

Trauma simulation conducted

On May 19, 2021, Pioneer Memorial Hospital teamed up with Healthcare Safety Solutions to conduct a trauma simulation. The simulation involved many agencies including Morrow County Health District Ambulance, Heppner Fire Department, Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Life Flight Network. The goal of the simulation was to create a situation that could likely occur in our area and make the event as real as possible in an effort to critique and improve process and emergency response.

Healthcare Safety Solutions conducted a training event with a 10 staff member Simulation Resource Team (SRT) prior to the event. The SRT plans to conduct similar training events throughout the year to ensure the District's

Emergency Response Team is as prepared as possible for when life threatening medical situations arise in our rural area.

The simulation allowed administrative and other staff to watch the event in a conference room via a live feed Go-Pro camera. Kris Jones, Chief Operating Officer stated, "It was a privilege to be able to witness our incredible staff in their element. It is invaluable to have a tool like this to be able to evaluate processes. I am proud to say I am a part of a team that is always striving to serve the community with the very best care possible."

Chief Nursing Officer, Kathleen Greenup, confirms simulation events will be occurring at least quarterly with yearly larger scale events and goes on to

report that simulated events help reduce panic, increase effective communication and helps identify gaps in process prior to an actual emergency.

At the completion of the simulation the SRT and all involved staff held a debrief to discuss any equipment failures that may have occurred, express any successes or frustrations they felt during the process and suggest improvements. The information gathered during the debrief will allow the district to tighten up their process and/or implement change prior to being faced with an actual emergency.

When asked how the simulation event went, EMT-Intermediate and ED Tech, Stephanie Rill stated, "My favorite part about the event was how realistic our equipment and scenario was. We are so lucky to have the resources we do in our small community."

The training and simulation were made possible by the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP Grant), which is supported by the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.



Emergency room staff stabilize the "victim." Pictured (L-R): Isaac Collins (far left rear), IT; Dr. Hambleton; Heather Smith, Lab Assistant; Kameron Ridling, RN; Sean Andrasik, RN; Rachel Hudson, RN and Mandi Williams, RN.



Staff "assisted" the victim in the simulation accident event. Pictured: Stephanie Rill, EMT-Intermediate and Nate Kennedy, EMS Driver. -Photos by Juli Kennedy.

New Irrigon county building 'on time and on budget'



Construction is moving along on the new county office building complex in Irrigon. -Photo by Chris Sykes.

The new county office building complex under construction in Irrigon is "on time and on budget," County Administrator Darrell Green told the Gazette-Times Monday. Green says the proposed move-in date is still the first part of November and maybe sooner if possible. Green says workers should be framing out the interior offices and completing the roof in a "couple of weeks."

The new mixed-use office space will house a multitude of county offices and departments including the Justice Court, Planning Department, Sheriff's Office, County Clerk, Surveyor, and Parole and Probation. The county seat is still in Heppner and no

offices will be closed there. The new Irrigon facility is just an expansion to service the growing north end of the county.

The building is 12,500 square feet and will also have room for the county commissioners to meet there. The sheriff's office north end offices will all be consolidated in the new building. Also, the sheriff will have storage for their marine boat for emergencies on the river. The only other county office in the north end is the health department with an office in Boardman and they will stay there. The rest of the county services will be consolidated in the new building.

Graduations planned

Heppner High School has scheduled the 2021 graduation ceremony for Saturday, June 5 at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The graduation is by invitation only and is not open to the public. The time and location is also subject to change.

Ione Community School's 2021 graduation

ceremony is scheduled for Friday, June 4 at 2 p.m. at the football field, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be moved to the gymnasium.

The 2021 Baccalaureate will be held Wednesday, June 2 at 6 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Church in Heppner.

Mustang baseball takes third in state



Back row (L-R): Head Coach Tim Wilkins, Blake Carter, Tucker Ashbeck, Roy Collins, Jake Lentz, Kason Cimmityotti, Jace Coe, Hayden Hyatt, Carson Eynetich, Assistant Coach Scott Coe and Jackson Lehman. Front row (L-R): Joe Jones, Ryan Lindsay, Toby Nation, Mikel Jaca, Cameron Proudfoot and Caden George.

The Heppner Mustang baseball team took third place in the OSAA 2A/1A boys baseball tournament last week by defeating the Culver Bulldogs and Umpqua Valley Christian, which allowed them to travel to Stayton for the quarter-finals. On Tuesday, the Heppner Mustang scored a victory over the Culver Bulldogs, scoring 6-5 with a walk-off single.

The Mustangs then geared up for a road trip to Bend where they took on Umpqua Valley Christian for their chance to move on to the quarter-finals. It was a game for the ages as the Mustangs battled back from being down 13-3 after five innings. That is when the Heppner Mus-

tangs began to shine. The boys began a miraculous comeback which started when they scored three runs in the sixth inning. The scoreboard reflected their efforts 13-6. In the top of the seventh with two outs and Toby Nation on base. Cameron Proudfoot worked a walk after getting behind 0-2. Roy Collins also drew a walk.

Carson Eynetich was now up to the plate with the bases juiced. Eynetich ripped a double that scored three. Up next was Kason Cimmityotti who reaches on an error and scores another. It was at that moment that the dark clouds parted, and Mikel Jaca hit a long fly ball to left field, that seemingly disappeared into the sun. With Jaca standing on second, UVC tried to regroup with a meeting on the mound.

The rally continued as Jackson Lehman hit a double to left and began rounding the bases. After the dust settled, Lehman was standing on third. The score was then tied up with the go-ahead runner on third base in the top of the seventh inning. As the game continued with two outs,

Nation headed to the plate. He slapped a double that scored Lehman. The "Boys in Blue" were up one run. Next up was Hayden Hyatt who went down looking on a questionable strike three. In the bottom of the seventh inning, the determined Mustangs took the field with a look that seemed to show that there was no way UVC had a prayer of getting on base. With Jaca's toes to the rubber, UVC hit a high pop fly to Hyatt - out one. The next hitter connected for another pop fly to Hyatt - out two. The final batter hit a ground ball to Hyatt, with a little toss to Lehman on first base for out three. Mustangs won 14-13.

The team was then on to Stayton for the quarter-finals, where the Mustangs looked to take one from Glide who had only given up 49 runs all year and 20 of those had come from UVC at the end of the regular season.

With Hyatt on the mound, the Mustangs were ready to go. The first three innings looked to be a pitcher's duel. Hyatt made quick work with a mix of strikeouts and routine hits along with a tough Mustang

defense backing him up. Roy Collins started off the fourth inning with a walk. Next up yielded an out and then a walk by Cimmityotti. Heppner was in good base position. The Mustangs then scored on a fielder's choice hit by Jace Coe. By the bottom of the sixth, the score was 3-1. Hyatt and the Mustang defense were still holding strong. Looking to put something together in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Mustangs late game magic had run low, and the boys fell to Glide 3-1.

Staying in Stayton, the Mustangs awaited their next opponent. When the Kennedy vs Western Christian game was over, the Mustangs were set to play Western Christian for the number three and four spots.

With Tucker Ashbeck on the bump, the Mustangs had moved on from the earlier loss in good time. The Mustangs defense was solid behind Ashbeck. Mustang bats began to warm up. Heppner scored early and often as they beat Western Christian 5-0, earning the Mustangs the third place spot.



Seth & Babali Hammond

Join us in celebrating this special couple with a casual event after their micro-wedding in Bend, April 10.

Sunday, June 13th
2:00PM
Ione City Park

Babali and Seth are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond



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