly enjoyed the best warming fire of the season (above). Next weekend some of the group will be skiing into a cabin on Penland Lake.

*-Contributed photo*

**Businesses invited to participate in St. Patrick's welcome page**

Area businesses are invited to welcome St. Patrick's weekend visitors to our community and inform them of available goods and services by including ads in a special color spread in our March 12 edition.

Deadline for ad submission is March 7 at 5 p.m. Contact Megan at 541-676-9228 or megan@rapidserve.net for more information or to schedule an ad.