

HEALTH DISTRICT

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\$1,801 monthly payments.

District Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney reported that the district is in the black with a \$13,296 profit for the month, largely due to a \$75,662 wind-project payment. The district had a \$19,782 profit for December and a \$52,270 average monthly year-to-date loss.

Also at the meeting, Elizabeth Peterson, head of the MCHD business office and medical records, presented an overview of her department, which is facing numerous challenges with a new coding system. Each diagnosis has a specific code that must be keyed in to obtain correct billing charges. The billing depart-

ment is charged with scheduling admissions, verifying insurance, transcription, charging, coding, processing and releasing bills, collections, processing payments and issuing statements, among other duties.

Board Chair John Murray advised the board that two board positions will be up for election. He said that Barb Huwe, Irrigon, has indicated that she does not want to run for re-election; however, Jill Parker, Boardman, has indicated that she would like to stay on the board. Parker is a member of the Boardman City Council and works for the Bank of Eastern

Oregon. Aaron Palmquist, Irrigon, who was in attendance at the meeting, has indicated he would like to serve on the board. Palmquist is the Irrigon City Manager.



Aaron Palmquist

Director of Nursing Services Molly Rhea presented an overview of patient cardiac transport, which illustrated very favorable transport times for MCHD emergency services.

In other business, the board:

-learned that since the district has opened recruitment at the Irrigon Clinic to mid-level providers, the district has received an application from a nurse practitioner.

-reappointed radiolo-

gist Dr. Blair to the district's medical staff.

-heard that the district's second annual employee awards banquet to be held Friday, Feb. 27, at the Elks Lodge. All employees, providers and board members and their guests are invited to attend. All employees receiving longevity awards and the winners of the Service Excellence Award will be recognized.

-learned that the district is planning a year-long pre-diabetes education course and support program, jointly sponsored by MCHD and Morrow County Public Health.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had four admissions in January, two swing bed admissions, 12 admitted for observation,

two admitted for hospital respite care, one admitted to the swing nursing facility, 437 outpatients, 67 emergency room encounters, 1,312 lab tests, 121 x-ray procedures, 15 CT scans, 21 EKG tests, three colonoscopy procedures, 33 respiratory therapy procedures; Heppner Ambulance had 32 page-outs with 23 transports for \$39,919 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 38 page-outs with 27 transports for \$38,054 in revenue; Irrigon Ambu-

lance had 28 page-outs with 15 transports for \$20,299 in revenue; there were four flights; Home Health had 128 patient visits; Hospice had three admissions; Pharmacy had 1,199 drug doses for \$68,917 in drug revenue; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 438 patient visits with 12 new patients, 40 seen by a nurse and eight no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 225 patient visits with 29 new patients, 48 seen by a nurse and 12 no-shows.

Road bowling returns to St. Pat's weekend

Road bowling enthusiasts are reminded to sign up for Heppner's Irish Road Bowling in order to guarantee a spot in the March 15 event. The bowls will roll at 1:37 p.m. on Balm Fork Road. Cost to enter is \$5 per participant. Forms can be picked up at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce office or call 541-676-5536 to have a form mailed.

GOOD LUCK MUSTANGS!

ROUND 1 OF 2A STATE BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS Friday February 27th at 6pm Heppner Mustangs vs. Faith Bible at Heppner High School



Front row: (l-r) Coach Jeremy Rosenmalm, Jake Lindsay, Caden Hedman, CJ Kindle, Weston Putman, Kevin Murray, Ross Cutsforth, Patrick Collins, Logan Grieb, Brian Rill, Jesse Corbin, Kolby Currin, Ken Grieb, Mike Ehrsam. Not Pictured Jeremiah Petzoldt



(L-R): Head Coach Mark Lemmon, Jacob Moses, Jesse Boyd, Cord Flynn, Ryan Smith, John Propheter, Jorgen Anderson, Will Lutcher



STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

JOHN PROPHETER AND RYAN SMITH WILL COMPETE AT THE OSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PORTLAND ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

THESE BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS CONGRATULATE THE HEPPNER MUSTANGS AND WISH THEM GOOD LUCK!

- Allstott Construction
- Bank of Eastern Oregon
- Bucknum's Tavern
- Columbia Basin Electric Co-op
- Community Bank
- Tim, Jeannie, Maggie & Roy Collins
- Jeff & Missy Cutsforth Family
- Devin Oil, Heppner Shell
- Dickenson Chiropractic
- Di Salvo's Italian Ice Cream
- Jimmy Fichter
- The Futter Family
- Ken, Carri, Paige, Logan & Claire Grieb
- Eddie Gunderson

- Heppner Gazette-Times
- Heppner Family Foods
- Heppner Chamber
- Jim, Becky, Kayla and CJ Kindle
- Les Schwab Tire Center
- Markel Manufacturing, Inc.
- Skip & Sandy Matthews
- Miller and Sons Excavating and Disposal Service
- Morrow County Grain Growers
- Morrow County Public Works
- Murray's Drug, Inc.
- Peterson's Jewelers
- Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply
- Pioneer Memorial Physical Therapy

- Sandi Putman, Mark Pointer and Family
- The Propheter Family
- Seth Moses Roofing & Seamless Gutters
- Silver Creek Contracting, LLC
- Sykes Brothers Printing, Chris & Andrew Sykes
- Dick & Nancy Snider
- Stor-4-U
- Sykes Real Estate
- Sweeney Mortuary
- Greg & Sherri Smith & Family
- Wheatland Insurance Center, Heppner & Lone
- Willow Creek Terrace