

Columbia River Pharmacy to host grand opening

Exciting changes are in store at Columbia River Health, promises CEO, Seth Whitmer, the first being a grand opening of the facility's new pharmacy, to be held on Apr. 7. Columbia River Pharmacy is located inside the local Harvest town Foods at 220 S. Main St. in Boardman.

"With the opening of our pharmacy, we will provide our patients with tens of thousands of dollars per month in charity and discounted medications," said Whitmer.

Columbia River Health, formerly known as Columbia River Community Health Services (CRCHS), has had a name change. "In order to simplify things and help our community recognize who we are, we have changed our name to Columbia River Health (CRH)," said Whitmer. "We often found that people confused us with the local hospital district, when actually we are completely different. None of your local tax dollars go towards supporting our clinic."

Additionally, the mission at Columbia River Health is to serve everyone

in the community, including those who have insurance and those who do not, said Whitmer. Staff at Columbia River Health have also been working to adapt service schedules to create more immediate access for the community.

"We want to make sure everyone has access to high quality care," said Whitmer. "Columbia River Health has brought on skilled professionals to provide unprecedented high quality care to our community. We did this so that we could expand our hours, making ourselves available to the entire community Monday through Saturday." The clinic is open Monday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beginning in spring 2019, CRH will also offer optometry and dental services.

"We recognized the need for optometry services in our community with a high rate of amblyopia (lazy eye) among the children in our community who had no access to optometry services," said Whitmer. "We have hired an optometrist to care for these children

while helping with plans to open a full optometry clinic available to the entire community. Additionally we recognized the large need of dental services, and we are planning to also open a new dental clinic."

While the pharmacy is currently open and accessible to the public, the grand opening is a perfect way for community members to get to know Columbia River Health. The Apr. 7 grand opening of the Columbia River Pharmacy will include food, discounts and prizes for community members who come to celebrate.

Columbia River Health provides primary care, behavioral health, dental services, optometry, pediatric care, chronic care management and more. To schedule an appointment with a medical service provider at Columbia River Health, call 541-481-7212. Both uninsured and insured patients are welcomed.

Columbia River Health is located at 450 Tatone St., Boardman. For more information on Columbia River Health, go to www.crchs.net.

Secretary of State visits county



Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson (center) recently paid a visit to Morrow County and visited with back row, l-r, Commissioner Jim Doherty, Clerks office staff Kandy Boyd and Theresa Crawford, front row County Administrator Darrell Green, Commissioner Melissa Lindsay, County Clerk Bobbi Childers and Commissioner Don Russell. -Photo by David Sykes

By David Sykes

Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson stopped by the Morrow County Courthouse last week as part of a trip he is making to visit courthouses around the state. Richardson said one reason he was making the trip is to evaluate election procedures at the county level.

"When I say Oregon has the most secure election system, I mean it," Richardson said. "We are very



Richardson presented County Clerk Bobbi Childers with an Oregon medallion. The medallion had an Irish saying inscribed on the back. -Photo by David Sykes

secure, and each county is doing very well on this. We are making sure people can trust their election system which is very important. I'm very impressed with the dedication I am seeing from our local county clerks."

Richardson said he is treating people equally when it comes to voting. "I am not answering to anyone but the people. Where there is accountability, there is trust and I don't care if there is an R (Republican) or a D

(Democrat) behind their name," he said. Richardson said he would like to see a higher turnout of voters but added, "People not only have the option to vote, but also the responsibility to vote."

While at the courthouse Richardson visited with county elected officials and staff and also presented County Clerk Bobbi Childers with an Oregon medallion inscribed with an Irish saying on the back.

Governor's Marketplace to be held

The 2018 Governor's Marketplace will take place on Apr. 12 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SAGE Center in Boardman.

This event brings together industry professionals, public agencies and private organizations, diversity practitioners and small businesses to build valuable relationships. Small businesses will learn about public contracting opportunities and local re-

sources available.

According to Greg Smith, Eastern Oregon University, the Governor's office and the State of Oregon have made it a priority to create equity in public contracting and procurement; bringing opportunities, access, and connection for small business to thrive in Oregon.

For additional information contact Greg Smith at 541-962-1532.

Angus Association announces new Boardman members

Trinity Livestock and Robbins Nest Ranch, both of Boardman, have been named as new members of the American Angus Association, reports Allen Moczygemba, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, MO.

The American Angus Association, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 18 million registered Angus.

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