

HEALTH DISTRICT

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include promotion of the swing bed, Home Health and primary care services, along with matching patients to services and care coordination during their stays.

-learned that the district has hired Sheila Botti as the Irrigon Medical Clinic receptionist starting in August.

-heard that Dr. Russ Nichols has agreed to become hospital chief of staff with the resignation of former chief of staff, Dr. Anderson. Director of Nursing Services Molly Rhea noted how much Dr. Anderson has done for the district and the community "under the radar."

"She's been a big positive for the community," said Rhea.

"She'll be hard to replace," added Mahoney.

-learned that the CEO search committee is still accepting applications. Mahoney recommended closing the applications and delegating three committee members to review the applications for "Skype" interviews.

-heard that Umatilla Clinic has decided against collaboration for ultrasound services with MCHD in the north end of Morrow County. Mahoney said that ultrasound "technician Jeff Ibarra has accepted a position with Kadlec, but will still continue to provide services for us at the hospital once a week."

-hosted two executives from Good Shepherd Hospital at the meeting, CEO Dennis Burke and Chief Operations Officer Jim Schlenker.

-received the following profit and loss statement: the district had \$803,938 in gross patient revenue for June with a negative \$85,819 in revenue deductions (-\$6,552 in bad debts and -\$79,268 in contractual and other adjustments), \$122,740 in tax revenue and \$6,197 in other operating revenue for \$1,018,694 in operating revenue: \$859,286 in total operating expenses, \$29,352 in a non-operating gain for a \$188,761 gain for the month.

-received the following year-to-date profit and loss statement: the district had \$8,598,359 in gross patient revenue; \$129,532 in bad debts, \$974,895 in contractual and other adjustments; \$1,463,181 in tax revenue, \$326,910 in other operating revenue for \$9,284,023 in total operating revenue; \$9,416,877 in total operating expenses, \$279,337 in

a non-operating gain for a \$146,484 gain for the year.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 444 patient visits for the month with two new patients, 17 seen by a nurse and 24 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 278 patient visits for the month with 29 new patients, 36 seen by a nurse and 15 no-shows; Pioneer Memorial Hospital had four admissions, two swing bed admissions, 13 admitted for observation, two admitted for hospital respite, one swing nursing facility admission, 467 total outpatients, 94 emergency room encounters, 1,513 lab tests, 138 x-ray procedures, 22 CT scans, 19 EKG tests, two treadmill procedures, one colonoscopy procedure, six endoscopy procedures, three colon/endoscopy procedures, 87 respiratory therapy procedures; Heppner Ambulance had 34 page-outs with 29 transports for \$42,273 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 31 page-outs with 14 transports for \$19,496 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 29 page-outs with 20 transports for \$27,559 in revenue; there were five flights; Hospice had two admissions; Home Health had 173 patient visits; Pharmacy had 1,807 drug doses for \$53,574 in drug revenue.

-approved a resolution authorizing four persons' signatures, one of which must appear on all district checks and vouchers: John Murray, chairman of the

board, Nicole Mahoney, chief financial officer, Molly Rhea, director of nursing, and Patti Allstott, human resources manager.

-approved a resolution authorizing a Bank of Eastern Oregon Visa credit card for the maintenance manager, currently Carl Lauritsen, with a \$5,000 credit limit. Mahoney explained that the district credit card often reaches its limit during the month, which creates problems when the maintenance manager needs to order supplies and materials.

-received the following year-end report for the 2014-15 fiscal year: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had 43 admissions, 39 swing bed admissions, 115 admitted for observation, 11 hospital respite admissions, nine swing nursing facility admissions, 5,562 total outpatients, 908 emergency room encounters, 18,237 lab tests, 1,400 lab tests, 278 CT scans, 223 EKG tests, nine treadmill procedures, 43 colonoscopy procedures, 22 endoscopy procedures, 10 colonoscopy/endoscopy procedures; Heppner Ambulance had 243 transports for \$347,430 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 207 transports for \$301,397 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 214 transports for \$281,847 in revenue; Home Health had 1,555 patient visits; Hospice had 22 admissions; Pharmacy had 22,383 drug doses for \$985,882 in revenue.

-held an executive session.

School district board to hold work session

Morrow County School District Board of Directors has called a special work session for Monday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon. The purpose of the work session is to establish board goals for 2015/16.

FSA accepts nominations for county committee elections

Farmers and ranchers who know someone interested in serving on a local FSA (Farm Service Agency) County Committee are invited to submit that person's name as a nominee for the 2015 County Committee Elections.

Candidates may be nominated through Aug. 3. Almost anyone participating or cooperating in an FSA program, and of legal

voting age, can be nominated.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website at fsa.usda.gov/ elections, or picked up at the local FSA office.

Forms must be post-marked or delivered back to the county office by the Aug. 3 deadline.

Voting will take place this fall.

Everyone's a winner at summer reading



Heppner library employee Debbie Ames prepares to hand out reading awards at the Summer Reading wrap-up at the Heppner library last Wednesday, July 22. Participants attended weekly story hours and activities, as well as recording reading minutes throughout the summer for first crack at some cool prizes, with top readers getting first pick. Top honors this year all went to the Palmer children (not pictured), with sisters Hannah, Madison and Rilee taking the top three spots in the independent reader category and younger brother Hayden placing first in the family reader division. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

RUCKUS IN THE BOONIES

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than 20 touring bands. Several of the artist on the docket are high-profile names. Headlining the Ruckus this year will be Roger Alan Wade, who has written songs for Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, George Jones, Willie Nelson, Hank Williams Jr., Karen O. and a host of others. Several of Wade's songs have appeared in Hollywood hit movies, as well as on MTV's Wildboyz, Nitro Circus, and Ridiculousness.

Other artists in the lineup include Coffin Hunter, Sean Wheeler and Zander Schloss, Jayke Orvis, Filthy

Still, Whiskey Dick, St Christopher Webster, Billy Cook, Owen Mays and The Last Calls, The Hard Money Saints, Darci Carlson, Dog Bite Harris, The Whiskey Hooves, Stoned Evergreen Travelers, Harley Bourbon, Savage Henrys, John Hamhock, Justene Marie, Nicole Pike, The Mean Street Meanie, Roy Dean, Krista Blackburn, RidgeRunner Randy and The Thump Keg Band, Billy Hood, Jake Roy, Johnny Pabst and The Tall Boy, and Skyler Evans.

The event is geared toward all ages, though there will be a 21-and-older pre-show Friday inside

Bucknum's Tavern. During the main event, a barricade will separate minors from the area where alcohol is allowed.

The event will feature plenty of vendors for food, drinks and clothing, among other things. Two licensed tattoo artists will be on hand from Lucky Supreme Tattoos out of Oregon City.

"They have proper licenses and equipment to provide a sanitary work place for themselves and the costumers they will be tattooing," says Harris. "Both are top-notch artists and are eager to be a part of history in the making."

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT

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this is a great way to get them started," says James Reed, ODFW hunter education coordinator. "These events happen before regular pheasant seasons open and are a great opportunity for kids to get out hunting."

ODFW stresses safety at these events. Both hunter and supervisor must wear a hunter orange hat, eye protection and a hunter orange vest—equipment provided

by ODFW at the clinics to anyone who doesn't have it. Hunters also need to check in and out of the hunt.

The hunts are free, though youth hunters need a valid hunting license (\$14.50) and Harvest Information Program validation (free) to hunt.

Youth hunters age 14-17 also need an upland game bird validation (\$8.50). Purchase online, at a license sales agent or ODFW office

that sells licenses. Licenses and tags will not be sold at the events.

While most areas have a hunt both Saturday and Sunday, youth hunters may only sign up for one hunt. They are welcome to hunt stand by on the other day.

See the event listings on www.odfwcalendar.com for more details including who to contact for more information.

Culvert replacement will delay or detour traffic on Forest roads 10, 21

Pendleton—the public is reminded that, beginning this weekend, culvert replacements on Skookum, Swale and Sponge creeks will cause delays and detours this summer on Forest Road 21 and Forest Road 10 (Desolation Creek Road). Construction is planned through August to comply with the State of Oregon's instream work window during low stream flows. Closures will be phased in and out as the contractors proceed with the projects. Travelers are encouraged to plan their routes ahead of time to ensure safe summer travel and to avoid road closures and extended wait times.

These projects are part

of an ongoing effort to improve aquatic fish passage on the forest.

"This work not only increases access to vital habitats for fish and aquatic organisms but also increases the lifespan of the culvert by decreasing potential damage from flooding and preventing debris buildup," said Ann Niesen, Heppner District Ranger.

Forest Road 21 provides access to the Ditch Creek and Tupper Guard Station areas. When culvert replacement begins on Swale Creek, Forest Road 2107 will serve as a detour. An alternate route is not available for the Skookum Creek closure. The Tupper Guard Station area can

be reached via the Sunflower Flat County Road 670 or Tupper Lane 673. Coalmine Hill County Road 603 will provide access to the Ditch Creek area.

Forest Road 10 is the main access route from State Highway 395 near Dale, OR to Olive Lake. When necessary, Forest Road 1010 will be used to detour traffic around the construction.

Updated maps can be obtained at Umatilla National Forest offices in Heppner, Ukiah and Pendleton, or at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla.

For more information, contact Lori Seitz at the Heppner Ranger District Office, 541-676-9187.

**** NOTICE ****

Attention: Oregon rural telephone customers who recently received a letter from their local telephone provider informing them of the need to select a new local long distance provider.

This selection is necessary because your current local long distance carrier, Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC, located at 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203, is withdrawing as a provider of a local long distance services to customers of your local telephone company.* As noted in the letter, you have an opportunity to object to this service discontinuance at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), but the letter contained an incomplete statement regarding the process for such objections. The correct statement reads as follows:

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

* The local telephone companies are: Asotin Telephone Company, Beaver Creek Cooperative Tel. Co., Canby Telephone Association, Cascade Utilities, Inc., CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc., CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc., Clear Creek Mutual Telephone Co., Colton Telephone Company, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, Eagle Telephone System, Inc., Gervais Telephone Company, Helix Telephone Company, Home Telephone Company, Humboldt Telephone Company, Molalla Telephone Company, Monitor Cooperative Telephone Company, Monroe Telephone Company, Mt. Angel Telephone Company, Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc., North-State Telephone Company, Oregon Telephone Corporation, Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc., Peoples Telephone Company, Pine Telephone System, Inc., Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Roome Telecommunications, Inc., Scio Mutual Telephone Association, St. Paul Cooperative Tel. Assoc., Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company, Trans-Cascade Telephone Company

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