

## Ione Basketball Bonanza this weekend

The Ione basketball season will begin with a bang with the Ione Basketball Bonanza this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, at Ione High School.

Girls' varsity will tip off the action Friday at 3 p.m. with a game between Irrigon and Enterprise, followed by a boys' varsity game between Irrigon and Enterprise. Game three will be a girls' varsity match between Ione and Weston-

McEwen at 6 p.m., with the boys playing at 7:30 p.m.

The girls' varsity consolation game will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. with the championship game at 4 p.m. The boys' consolation game will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. with the championship game at 5:30 p.m.

In the junior varsity brackets, Ione girls face Weston-McEwen Friday at 1 p.m., followed by the

Ione and WM JV boys' teams Friday at 2:30 p.m. The Irrigon and Enterprise JV girls play Friday at 4 p.m., followed by the boys at 5:30.

The JV girls' consolation game will take place Saturday at 10 a.m., with the girls' championship at 1 p.m. The JV boys consolation game will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday with the championship at 2:30 p.m.

## Hardman Community Center plans open house

The public is invited to attend an open house and potluck at Hardman Community Center this Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. Guests are invited to come tour the facility and help celebrate the completion of the dining room

remodel.

The main dish will be provided by Ruggs Ranch and Snow-McElligott, and coffee and punch by the community center. Guests coming for the meal are asked to bring a side, salad or dessert. Large groups

(or anyone wanting to RSVP) may RSVP to [hcc@hughes.net](mailto:hcc@hughes.net) or by calling 541-676-9718.

The gift shop will have Hardman Books for sale for \$10 and photos for \$5, as well as t-shirts (children's \$10, adult \$15) and hats for \$20.

## Super Stars Kids Club holds first meeting, dinner



Organizers reported a good turnout at the first-ever Super Stars Kids Club after school on Monday at the Heppner United Methodist Church. The group completed art projects, tried singing in the round, learned to make Ants on a Log and a shared a spaghetti dinner. The next meeting will be Dec. 26. For registration information, call the church at 541-676-5444 or email [heppneroregonmethodists@gmail.com](mailto:heppneroregonmethodists@gmail.com). -Contributed photo

## HEALTH DISTRICT

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-learned from Dr. Nichols that he and Dr. Ken Wenberg covered 35 days of call at Pioneer Memorial Hospital between the two of them since Dr. Dan Hambleton has been out following surgery. Concerning staff, the consensus was that the district could use at least one and possibly two providers in Irrigon, a mid-level provider, such as a nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, and then a physician, since physicians take longer to recruit.

-learned from Houser that a test run for the MRI and Dexa Scan services has been set for Dec. 10, with set-up and training earlier and the first day of actual scans planned for Jan. 7. Houser said that Saturday has been set as the day to scan, but he added that he hoped Saturday won't remain as the scan day.

-heard from Houser that installation of the nurse call system is planned for

after the first of the year.

-received a report from Houser on the Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living Governance Committee, which met on Nov. 10 and discussed the facility's landscaping project. He said that replacing the existing fence along the sidewalk on the cemetery side of the building with a powder-coated pipe fencing material is being considered. Several rooms at WCTAL are open, but the WCTAL administrator is talking to a couple who may want to move in. That would put WCTAL at the maximum number of people allowed, but would still leave one open room. Also, plans are being submitted to the state to ask to change one existing tub room not being used, to a new med room. If it is allowed, the administrator would continue to occupy the current space where the med room is located, which would become the administrator's

office only.

-learned from Houser that the district is recruiting for two positions, a part-time respiratory therapist and a full-time housekeeper. He added that he had received "great comments" from providers on a physician's assistant student who had recently completed six weeks of rotation with MCHD and is talking with her about the possibility of her working for the district.

-approved the following board meeting calendar for 2017 with meetings at 7 p.m., unless otherwise indicated: Jan. 30, Ione Community Church; Feb. 27, including dinner with providers at 6 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Clinic basement, Heppner; March 27, Sand Hollow Room, Port of Morrow, Boardman; April 24, Lexington Town Hall; May

22, 6 p.m. dinner, PMC basement, Heppner; June 26, Irrigon Medical Clinic; July 31, Ione Community Church; Aug. 28, 6 p.m. dinner, PMC basement, Heppner; Sept. 25, Sand Hollow Room, Boardman; Oct. 30, Lexington Town Hall; Nov. 27, 6 p.m. dinner, PMC basement. No meetings are planned in December.

-learned that the district's website for the compliance hotline is up and running with posters and brochures ordered from Artmill, a graphic design company in the Tri-Cities.

-received the following report for October: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had two admissions, 10 admissions for observation, 567 total out-patients, 78 emergency room encounters, 1,628 lab tests, 118 x-ray procedures,

36 CT scans, 25 EKG tests, nine respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 74 patient visits; Hospice had three admissions; Pharmacy had 1,233 drug doses for \$53,655 in revenue; Heppner Ambulance had 25 page-outs with 24 transports for \$29,533 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 34 page-outs with 20 transports for \$24,218; Irrigon Ambulance had 25 page-outs with 20 transports for \$24,218; Ione Ambulance had five page-outs with no transports; there were seven flights; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 389 patient visits with two new patients, 88 seen by a nurse and 29 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 215 patient visits with 15 new patients, 81 seen by a nurse and 27 no-shows;

Ione Community Clinic had 46 patient visits, five new patients, 10 seen by a nurse and zero no-shows. The large number of no-shows, causes and solutions were topics of discussion among board members.

-received the following profit and loss statement for October: \$781,949 in gross patient revenue, less \$6,230 for bad debts and \$37,966 for contractual and other adjustments, plus \$148,713 in tax revenue and \$35,779 in other operating revenue for \$922,244 in total operating revenue, up from \$904,394 the previous month, \$911,209 in total operating expenses and \$7,010 in a non-operating gain for a \$18,045 gain for the month and a \$20,562 average monthly year-to-date loss.

## Catholic men to hold first Friday meeting

The men of St. Patrick's Catholic Church of Heppner and St. William's Catholic Church of Ione will hold their first Friday of the month meeting this Friday, Dec. 2, at the parish office in Heppner. The meeting will start at 6:45 a.m. and will be followed by first Friday Mass at 7:30 a.m.

## Morrow SWCD to meet

The Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. in the SWCD Conference Room at 430 W Linden Way, Heppner. Agenda items include public comments, minutes of the November meeting, financial report, staff and partner reports, and selection and resolution of the date for the annual meeting. Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

## Community lunch menu

Christian Life Center volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will include meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli salad, hot rolls and apple cobbler.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

## Giving tree up now at Market Fresh

The Neighborhood Center Giving Tree will be on display beginning today, Nov. 30, at Heppner Market Fresh.

Those selecting tags from the tree are asked to deliver the unwrapped Christmas presents to the Neighborhood Center, with the tag taken from the tree attached, by Thursday, Dec. 15. The Kids Shopping Day will be held on Friday, Dec. 16, from noon to 4 p.m. (the center will be closed for the event).

The Kids Shopping Day is a free event for the children of the families participating in the food box program. Children "shop" for gifts for their siblings and a gift for their parent

or guardian, and leave with wrapped presents to put under their tree. Any donations of new toys for kids and small gifts for teens and parents or guardians are greatly appreciated. Donations of Christmas gift bags and tissue paper are also needed for this event.

The \$10 bag sale will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The bag sale includes all clothing and shoes. All other merchandise is 50 percent off that day only.

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.

## Raising a ruckus for kids this Christmas

The second annual Ruckus Raiser fundraiser will take place Friday, Dec. 9, beginning at 9 p.m. at Bucknum's Tavern. The evening will feature live music by Cory Peterson, Aaron "Dog Bite" Harris and Jake Roy. Entrance will be by donations at the door; donations may be cash or a new, unwrapped toy. Proceeds will go to the Neighborhood Center.

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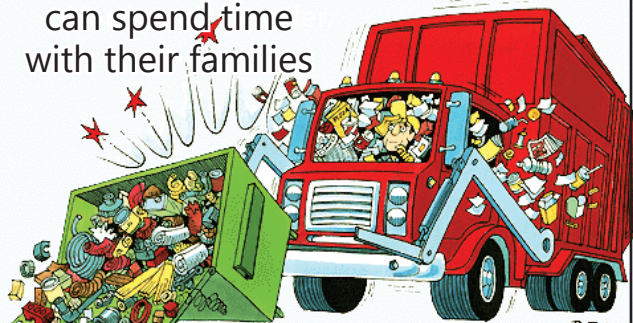
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