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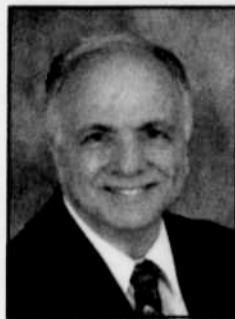
VOL. 133 NO. 30 8 Pages Wednesday, August 27, 2014 Morrow County, Heppner, Oregon

Three each to vie for mayor, council member positions

As of Tuesday, August 26, three people have thrown their hats in the ring to run for Heppner Mayor this fall and three have filed to run for a Heppner City Council position.

Mayoral candidates include incumbent Joe Perry, Cody High and Skip Matthews;

Council member candidates are incumbent Joanne Burleson, Adam Doherty and Glorene Lesperance.



Joe Perry



Cody High



Skip Matthews



Joanne Burleson



Adam Doherty



Glorene Lesperance

Local man severely injured in rollover crash

Brian Taylor, a 22-year-old wildland firefighter from Heppner, was severely injured when the pickup he was riding in rolled.

Taylor was a passenger in the 1980 Toyota pickup and was riding home from work on August 19 when the Toyota hit gravel on a corner and the truck rolled twice. The driver escaped with a few scratches and bruises. Taylor's side of the cab, however, caved in, crushing him.

After being airlifted to Seattle it was discovered that Brian's neck had been broken both in the front and in the back. It was thought at first that he would be paralyzed from the neck down permanently, but after a long surgery doctors are hopeful that he will regain feeling, said a spokesperson.

"We are praying for the best, but medical expenses are already piling



Car totaled in rollover

up," said the spokesperson. "Lifeflight is very expensive, surgeons, and soon there will be after-care and physical therapy. The Toyota was old and only had liability insurance, so there will be very little compensation from that. Please consider donating a few dollars to help Brian's family," they said.

A donation jar has been set up at Murray's Drug in Heppner or people may donate via credit or debit online at <http://www.gofundme.com/ddbvfk>.

A benefit bake sale will be held Aug. 29 and 30 at Murray's Drug in Heppner

A Bingo night fundraiser has also been set up for him to be held on Tuesday, September 9, from 6-8 p.m. at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

Cost to play will be \$5 a card, with all proceeds going to benefit him.

For more information about the Bingo night, call Shelli Britt, 541-676-5478.

Health district CEO earns good review

Following a very positive performance evaluation, the Morrow County Health District Board approved a five-percent raise for MCHD CEO Dan Grigg at their regular meeting Monday night in Heppner.

Board Chair John Murray expressed the board's satisfaction with Grigg and told him that the board also approved a bonus for him contingent on the district receiving a positive year-end audit. The five-percent raise, retroactive to July 1, will bring his salary up to \$126,000. The CEO also has the use of a district-owned house.

Newly appointed board member Jill Parker, Boardman, was present for her first meeting on the board. Parker, 40, is a vice president and com-

mercial loan officer with the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Boardman. She has been with BEO for 11 years and has lived in Boardman for 10. Parker is married and has three step-children.

The board also heard from Grigg concerning a grant proposal to establish a school based health clinic at the Ione School. He said that Ione was selected for the proposed school-based clinic because it is the furthest community from health care in Morrow County.

Grigg said that a target date for establishing the clinic is the end of the

school year. A site will still have to be established. He said that the building would be owned by the Ione School District and could possibly be sited across the street from the school where the buses are now parked. He said that the district's application for a grant for funding to establish the clinic will be submitted by the deadline which is at the end of the week.

According to Grigg, the clinic operation would tentatively be a partnership among Morrow County Health District, Morrow County Health

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New MCHD Board member Jill Parker

Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, Morrow County Rodeo announce 2014 results



Amateur Calf Roping Saddle winner Garrett Robinson with Jamie Helfreet, MCGG.

By Sue Gibbs

The 92nd annual Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo took place Aug. 14 -16 this year. The Slack started on a rainy Thursday evening during the Murray's Drug Wine and Beer tasting. The NPRA performances followed both Friday and Saturday evenings. A live band followed the rodeo action each night, Friday with Blue Tattoo and then Whiskey Union on Saturday. Following the pro rodeo, the Morrow County Rodeo brought local contestants to compete on Sunday the 17th. Attendance was up this year with the new rule change to include alumni plus their immediate families.

Dickenson Chiropractic started each rodeo by sponsoring the Mutton Bustin'. Hallee Hisler is the proud winner of the beautiful buckle this year. The B bar D Rodeos provided stock this year.

Kyle Bounds won the Bareback title, sponsored by Heppner Family Foods, with a score of 81 on "Slinky."

The Saddle Bronc title, sponsored by Communi-

ty Bank of Heppner, was claimed by Kade McLean on "Sage Hen" with an 86.

Gaining in popularity is the Ranch Bronc Riding. Wilkinson Ranch sponsored this buckle. First and second was split between Cole Rawlins and Gus King with a score of 78.

Les Schwab of Heppner sponsored the Bull Riding. Cameron Hopper had the only qualified bull ride with a score of 90. He also placed second in Bareback and fifth in Saddle Bronc. This secured Hopper the title for the magnificent All-Around Saddle this year, which was donated by The Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The timed events started off with Tie Down Roping, sponsored by Graybeal Distributing of Pendleton. Seth Hopper took home the Mike Currin Memorial buckle and this year's title with an 8.5 second tie.

Morrow County Grain Growers brought us Steer Wrestling. John Green ran a four-second-flat time for this year's buckle.

Team Ropers Jake Stanley and Bucky Camp-

bell roped their steer in 4.9. Team Roping is sponsored by our local Morrow County Wheat Growers.

The last of the timed events came with Wild Cow Milking. Charlie Barker of Powell Butte won in 16.7 in the Saturday performance.

The ladies events included Breakaway Roping and Barrel Racing. Wheatland Insurance and Tom Denchel Ford sponsored both these timed events. Hailey Hall had a large lead with a 1.8 time in the breakaway. Rainy Robinson of Caldwell also had a large lead with a 17.45 on the Friday night barrel racing. Robinson received the Janice Healy Davis memorial buckle this year, sponsored by Janice's family in her memory.

The Morrow County Jackpot rodeo brought out our local talent. The coveted Amateur Calf Roping saddle, sponsored by Morrow County Grain Growers, was won by Garrett Robinson this year. The calf riding this year stepped

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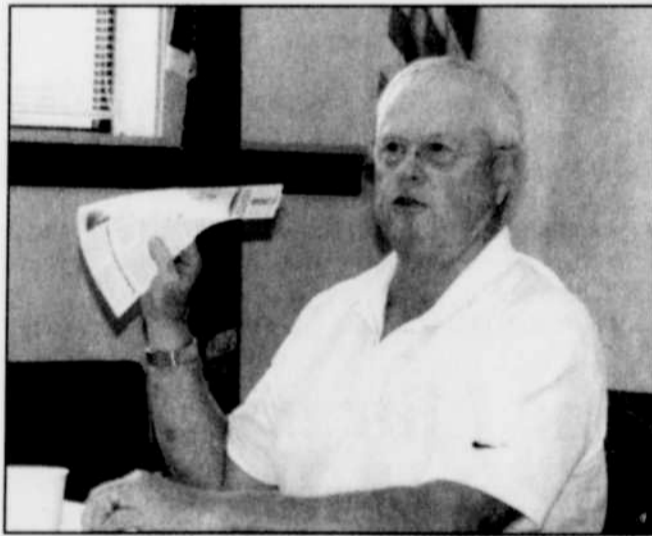
Port Manager gives update to Chamber of Commerce

Lots of economic development occurring

By David Sykes

The announcement of construction on a new cold storage rail facility, and the completion of the new Tillamook Cheese and ConAgra food expansions were just two of the accomplishments Port Manager Gary Neal reported last week when he visited the Heppner Chamber of Commerce lunch meeting. Neal said the \$14 million cold storage rail transload facility, planned for completion next spring, will be a big asset for the Port and for growers and processors in the area. "If we didn't step up and do it, it would be talkie out of the area," Neal said. See additional story in this week's paper.

Financed through a \$6 million grant from the Oregon Transportation Commission and \$8 million in matching Port



Port of Morrow General Manager Gary Neal told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce last week of new businesses and project coming into the Port of Morrow photo by David Sykes

money, the facility will include a 2,500-ft rail spur with switches, and 100,000 square feet of warehouse space. The cold storage facility will have 75,000 square feet of frozen space

and 25,000 sq. ft. of refrigerated space. The facility will be owned and operated by the Port, requiring an additional 25 port employees, Neal said.

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G-T closed for Labor Day

The Heppner Gazette-Times will be closed for the Labor Day holiday on Monday, Sept. 1. The deadline for all news and advertising for the Sept. 3 issue will be Friday, Aug. 29, at 5 p.m.

The G-T wishes everyone a happy and safe Labor Day weekend.

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