

COUNTY TOURISM

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when they refused to be vaccinated. Russell said the coach was the highest paid state official at a \$3.2 million per year salary and has indicated he is going to file a lawsuit.

Gray said one of the questions being asked by the Washington state government for a religious exemption is: "Have you ever received an exemption in the past? If you have, then your religious exemption is out the door," Gray said of Washington. Russell also wanted to know what accommodations the county would have to make for people who do receive an

exemption and continue on the payroll. "Maybe they can work from home," Russell said.

Russell recently had his own experience with COVID-19 when he became a "breakthrough" infection. A breakthrough is when a person who has been vaccinated still contracts the virus. The commissioner was vaccinated and still contracted the virus. He recently came back to attending commission meetings in person after being quarantined at home with the virus for the required amount of time.

Commissioner Jim

Doherty said if the county must start looking at religious exemptions for its employees it would open a "Pandora's Box" of problems and issues for the county to deal with. "It's a brutal subject," he said. Gray said decisions on exemptions from the mandate should be based on the law. However, the law is not yet clear on the whole subject of vaccine mandates and exemptions, prompting Commissioner Melissa Lindsay to point out that "the courts are set up because the law is not always black and white."

FBLA raises \$1,320 for breast cancer awareness



Pictured (Left to Right): Hadlie Nation, Morgan Cutsforth, Kathleen Greenup, Cameron Proudfoot, Toby Nation and Derrick Smith.

By Hannah Finch

Last week, Heppner FBLA hosted two fundraisers with the intent to donate to the Morrow County Health District for cancer screenings. During last week's senior night games, FBLA sold breast cancer awareness items. Among these were T-shirts, stickers, gift bags and other assorted items. The incredible outpour of support enabled the FBLA to raise \$1,320.

On Tuesday, Mustang volleyball played Stanfield and on Thursday, Mustang football played Irrigon. Included in the \$1,320 was the admission money earned from these senior night games that Heppner

High School graciously donated.

Kathleen Greenup, Chief Nursing Officer at Pioneer Memorial Clinic, is working with the hospital on what exactly they will do with the donation. "We are still brainstorming, but as of now, most all [of the donation money] will go towards medical equipment and supplies to help in the recovery of breast cancer survivors."

FBLA, or Future Business Leaders of America, is a career and technical student organization where members compete academically and develop their leadership skills to prepare

them for careers centered around business. This is a great networking system for students that allows them to connect with other aspiring business student leaders across the country.

FBLA advisor Jeannie Collins, a cancer survivor herself, stated, "This is the most money students have been able to raise in a long time." Heppner FBLA would like to thank the phenomenal members of the community for their support in this crucial endeavor towards fighting cancer. "We've always known the Heppner community to be very generous, but this blew us away."

Covid -19 Booster will be available

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Miercoles 27 de Octubre 2021
St. Patricks Senior Center, Heppner, OR 97836

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:00 - 6:00 PM
Miercoles 27 de Octubre 2021
Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner, OR 97836

Thursday, October 28, 2021 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Jueves 28 de Octubre de 2021
Legion Hall, 385 W 2nd St, Lone, OR 97843

Friday, October 29, 2021 2:00 - 7:00 PM
Viernes 29 de Octubre de 2021
Taqueria Dona Mary, 490 Hwy 730, Irrigon, OR 97844

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 1:00 - 6:00 PM
Miercoles 3 de Noviembre de 2021
Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner, OR 97836

Friday, November 5, 2021 2:00 - 7:00 PM
Viernes 5 de Noviembre de 2021
Morrow County Heath Dept, 101 Boardman Ave NW, Boardman, OR 97818

The following groups are eligible for booster doses ≥6 months after their last dose:

- All persons ≥65 years of age,
- Residents aged ≥18 years living in long-term care settings,
- People aged ≥18 years with underlying medical conditions,
- People aged ≥18 years who live or work in high-risk settings.

The following group is eligible for a booster dose ≥2 months after their previous dose:

- People aged ≥18 years who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Booster doses may be any brand of vaccine, regardless of the vaccine received for the initial dose(s) of the series.

Los siguientes grupos son elegibles para dosis de refuerzo ≥6 meses después de su última dosis:

- Todas las personas ≥65 años,
- Residentes de ≥18 años que viven en entornos de cuidados a largo plazo,
- Personas de ≥18 años con afecciones médicas subyacentes,
- Personas de ≥18 años que viven o trabajan en entornos de alto riesgo.

El siguiente grupo es elegible para una dosis de refuerzo ≥2 meses después de su dosis anterior:

- Personas de ≥18 años que recibieron la vacuna Johnson & Johnson.

Las dosis de refuerzo pueden ser de cualquier marca de vacuna, independientemente de la vacuna recibida para la (s) dosis inicial (es) de la serie.

Morrow County Health Department Regular Clinic Hours
Boardman - Monday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
541-481-4200
Heppner - Wednesday 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
541-676-5421

Heppner graduate completes USMC basic training



Austin Moses

By Giselle Moses

Austin Moses, a 2019 Heppner High School graduate, graduated United States Marine Corps Basic Training at the Recruit Training Depot in San Diego, California on October 15, 2021. Austin received the Expert Sharpshooter medal at the ceremony.

His grandmother, Kathie McGowan was in attendance for the event. She

spent the day with him on family day and reported how he stood tall and proud as he introduced her to his new friends. Austin is the son of Seth Moses. Heppner locals may remember him from Heppner Market Fresh where he worked as a cashier. Austin will spend the next month at Camp Pendleton for additional training.

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