

Foundation receives donation



Tonia Adams, PMH Foundation board member (right) presents a check to Lauren Crum, PMH nurse (center) and Jamie Houck, Chief Nursing Officer (left). -Contributed photo.

The Pioneer Memorial Foundation recently received a \$15,000 donation with a request to use the funds to purchase a chest compression device called the Lucas3 for Pioneer Memorial Hospital's ambulance.

During a recent annual meeting, hospital administrator Bob Houser was asked if there were any special needs for the hos-

pital. He reported the new, updated chest compression device, Lucas3, could be a real lifesaver in the ambulance. He indicated a request would be made for the device at the regular meeting in April.

Soon after the meeting, the foundation was notified that the Robert Kilkenny Foundation was donating the funds to purchase the device. Bob Kilkenny was

known for his generosity and his love and respect for the ER nursing staff.

The Pioneer Memorial Foundation was formed in 1981 to promote good health through outstanding local medical care and to assist young people to enter careers in medicine through scholarships. The foundation continues to meet those goals 39 years later.

Neighborhood Center remains closed until further notice

Due to the COVID-19 health restrictions, the Neighborhood Center is still closed. Food boxes may be obtained by residents whose income meets the 2020 TEFAP Eligibility Guidelines (see below) and who live in south Morrow County. The staff is working on an on-call basis.

Toiletries will be available upon request until supplies run out.

Staff can be contacted to make a food box appointment via Facebook at facebook.com/nhcenter97836 or preferably by email at nhcenter97836@yahoo.com. Telephone messages can be left at 541-676-5024

and will be checked each morning.

The Neighborhood Center is not accepting clothing and household donations at this time. The staff appreciates your understanding and cooperation during this difficult time.

Oregon closes recreational hunting and fishing to non-residents

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has closed recreational hunting, fishing, crabbing and clamming to non-residents due to concerns about travel to Oregon to participate in these outdoor activities. Such travel could spread the coronavirus and put more of a burden on Oregon's rural communities.

As of Friday, April 10, non-residents may no longer participate in these activities in Oregon. The restriction extends until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and it is deemed safe to travel into Oregon. This order does not apply to anyone living in Oregon for less than six months who has not yet established residency.

Some states, including Washington, have closed hunting and fishing to limit the spread of the virus. While seasons remain open in Oregon (except for Columbia River salmon/steelhead fishing), resident hunters and anglers should not be travelling to participate. ODFW is hearing concerns from rural communities about people visiting to hunt and fish and placing additional burdens on these communities' limited resources.

"Rural communities are concerned about the potential impact of COVID-19 on medical and emergen-

cy services, search and rescue and their citizens. Some have asked us to close seasons to reduce travel," said ODFW Director Curt Melcher. "We would like to keep seasons open to give locals an outlet during this difficult time, but that doesn't mean it's OK to travel to these communities. Stick close to home and fish at your local lake, pond or river and do not go crabbing or clamming unless you live on the coast, and then only to places where access is still open."

ODFW monitoring has shown that while Oregonians are still participating in fisheries, clamming, shed hunting and wildlife viewing it is in significantly lower numbers and that the majority of participants are doing it close to home and practicing social distancing. "We appreciate that many Oregonians are taking the Stay Home, Save Lives order seriously," added Melcher.

ODFW field staff monitoring participation in the field have seen out of state license plates and out of state angling and shellfish licenses in use. Staff are also fielding numerous calls from non-residents inquiring about plans come to Oregon to hunt or fish.

"ODFW believes this action restricting non-residents will help local communities enforce the re-

strictions on out-of-state travelers violating the order, and putting local resources and residents at risk," said Melcher. "We appreciate everyone's understanding at this difficult time and look forward to seeing you outdoors again in the future when this passes."

Oregon residents who do choose to hunt, fish, crab or clam are reminded to:

-Stay close to home rather than travelling far. The Governor's Executive Order says hunting and fishing are OK, but to limit travel.

-Practice social distancing and stay six feet away from anyone who doesn't live in your immediate household, including when outdoors.

-Check access where you are headed as the area may be closed. State Parks are closed, counties have closed some parks and boat ramps, beach access is closed in some areas and national forests and BLM lands have closed recreation sites.

-Stay home if you are sick.

-Carry needed supplies with you to minimize non-essential stops, including buying your license/tag online instead of making a trip to a license sale agent if possible and bringing all needed food, water and sanitization supplies with you.

USDA-TEFAP ELIGIBILITY

BY SIGNING THE USDA SIGN-IN SHEET OR INTAKE FORM YOU DECLARE THAT :

1. You are eligible to receive USDA commodities because:

- Your household income is at or below the eligible income levels (see below) OR
- You are currently participating in the Food Stamp Program (SNAP), TANF, SSI, OR LIHEAP

AND

2. Your address and the number of people in your household as declared on the sign-in sheet are true and accurate.

USDA-TEFAP COMMODITY 2020 ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	INCOME	
	MONTHLY	ANNUAL
1	\$ 3,190	\$38,280
2	\$ 4,310	\$51,720
3	\$5,430	\$65,160
4	\$ 6,550	\$78,600
5	\$ 7,670	\$92,040
6	\$ 8,790	\$105,480
7	\$ 9,910	\$118,920
8*	\$ 11,030	\$132,360

* FOR EACH ADDITIONAL MEMBER, ADD \$1,120 PER MONTH
COMMODITY FOODS ARE FOR HOME CONSUMPTION ONLY AND MAY NOT BE SOLD, TRADED, BARTERED OR EXCHANGED FOR SERVICES.

USDA-TEFAP commodities in emergency food parcels are made available to persons in emergency need based on current supplies. Recipients must provide the following information:

- Name
- Address (if you have one)
- Number of people in your household

Eligibility is based on where you live and the posted income/eligibility guidelines ONLY.

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MORROW COUNTY COMMISSIONER

FREE DUMPING

Until further notice to aid in the protection of our residents the north and south transfer stations will only be open on **Saturday's 9am - 4pm.**

It is recommended that everyone follow precautionary guidelines to help prevent the spread of illnesses.

- If you feel sick, stay home.
- Practice social distancing by maintaining 6 feet or more between you and someone else.
- Wash your hands with soap or hand sanitizer.

MORROW COUNTY TRANSFER STATIONS

	NORTH TRANSFER 69900 Frontage Ln. Boardman, Oregon 97818	SOUTH TRANSFER 57185 Highway 74 Lexington, Oregon 97839
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Questions or comments contact:
Morrow County Public Works, 365 West Highway 74, Lexington, Oregon 97839
Phone: 541-989-9500 Monday - Thursday 8am - 5pm

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