

# REMODELS

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\$123,611 year-to-date gain.

MCHD had \$916,862 in gross patient revenue for that month, with \$90,373 in revenue deductions, \$149,591 in tax revenue and \$8,957 in other operating revenue for \$985,037 in total operating revenue.

December showed \$938,305 in total operating expenses for the \$178,342 gain for the month.

In other business, the board:

-learned from Houser that a physician, Dr. Richard Aballay, visited the district the week of January 15 and the Irrigon Clinic on January 17 and has been put on an expedited list to be licensed faster than normal. Houser also said that Dan Doherty, PA-C is completing the credentialing process and is planning to start at the Irrigon Clinic in March. He said that Dr. Dan Hambleton currently provides care at the Irrigon Clinic twice a month, Dr. Russ Nichols, once a month, with Vickie Kent, Family Nurse Practitioner, remaining the full-time provider. He said that Dana Brannon, FNP, is also scheduled at IMC during the month.

-learned from Houser that 19 upper and lower endoscopies (colonoscopies) have been completed since the procedure room reopened in December, through January 25, after state-mandated remodeling. He said that Dr. Russ Nichols is now scheduling scopes twice a month. Houser said that he had received "lots of very nice comments from patients

concerning how nice the room is and how much they appreciate not having to travel out of town for this service."

-heard from Houser that CREZ (Columbia River Enterprise Zone) awarded \$100,000 to the district to go toward the Irrigon Medical Clinic project. He said the district currently had \$310,000 from grants for the project and the district plans to resubmit a request for a Ford Foundation Grant within the month.

-discussed the district's ownership of the ambulance services county-wide. Board member Leann Rea reported that many people in the Boardman and Irrigon areas were unaware that the district provided ambulance services in those areas.

Boardman Ambulance had 38 page-outs with 19 transports in November, 50 page-outs with 21 transports in December and 476 page-outs with 240 transports at the year end. Irrigon Ambulance had 24 page-outs with 19 transports for November, 30 page-outs with 12 transports for December and 319 page-outs with 196 transports for the year. There were 42 life flights for the year. Heppner Ambulance had 29 page-outs with 22 transports for \$40,451 in revenue for November, 30 page-outs with 21 transports for \$37,379 in revenue for December and 320 page-outs with 256 transports for the year. Lone Ambulance had two page outs with one transport for November, four page-outs with no transports for December and 31 page-outs

with four transports for the year.

-received the following report: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had eight admissions for December, two swing bed admissions, eight admissions for observation, one hospital respite admission, 501 total outpatients, 75 emergency room encounters, 1,850 lab tests, 106 x-ray/ultrasound tests, 27 CT scans, five MRI scans, 18 EKG tests, one upper endoscopy procedure, 12 lower endoscopy procedures, nine respiratory therapy procedures; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 372 patient visits for December, seven new patients, 42 seen by a nurse and 15 no-shows, 386 patient visits for November with six new patients, 76 seen by a nurse and 17 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 292 patient visits for December, 26 new patients, 43 seen by a nurse and 41 no-shows, 241 patient visits in November with 14 new patients, 58 seen by a nurse and 35 no-shows; Lone Community Clinic had 35 patient visits in December, with three new patients, 13 seen by a nurse and zero no-shows, 36 patient visits in November, four new patients, 18 seen by a nurse and zero no-shows; Home Health had 105 patient visits in December, with 123 in November; Hospice had three admissions each in November and December; Pharmacy had 2,276 drug doses in December for \$66,108 in drug revenue, and 2,566 drug doses in November for \$69,757 in revenue.

# Chamber announcements and upcoming events

Heppner Chamber's Annual Town and Country Community Awards dinner will be held on Thursday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. This annual event, coordinated by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce, recognizes nominated community members and a local business for their involvement in our community. The theme for the event will be "An Evening with the Stars" and the awards will recognize a Woman of the Year, Man of the Year, Business of the Year, Citizen-Educator of the Year, Lifetime Achievement and a Youth Award. Dinner, catered by Alvin Liu of Gateway Café, will consist of prime rib, green salad, green beans, roll and dessert. So purchase your tickets early and plan on coming out and enjoying a great community event and celebrate with just a few of the great community members who make Heppner a great place to live.

Sunday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m., Valentine's Dinner at Heppner Christian Church. Bring a date or come alone for a Valentine's Dinner of prime rib, baked potato, tossed green salad, roll and cheesecake for dessert. There is no charge for the meal but donations will go to Hope2Liberia.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 from 5-7 p.m., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold the

Mid-Columbia River Regional Master Plan Open House (Willow Creek Focus Area) in the Heppner City Hall conference room. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is developing a Mid-Columbia River Regional Master Plan to address the management of recreational, natural and cultural resources, specifically for Willow Creek.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 from 5-9 p.m., The Gateway Café will be serving a special Valentines Steak and Seafood dinner. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling 541-676-6000 or texting 541-980-2014. Leave a message with your name, contact number, number of people and preferred time. Orders from the regular menu will also be offered.

Thursday, Feb. 15, the Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group is hosting their annual luncheon from 12-1 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room with Gary Neal as the speaker. RSVP no later than Tuesday, Feb. 13 to guarantee a lunch. Lunch will be served by Alvin Liu of Gateway Café and the menu will consist of BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, BBQ beans, potato salad and dessert. Contact the Chamber at 541-676-5536 to RSVP.

Sunday, Feb. 18 at 8 a.m., Sweetheart's Break-

fast at the Heppner Christian Church. Breakfast will consist of pancakes, eggs and bacon. The breakfast is free.

Tuesday, Mar. 6 from 10-11:30 a.m., Walla Walla VA Medical Center Town Hall meeting. This Town Hall presentation on VA Modernization - the next chapter in VA's story of change will be held in the Irrigon Library and is for all Veterans and any interested community members. Morning County transportation will be provided by The Loop, call 844-676-5667 to secure a seat.

Friday, Mar. 16 through Sunday, Mar. 18, 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's Celebration. The St. Patrick's committee is busy planning this year's event. If you are interested in volunteering for any part of the weekend, contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536. Father Condon's play "Searching for Meaning" will be performed on Thursday, Mar. 15 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

Heppner Public Library is offering Drop In Teen Time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of every month at 6 p.m. Upcoming events include Nerf Wars on Feb. 8 and Minute to Win it games on Feb. 22. Contact the Heppner Library at 541-676-9964 for more information.

## OSP establishes direct call mobile phone number

Oregon State Police has established \*OSP (\*677), a mobile phone direct call number to provide the public with a quick, easy to remember number to use for non-emergency reporting of traffic safety, highway hazards and obstructions, minor crashes and requests for assistance. \*OSP is not an emergency number and 9-1-1 still remains the emergency number to call for an emergency. \*OSP connects directly into the state police dispatch center and is answered by a live dispatcher 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The police department, in collaboration with Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Oregon's cell phone providers have secured this number to make it easier to contact the OSP for non-emergency police services and road hazards.

Currently, Verizon,

AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and US Cellular have worked with the department to facilitate this service. As this program develops, OSP hopes other cell providers will partner in this venture to provide access to all cell phone users.

Indicating that since the majority of motorists now have cell phones, this easy to remember number will help ensure people have a way to report non-emergency issues directly to OSP. For members of the public who do not have cell phone service or have providers that do not currently support this access number, they can still dial the department's toll free phone number 800-452-7888.

According to the press release, this service using \*OSP was established as a way to better serve the public and ensure a fast and easy way to contact OSP for public safety services.

## Heppner students named to Dean's list

Emily Cecil and Rylee Kollman, Heppner, were named to the Eastern Oregon University fall 2017 Dean's list. At the close of fall term, 529 EOU students qualified for the Dean's list. To qualify, students must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher while completing at least 12 hours of graded coursework during the term.

## The Loop to hold meeting

The Loop Morrow County Transportation will hold a meeting Feb. 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the lower conference room at the Bartholomew Building,

Heppner. The purpose of the meeting is to go over the budget that will be presented to the Morrow County budget committee in April.

## Pancake supper to be held

All Saints Episcopal Church and Hope Lutheran Church will host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5-7 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal, 140 W. Church St. in Heppner.

The supper will include pancakes, ham, fruit, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$4 for students and \$15 for a family.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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