

Morrow County rodeo winners



The cow riding buckle was presented to Tate Gentry by OTPR president, Tanner Britt. The buckle was sponsored by Miller & Sons Disposal Service. -Photo by Juli Kennedy.



Team roping winners Devin Robinson and Kolby Currin were presented with knives sponsored by Pettyjohn's and Dick Temple, DVM by OTPR president Tanner Britt. -Photo by Juli Kennedy.



Jessica Lewis receives the senior barrels bracelet cuff from Tanner Britt, OTPR president. The award is sponsored by Gar Aviation. -Photo by Juli Kennedy



Four-and-five-year-old stick horse race winners were Grady Henderson, first, Cooper Patterson, second, and Ellie Jean Fennern, third. Trophies were donated by Peterson's Jewelers and the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo committee. -Photo by Juli Kennedy



Savanna Greenup was awarded the intermediate barrels buckle, sponsored by Tom and Tricia Sorey and presented by Tanner Britt, OTPR president. -Photo by Juli Kennedy



Hallee Hisler is presented with the winning buckle for junior barrels by Mary Knowles. The buckle is sponsored by the Healy family in memory of William J. Healy. -Photo by Juli Kennedy



Devyn Pottala receives the buckle for peewee barrels from Mary Knowles on behalf of the Butch and Mary Knowles family. -Photo by Juli Kennedy

Health District receives excellence award

By April Sykes

Morrow County Health District CEO Bob Houser announced, at the district's regular monthly meeting in Heppner Monday, that MCHD has received an award for excellence from the Office of Rural Health. The district was named "top performer" for 2018. "That was a very good honor," commented Houser.

Also at the meeting Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney reported that the recent audit for 2018 "went very well." "It was a clean audit," she said.

The board approved an expenditure of \$16,911 for the purchase of computer servers, equipment and software, that was not included in the original bid from the company, and another \$2,750 for electrical modifications to accommodate the new equipment.

The board also approved \$17,000 for the purchase of an analyzer for the lab. Houser said the analyzer is in this year's budget but added he had hoped the district would not have to purchase one at this time. He said parts are no longer available for the current machine and therefore it will not be able to be

repaired further.

Also at the meeting, Houser reported to the Morrow County Health District Board Monday night that an interview with a new physician's assistant has been set up for August 30. He said Dr. Jim Hejmanowski has been covering the emergency department and will begin seeing patients at Pioneer Memorial Clinic in September.

In other business:

-Mahoney provided the following financial report through July: Gross patient revenue-\$1,120,103; deductions from revenue-\$171,942; total operating revenue-\$1,120,087; total operating expenses-\$1,199,331; loss for the month-\$28,010.

-Houser said he has signed a recruitment contract with the firm Ironside to help recruit a licensed clinical social worker for the position at Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

-Houser told the board a paramedic/EMT has been hired for the district.

-the board had learned earlier the district is responding to a HIPPA privacy breach that occurred when an employee viewed numerous patients' charts

without cause. A mailing was sent to patients, informing them of the breach and the health district's HIPPA expert is in the process of completing educational trainings for all employees and volunteers on the HIPPA Privacy Breach policies and procedures.

-Pioneer Memorial Hospital reported six admissions for July; five skilled swing bed admissions, nine admissions for observation, one non-skilled swing bed admission, 565 total outpatients, 88 emergency room encounters, 1,796 lab tests, 125 x-ray/ultrasound tests, 30 CT scans, six MRI scans, 30 EKG tests, seven lower endoscopy procedures, 40 respiratory therapy procedures.

-Home Health had 195 nursing visits in July, Hospice had three admissions; and Pharmacy had 3,473 drug doses for \$84,111 in revenue.

-Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 381 patient visits for the month of July,

one new patient, 26 seen by a nurse and 19 no-shows; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 223 patient visits for the month, six new patients, 96 seen by a nurse and 33 no-shows; Ione Community Clinic had 35 patient visits for the month, two new patients, four seen by a nurse and one no-show.

-Heppner Ambulance had 29 page-outs with 24 transports for \$36,537 for July; Boardman Ambulance had 38 page-outs with 23 transports for \$34,628; Irrigon Ambulance had 39 page-outs with 21 transports for \$46,042; Ione Ambulance had four page-outs with no transports; there were six life flights.

-For the past fiscal year, Heppner Ambulance had 314 page-outs with 246 transports; Boardman had 497 page-outs with 283 transports; Irrigon had 299 page-outs with 185 transports; Ione had 26 page-outs with five transports; total-1136 page-outs, 719 transports, 54 life flights.



The knife for open tie-down calf roping, sponsored by Daly Ranches, was awarded to Garrett Robinson by OTPR president Tanner Britt along with Mary and Johnny Ashbeck. -Photo by Juli Kennedy

Community lunch menu

Nazarene/Christian volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, September 4 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be pork chop, corn on the cob, potato salad, coleslaw with pineapple, green beans, tomatoes and strawberries for dessert.

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

Bag sale announced

The Neighborhood Center's First Wednesday

bag sale will be held Sept. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 441 N Main St, Heppner. Brown bags filled with clothing, shoes, books, CDs and DVDs will be just \$15 during the sale. Additional

bags will receive an additional \$5 discount.

All proceeds from the sale help to purchase food for the pantry. The Neighborhood Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day.

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