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Get rewards cards for Celebrate Christmas event

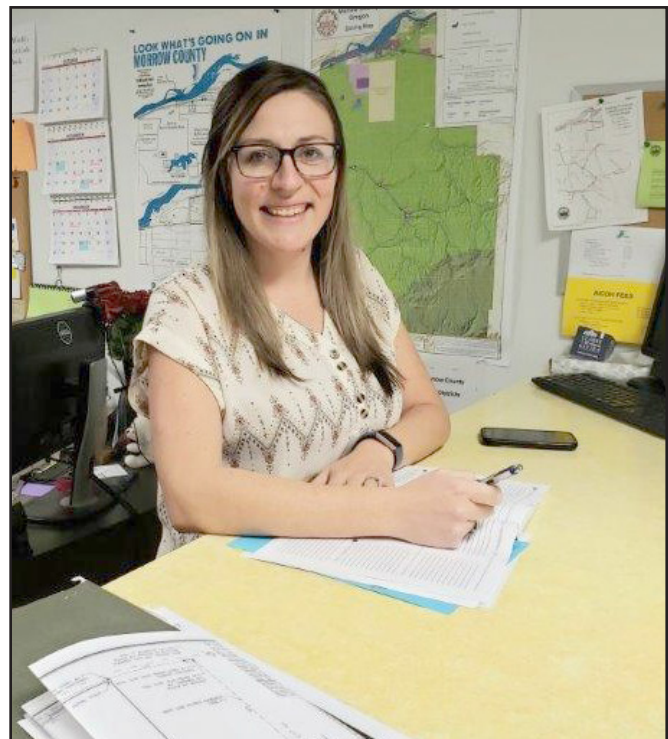
Rewards cards for Heppner Chamber's Celebrate Heppner Christmas event will be available at participating merchants beginning November 18. Shopping at local merchants will earn rewards cards for purchase amounts in \$10, \$20 and \$50 denominations. The rewards cards can be earned through December 12 where "Rewards Cards Participant" signs are displayed.

Rewards cards provide opportunities to win prizes at the Celebrate Christmas event at the Gilliam and

Bisbee Community Event center Thursday, December 12 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event will include complimentary cookies and beverages, a penny board and raffles. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available from 6 to 7 p.m. for \$5 each and Scrooge will be handing out rewards cards to those grumpy enough.

For additional information, contact the Heppner Chamber at 541-676-5536 or heppnerchamber@centurytel.net.

Interim county planner appointed



Stephanie Case has been appointed as interim planning director.

By David Sykes

Stephanie Case has been appointed interim Planning Director for the Morrow County Planning Department by the county commission at its meeting last week. Case has been employed as a staff planner and was elevated to temporary head planner with the recent resignation of Carla McLane.

The county has not indicated a timeline for hiring a new director, but commissioners indicated it is necessary to have someone with the title in order to sign certain paperwork and do other duties within the planning office.

In other business at their Nov. 6 meeting the commission heard a report from Public Works Director Matt Scrivner about a canal widening project by the irrigation district in Boardman. Columbia Improvement District (CID) is in the process of improving their irrigation system which includes increasing the capacity of the existing canal that crosses Homestead Lane one mile east of its intersection with Bombing Range Road. The improvements will require improvements to the bridge across the canal which requires cooperation from the county.

CID is proposing to construct a new, wider bridge through the installation of two box culverts and other improvements. The change would increase the crossing from its current 24-foot width to 34 foot. The commission agreed to work with CID to make the improvements.

In an earlier meeting on October 30 the commission voted on how it would divide up \$479,505 to be paid by a new wind farm coming into the county.

A new 16-tower wind farm called Orchard Wind is to be located between Butter Creek and Bombing Range Road north of Hwy 207 and will start construction next year. In a special tax deal called a SIP (strategic investment program) agreement, the project will receive reduced property taxes in exchange for paying a community service fee to six special tax districts in the county.

Over the 11-year life of the agreement these districts will receive total funding of: Umatilla-Morrow Radio District \$28,775; County Health District \$168,422; Port of Morrow \$14,235; Boardman Rural Fire \$126,342; Willow Creek Park Dist. \$64,542 and Unified Recreation Dist. \$77,186. The commissioners agreed to forego an undisclosed amount the county was allotted but will not take and divide that money up among the six other districts. Construction on Orchard Winds is expected to begin next year and the payments will begin in 2021. The special district payments are only part of the SIP agreement as the county will directly receive other funds in lieu of property taxes over the years.

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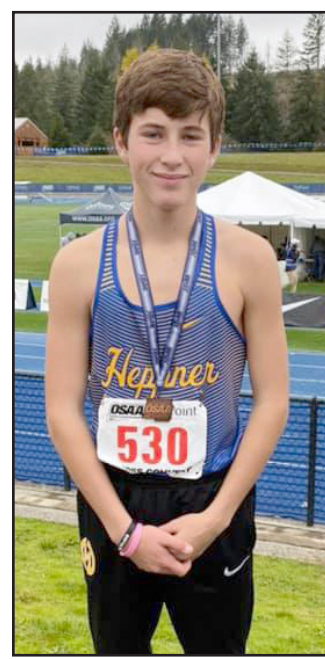
Mustang cross country athletes place at state



David Cribbs, Trevor Nichols, Joe Sherman, Roen Waite, Colt Parker, Angel Matthews and Edward Ellsworth with their fourth-place plaque at the state meet in Eugene.



Madelyn Nichols



Trevor Nichols

The Heppner men's cross country team placed fourth in the state 1A 2A race at the state meet held November 9 in Eugene. Madelyn Nichols, the first woman from Heppner to compete in the state cross country meet, took 17th and her brother, Trevor Nichols, placed 10th.

Community lunch menu

United Methodist volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, November 20 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be oven

roasted turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, roasted brussels sprouts, glazed carrots and pumpkin pie.

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

Ione Legion to host turkey bingo

The Ione American Legion will host turkey bingo at the Legion Hall on November 17. Doors will open at 4:30 with play to begin at 5 p.m. Dinner that will include baked potatoes, hot dogs, chili and all the fixings will be available as well as bingo and a 50/50 raffle.

Admission for bingo is \$15 and includes two books, one dauber and three blackout bingo cards. Additional single bingo cards are available for \$1 each. Additional books will be \$5 and additional blackout

bingo cards will be sold for \$2 each or a pack of three for \$5. Play will include nine regular bingo games and three blackouts.

DEADLINE: MONDAYS AT 5PM

Cyde Estes to retire after 17 years of service

After 17 years of dedicated service to Pioneer Memorial Home Health & Hospice, Cyde Estes, Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, is retiring this month. Estes began her service as a hospice volunteer in 2002, and quickly became coordinator in 2003. She was moved by the work of nurses and volunteers during her grandmother's time in hospice in the spring of 2002 and decided she would like to serve her community in the same capacity. Morrow County Health District began its hospice volunteer program the same year and Estes eagerly joined as a volunteer.

"I love the personal relationships I have been able to build and cultivate in this role with my volunteers and the privilege of serving our hospice patients has brought me great fulfillment," Cyde Estes said. Es-

tes was awarded Volunteer Coordinator of the Year by the State of Oregon in 2007 and is the only volunteer Hospice coordinator in the entire state. Cyde plans to stay on as a volunteer in retirement.

"Our entire community has benefited from Cyde's leadership, her passion for hospice care and her unsparing generosity over the last 17 years. We wish her the very best in retirement," said Bob Houser, CEO.

"Thank you for your many years of hard work and dedication to hospice. You have been an amazing example of volunteering. In the many years MCHD was privileged enough to have you as our volunteer coordinator, you accomplished so much and were a cornerstone of our hospice program. You have made our staff, Health District and community better, and



Cyde Estes

for that the entire hospice team thanks you. You are an inspiration to us all," reported Caroline Jackson, Hospice Director.

Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice will be hosting an open house and retirement party for Cyde Estes on November 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the downtown Heppner location. Community members are welcome to attend to wish her well in her retirement.



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David Collins, PA-C
Irrigon Medical Clinic
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Morrow County Health District is pleased to welcome David Collins, PA-C, his wife Stephanie and their four children to our growing family of caregivers. We invite you to join us for a special Meet & Greet, where you can learn more about David and his plans for helping patients achieve their health and wellness goals, and how he intends to join us in our mission to make Morrow County a healthier community.

Join us for refreshments and to meet David Collins, PA-C and everyone caring for you at Irrigon Medical Clinic.

Tuesday

3:30p.m. - 6:00p.m.

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