

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Morrow County gives update on positive case of COVID-19

investigative guidelines."

is now out of the hospi- cording to the March 27 es in Morrow County. tal and is recovering. The press release, "We believe press release stated, "Any this to a possible domestic Health is stressing the best persons that were deemed travel related exposure. way to protect yourself and at risk, have been contact- The individual was in Mor- your loved ones, is to wash ed, following the Oregon row County for a limited your hands frequently, stay Health Authority (OHA) amount of time." No other home, and reduce travel. On Friday, March 27 regarding which part of the used says, "Stay Home, Morrow County Public county the patient was from Save Lives."

According to Morrow Health Department con- or whether they frequented County Emergency Man- firmed that one individu- any public areas. It was agement, the patient pre- al had tested positive for reported that all precautions viously reported with a COVID-19 and was hos- have been taken and there positive case of COVID-19 pitalized out of state. Ac- are no other confirmed cas-

Morrow County Public information was released The tagline currently being

Oregon primary election still on schedule

The Oregon primary election will be held elections team plans to mail May 19, 2020 despite ballots on time on April 29 COVID-19. National news (earlier for military/overis reporting that primary seas and absentee voters). elections are being post- This year ballots may be poned but Oregon's election returned via mail at no will continue as scheduled charge. Voters are asked due to Oregon being a vote to mail early as a higher by mail state. In a vote by mail state, voters can vote expected. from the comfort of their

volume of mailed ballots is or concerns are asked to call

to vote or change your po-

The Morrow County litical party is April 28 and can be done online with a valid Oregon driver's license, ID card or learner's permit. Go to oregonvotes. gov and click on Register to Vote to register or MyVote to update a registration.

Those having questions the clerk's office at 541-The last day to register 676-5601 for assistance.

Group continues helping people in need

ty- People Helping Peo- each week. Ann and Emma The Boardman Baptime of need. Volunteers are busy making grocery deliveries, cooking meals for others and setting up nizer of the group, said, funds to purchase diapers or other necessities. Others are even going to the stores and purchasing items to donate.

family in Umatilla where ily in Umatilla, we had the dad had been laid off by providing food and es- of our county step up and sentials for their two young offer food and diapers. children. Theresa Crawford Individuals went to the has been delivering gro- store and purchased items. ceries to high-risk individ- One lady in Heppner made uals who do not want to them some homemade pasleave their homes and Sandi ta meals and drove them up County- People Helping

deliver groceries from the Heppner Market if needed.

Cody High, one orga-"The Morrow County community has really stepped up and shown why we are such a great place to live. They recently helped a In helping the young fampeople from all corners Richardson is providing to Irrigon where all items People.

The Morrow Coun- meals for five individuals were being gathered."

ple group is keeping busy Rietmann have set up a tist Church has set up a into her home to take a sexual abuse. The alleged helping residents all over weekly grocery run in Ione food pantry for the Board-Morrow County in this and others have offered to man area. Bucknum's has been offering free pancake breakfasts Friday-Sunday from 8-9:30 a.m. with the help of some very generous anonymous donations and the Heppner Christian Church.

"We are here to help all citizens of Morrow county with anything that can help them stay healthy and safe," High added.

Anyone who is interested in joining the group or helping in any way can find additional information on the Facebook page, Morrow

Oregon tax filing extended

Governor Kate Brown, the the Department of Reve- extended from April 15, Oregon Department of Revenue announced an extension for Oregon tax filing and payment deadlines for personal income taxes and some other taxes closely following the IRS extension declaration. This move was a result of the governor's priority to keep Oregonians safe and healthy, while also providing relief and consistency for Oregon taxpayers affected by the federal and state COVID-19 emergen-

"The governor's clearly stated goal is for Oregon families to stay home, save lives," said Oregon Department of Revenue Director Nia Ray. "After consulta- taxpayers the Oregon retion with the state treasurer turn filing due date for tax

lenging period."

ORS 305.157, the director July 15, 2020. of the Department of Revenue has determined that sion of the due dates for the governor's state-declared emergency due to the ing payments, any interest COVID-19 pandemic and the action of the IRS will impair the ability of Oregon taxpayers to take certain order begin accruing on actions within the time prescribed by law. Therefore, the director has ordered an sources such as forms and automatic extension of the 2019 tax year filing and

payment due dates.

At the direction of and state budget officials, year 2019 is automatically nue will extend personal 2020 to July 15, 2020. The and corporate income tax Oregon tax payment deaddeadlines during this chal- line for payments due with the 2019 tax year return is Under the authority of automatically extended to

Because of the extenfiling returns and makand penalties with respect to Oregon tax filings and payments extended by this July 16, 2020.

Taxpayers can find republications, information regarding filing as an individual or business, and For personal income helpful tools on the Department of Revenue webpage.

Jaylene Papineau seeks treasurer position

of four candidates seeking the Morrow County treasurer position on the primary ballot in May. She told the cels at working with others. Gazette that she is seeking cial part of the community and for her family.

Papineau is currently serving as the Morrow County Assessment and Tax Clerk, where she has worked for the past three and a half years. In addition, she has also been working for Patriot Building and Grounds Maintenance for the past 18 months. As the tax clerk, she

says she is well versed in how the property tax money is distributed to districts as accounts payable, receivable and payroll. She works closely with the current treasurer which she feels would make the transition seamless. She said, "I will use all my experience going to church. and knowledge to serve

Jaylene Papineau is one Morrow County with the upmost respect, dedication and heart." Papineau said she is a team player who ex-

Jaylene was born in the position to be a benefi- Heppner and graduated from Heppner High School. She grew up in a house built by her grandparents and is a third generation Morrow County resident. She lived in Clackamas County for 10 years after getting married and starting her family, where she worked as the office manager for Molalla River Academy. She groups of people and loved working with the children and parents.

play basketball, baseball, soccer, dance and football as well as encouraging them in their musical endeavors. She enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, riding horses and



Jaylene Papineau

"Morrow County is worked with many diverse my home, where my heart has always been and will forever be. I am excited and grateful to have this She has two children new opportunity to serve well as knowledgeable in and enjoys watching them the communities of Morrow County. I will listen to your concerns, collaborate with all other government entities and the people of Morrow County and serve you with integrity and humility," she noted.

Health District tightens visitor restrictions

pital in Heppner, and all Morrow County Health District (MCHD) clinics across the county, have instituted additional visitor restrictions following recommendations from the Oregon Health Authority and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Access to the hospital and clinics will be limited to one designated entrance.

comfort that is not related clinic and hospital operato COVID 19. All patients will be screened outside the emergency room doors in a Please know that these new designated triage area. Visitors are asked to follow the signs indicating where to park before being screened. All MCHD Clinic sites will also be following the same screening protocols.

this is a particularly difficult from others, wash their No visitors will be time for members of the hands regularly, disinfect permitted at the hospital, community. Just as every- frequently touched surfaces except for minors needing one has made changes to and most importantly; Stay adult help or someone vis- their daily lives, MCHD has Home, Save Lives.

Pioneer Memorial Hos- iting a patient in care and made adjustments to their tions to respond the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). measures are in place to further protect the health and safety of patients, public and caregiver teams.

MCHD would like to remind the community to continue to avoid close con-MCHD understands tact and keep their distance

Heppner man charged with attempted rape

Bret Wade Hutton home previously. Thompson, 53, of Hep-

and had showered at the investigating the case.

Charges against

pner has been charged with Thompson include attemptfelony sex crimes after he ed rape in the first degree, allegedly tried to rape a attempted sodomy in the woman who allowed him first degree and first-degree assault occurred Tuesday, Apparently the two March 24 and the victim were acquainted, and the filed a report with the loman asked to use the show- cal hospital. The Morrow er because he was homeless County Sheriff's Office is



Bret Wade Hutton Thompson

Child abuse suspect in custody

The investigation into is ongoing.

Cody Hendron, 28, of the abuse of the infant, who Irrigon has been arrested suffered life threatening and lodged at the Umatilla and/or altering injuries, de-County Jail after the Mortermined that Hendron was row County Sheriff's Office responsible for the injureceived a report from the ries. Investigators arrested Spokane Police Department Hendron Sunday afternoon of a two-month old infant and charged him with two who was being treated for counts of assault in the first severe injuries. The crime, degree and three counts which occurred in Morrow of criminal mistreatment County, was reported to in the first degree. Total MCSO on Saturday, March bail is \$530,000. MCSO reported the investigation



Cody Hendron





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