

CBEC directors attain certification

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Directors Gerry Arnson and John Qualls, both of Heppner, and Dan Lindsay, Lexington, recently received confirmation of their quest to become Certified Cooperative Directors under a program sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperatives Assn.

The completed course work includes classes on Director Roles and Responsibilities, Understanding the Electrical Distribution Business, Board Roles and Relationships, Strategic Planning, and Financial Decision Making. The Certified Cooperative Director program involves up to three years of continuing education coursework.



Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative Directors Gerry Arnson and John Qualls of Heppner. Not Pictured: CBEC Director Dan Lindsay of Lexington. -Contributed photo

The directors indicated the coursework was very interesting, as was meeting and interacting with directors from all sizes and locations of electrical dis-

tribution cooperatives from across the country.

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Kathy Hyder featured quilter at Boardman Quilt Show

Long-time Boardman quilter Kathy Hyder has been quilting seriously since she retired from employment with Morrow County School District in 2008. She finally agreed to be the featured quilter at the 2016 Boardman Quilt Show. When asked in the past to be featured quilter, she always responded that she had "given all finished quilts away, and had nothing to display." Kathy makes and gives quilts to members of her extended family; her children's friends; donates her hand-made quilts to community fundraisers; and recently began to accept commissioned requests.

A great example of Kathy's community quilting involvement was her lead in creating a raffle quilt to benefit the Gavin Roberts Scholarship Fund. Gavin Robert's grandmother, Marge Shankle, was a long-time member of the Boardman Quilt Group. Gavin's untimely death in 2015 devastated all members of the quilt group, and Kathy organized a project to create a Riverside High School Pirate Blue Raffle Quilt, with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. From fall 2015 to spring 2016, she was present at most every Pirate sporting event selling raffle tickets. The winning raffle ticket was drawn at the spring 2016 Riverside High School Sports Award Banquet.

Kathy was inspired to begin quilting by Millie Baker, long-time elemen-

tary school teacher, who does such a good job teaching quilt group members new techniques. She says brightly colored fabrics are her favorites, and she likes the challenge of making queen size quilts. Quilts for new babies are also one of her favorite projects.

When Kathy is not cre-



L-R: Boardman Quilt Group members Millie Baker, Cheryl Talman, Kathy Hyder, Lila Killingbeck, Nancy Pace, Sandy Moroney and Marsha Condie, with Carol Michael in the back. -Contributed photo

ating quilts, she oil paints, gives rides to friends whenever they need to go somewhere, and spends time with her family. She loves spending time with her grandkids, especially watching them in sports. Kathy feels that quilting activities keep her mind sharp, and loves the weekly contact with her quilting "sisters" at Boardman Quilt Group.

Hyder will share tips and examples of her creations during the Boardman Quilt Show. In its 12th year, the event is Friday, Oct. 7, and Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the

Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Admission is \$3. In addition to the quilt displays, the event includes fabric and quilting supply vendors, hourly door prizes, raffle quilts and show awards. Lunch will be available for purchase.

Boardman Quilt Show welcomes all entries, in-

cluding keepsake heirloom quilts, contemporary quilts, wall hangings and other quilted items. There is no fee to display quilts.

Registration forms must be received by Wednesday, Oct. 5. The quilts will be accepted Thursday, Oct. 6, from 3-5 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center or up until 4:30 p.m. at Aunty Ida's Quilt Shop, 435 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston.

For more information or for a registration form, contact 541-481-9426 or tlkranch@centurytel.net. Forms can also be picked up at Aunty Ida's.

HEALTH DISTRICT

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 trict received \$908,496 in gross patient revenue, less a \$16,217 provision for bad debts and \$125,196 in contractual and other deductions, plus \$148,713 in tax revenue and \$12,839 in other operating revenue for \$928,634 in total operating revenue; \$938,647 in total operating expenses, plus an \$8,187 non-operating gain for the loss. The financials show a \$51,327 average monthly year-to-date loss.

The board also heard a presentation on "mitigating governing body compliance risks" from Tim Timmons who has been hired as the compliance and privacy officer for the district.

The board voted to proceed with the hiring of an "RHIT," creating a new position within the MCHD financial department, and moving \$43,000 over to cover the difference in salary between a current position to the newly-created position. Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney said that only one person she knows of has the skill set to successfully handle this complicated job, which involves medical coding, a full knowledge of medical terminology and knowledge of privacy and other regulations and that person is currently employed by the district in another position. If that person is hired for the new position, the district would then hire someone to fill the position now held by this employee.

Also at the meeting, MCHD CEO Robert Houser said he had been working with MRI Mobile to explore the possibility of providing mobile MRI services at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. He said that the district refers over 150 MRI scans per year to neighboring hospitals and remarked that providing MRIs at PMH would not only provide needed local services to residents, but would also generate income for the district. He also brought up the possibility of providing MRI scans at the Irrigon Clinic. He said he had been discussing power requirements for the MRI with Columbia Basin and "securing electrical bids from the electrician that the district uses."

Houser said the district is continuing to meet with J-U-B engineering concerning improvements to the Irrigon Clinic parking lot. MCHD officials say that more parking is needed at the clinic to provide sufficient additional parking spaces for clinic patients

and staff. He reported he has met with Irrigon City Manager Aaron Palmquist, who is also a MCHD board member. Houser said that with possible help from the Port of Morrow, Morrow County and the City of Irrigon in doing some of the engineering and construction work, grading, and other work, the total cost to the district should be under \$100,000. The district has received \$5,500 for the planning phase of the project which came from a community enhancement grant the city of Irrigon had received from the CREZ (Columbia River Enterprise Zone) II monies. CREZ monies are paid by businesses locating within the CREZ zone in lieu of taxes for a negotiated period of time. \$4,750 remains of the original \$5,500, said Houser.

Houser also said that he has been examining the possibility of locating an ambulance shed at the Irrigon Clinic in conjunction with the parking lot project. The Irrigon Ambulance is currently housed at the fire hall.

In other business, the board:

-learned from Houser that MCHD/Pioneer Memorial Clinic has entered into a contract with Navex Global to provide a compliance hot line, which is required. Houser, Timmons and Shawn Cutsforth attended a webinar on Sept. 16 and are completing the set-up paperwork to allow Navex to proceed, with the go-live date being Oct. 28. Cost of the hot line reporting is approximately \$2,400 per year, said Houser.

-learned from Houser that two recent hires are Heidi Scharfenberg, R.N., and Shannon Gardner, ultrasound technician. He said that the part-time ultrasound tech will be working an additional one half to one more days a month.

-learned from Houser that Luz Martell, R.N., quality improvement coordinator, attended the OAHHS Partnership for Patients conference where Pioneer Memorial Hospital was awarded a plaque for recognition of achievement and participation and a check for \$1,000.

-learned from Houser that the district has received the results of the state survey. Houser said they have been busy answering and correcting any deficiencies noted. He said the survey and plan of correction was to have been returned to the

state by Sept. 26.

-discussed details for the strategic planning meeting set for the October 20 meeting, with the meeting place tentatively scheduled at the Columbia Basin Electric meeting room or at the Bartholomew building.

-completed and approved the Oregon Ethics Law Best Practices checklist.

-awarded the low bid for security risk assessment and penetration testing to Redhawk Network Security, LLC. Redhawk presented a bid of \$18,469. The other bid, from True Bridge, was presented in two parts, \$12,500 and \$16,200, for a combined \$28,700.

-learned from Houser that interviews were held Sept. 21 for the position of financial assistant, currently held by Diana Grant who will resign effective October 20. Houser said that Grant also has duties at Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living, which will be assumed by other staff members until the position is filled. Juanita Garnica was promoted to head cook at the assisted living center and two new hires have begun training, with one additional staff member to be hired.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had seven admissions for the month of August, one swing bed admission, seven admissions for observation, 497 total outpatients, 87 emergency room encounters, 2015 lab tests, 159 x-ray procedures, 43 CT scans, 32 EKG tests, five lower endoscopy procedures, two upper endoscopy procedures. Home Health had 79 patient visits; Hospice had one admission; Pharmacy had 2,303 drug doses for \$64,022 in drug revenue. Heppner Ambulance had 21 page-outs with 19 transports for \$32,599 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 31 page-outs with 13 transports for \$20,960 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 27 page-outs with 13 transports for \$17,539 in revenue; Ione Ambulance had no page-outs; there was one flight. Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 465 patient visits with three new patients, 43 seen by a nurse and 24 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 221 patient visits with 30 new patients, 48 seen by a nurse and 21 no-shows; Ione community Clinic had 54 patient visits with 15 new patients, five seen by a nurse and one no-show.

Neighborhood Center bag sale

The Neighborhood Center's \$10 Bag Sale will be held Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The bag sale includes all clothing items and shoes. All other merchandise is 50 percent off this day only. Also available will be a selection of Halloween costumes.

The Neighborhood Center is located at 441 N Main Street in Heppner. Store hours are Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The food pantry closes every day at 4 p.m.

Heppner FFA holds fruit sale

The Heppner FFA Chapter is again conducting its annual fruit sale, including several varieties of apples and two pear varieties.

The boxes of fruit are from Davis Orchards in Milton-Freewater. Each box of apples weighs 20 pounds and sells for \$17. Varieties are Cameo, Fuji, Red Delicious, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Gala

and Braeburn.

Boxes of D'Anjou (green skin) and Bosc (brown skin) pears are 28 pounds and cost \$29.

Orders due by Oct. 13 and will be available for pick up at the Heppner High School on Friday, Oct. 21.

Please make checks payable to Heppner FFA and send to Heppner High School, Attn: Beth Dickenson or FFA Treasurer.

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