

AMBULANCE

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there is a lot more detail that goes into this plan. I have asked twice that you come to us with an actual plan and actual data and detail and not just a memo and your analysis of the situation," she told Hughes. "If you had a problem, come forward and I would be happy to communicate and be involved with those meetings, but that doesn't happen either. Coming to this forum and asking us to move something with a memo without a plan and data and no impact to the dollars is really frustrating," she said.

Lindsay also did not like the timing of the request coming so soon after the passing away of the Morrow County Health District Emergency Services Manager Rusty Estes. "I'm a little bit emotional because I'm frustrated that you brought this forward right after Rusty passed away. "It really bothers me that is when you chose to bring this forward," she told Hughes. She asked that any decision on the license be postponed, and in the meantime a workshop session be held to further discuss it with more detail. The county commissioners often hold workshops outside their regular weekly meetings that typically cover one topic, go into more detail, and during which decisions are not voted on. "We want the best ambulance service we can get. I would like a work session with all the people in the room and get a clear picture on how this works," she said.

The health district also asked for a delay in the commissioners' decision. "It came to my atten-

tion yesterday that Chief Hughes is on the agenda to meet with the Board of Commissioners tomorrow regarding having his ambulance licensed to respond in Boardman. I would like to respectfully request that the BOC (Board of Commissioners) delay hearing this item and/or making a decision on this item until the District has had sufficient time to put together more information for the BOC as we were unaware that Boardman Fire intended to make this request," Roberts said in her letter.

Commissioner Don Russell, Boardman, favored granting the license. "To me it's very simple. If Boardman ambulance is busy, then we would have another ambulance that has people that are qualified. If there is a second call and there is somebody in crisis, I would think that we would want to do the best we can to get them out of crisis and if it's disbursing a Boardman Fire ambulance versus calling an ambulance that is 12 miles away (in Irrigon) my friend, my relative, myself, I want the first guy there to help me get out of crisis," he said. "He also urged commissioners to make a decision soon. "I would suggest that if we are going to hold it over, we don't delay too long because we are talking about people's health when they are in critical crisis, and I would hate to think that there is an event that takes Boardman ambulance out of the region and someone doesn't make it because Boardman Fire is sitting there and their hands are tied," he emphasized.

Hughes said he has tried on multiple occasions

to work with the health district and sited the turnover of CEOs at the district as one reason he has not gotten anywhere. At last week's meeting he said he's not interested in having a contract with the health district, saying the county could go ahead and just grant him the license to operate the ambulance, and then work out the details with the health district later. "All I care about is taking care of patients and my community. I don't care if I make a dollar on the transport. We are tax base we don't rely on reimbursement. If we don't make a single dollar, I am ok with that, but I want to provide service to northern Morrow County the best fashion I can," he said.

HIGH SPEED FIBER

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small towns and go to the larger cities to find work. Now, he points out, with high-speed fiber like what gorge.net is offering here, young people are coming back home to live and work. "It's rejuvenating the small towns," he points out.

And the price is pretty good now also. His company has been installing high-speed fiber internet in towns like Hood River, Vernonia, Cascade Locks, Fossil, Spray and Mitchell, and says many times it is cheaper than you can get it in Portland.

For example, gorge.net is offering home service 300 Mbps symmetrical (up and down) high-speed internet for \$59.95 per month;

for one gigabit the price is \$74.95 and for a whopping two gigabits its \$99.95. For information on installation call 541-436-0223 or visit gorge.net. The home service also includes whole home WiFi that blankets your home, filters online content and sets time limits for usage. It also offers the ability to block devices and receive new device alerts. There are no dead or slow spots with whole home WiFi.

The reason fiber optics is able to deliver such fast speeds as compared to old style copper, is because copper wire offers resistance to the flow of data on its line, Franell explains. He says with the glass fiber there is no resistance and

light travels through the hair size fiber at incredible speeds. He says each color in the light going through the fiber line also can carry its own load of data. He also points out that the fiber being installed has a "lot of capacity" and will be easily scalable if more load is required well into the future in the area.

Franell says he has enjoyed being in Heppner and Lone, meeting everyone and setting up connections. "The people here are very friendly and it's a pleasure doing business here." He encouraged anyone with questions about the company, pricing or services to make sure and call the company.

Sheriff's Report

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January 5: Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a report at Ne Fourth St/Ne Washington Ave, Irrigon. Courtesy ride for female from Umatilla to Irrigon.

-MCSO received a report in Irrigon. Caller advised that off Froburg Ln in Irrigon subject has been stalking and harassing him, he is requesting contact.

-MCSO received a report on Se Thomas Ave, in Irrigon. 2009 chevy malibu Tan/gold colored stolen last 30 45 min.

-MCSO received a report on Highway 206 Condon, in Heppner. Dodge ram pickup stuck on the hill trying to go up. she is blocking some traffic. She is stopped if she tries to move she slides backwards. Deputy and ODOT responded, she is now following the ODOT plow.

-MCSO received a report at Porcupine Ln/ Highway 207-Spray, in Heppner. Cow and calf on the road. Attempted to contact the possible owner negative contact. ODOT was advised.

-MCSO received a report at Wilson Ln/Root Ln, Boardman. Cow on the roadway. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Bombing Range Rd, in Lexington, truck rollover W/ Entrapment.

-MCSO received a report at Kunze Ln/Tyler Rd, in Boardman. MVA, slid through a fence. No injury or need for fire.

-MCSO received a report at Highway 730/ Pleasant View Rd, in Irrigon. Caller advised of possible intoxicated driver that turned north on Pleasant View from Hwy 730.

Rp advised white suburban driving reckless, turned into oncoming traffic.

-MCSO received a report at Columbia Basin Electric Co -Op on Linden Way., in Heppner. Columbia Basin lost telephones and are unable to forward the outage line. CBEC provided a number to call if anyone makes reports to MCSO.

-MCSO received a report on Nw Jewell Dr, in Irrigon. Caller is advising that he heard gun shots. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report at St Patrick's Senior Center on N Main St., in Heppner. Caller is advising the male that is living out of the pickup, one of his dogs is in the parking lot eating something he found and wandering loose. Caller is advising the dog is a black/


white smaller shepherd. Unable to locate.

-MCSO received a report on Se Utah Ave, in Irrigon. RP is advising of a blue/white p/u that went past his res at a high rate of speed approx. 35-40 MPH towards Tenth.


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MONDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.



WELCOME



Joshua Sirucek, D.O.

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Accepting New Patients

Morrow County Health District is pleased to welcome Dr. Joshua Sirucek to our growing family of caregivers.



Dr. Sirucek is accepting new patients at Pioneer Memorial Clinic. Our providers are here to serve you, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please call 541-676-5504 for an appointment.

You're Invited!

We are hosting a community meet & greet on February 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Memorial Clinic Conference Room. Meet Dr. Sirucek and welcome him to our wonderful community.

Light refreshments provided.

Social distancing and masks are required. If you're not feeling well, please stay home.

HealthyMC.org  

Valentine's Day is Monday, February 14th

Extended hours Sunday, February 13th Open 9am-4pm

Come see Cynthia at the Country Rose

She has many new floral arrangements, candy bouquets, balloons and gift baskets sure to delight anyone!

Floral/Gift deliveries Sunday, February 13th and Monday, February 14th in Heppner, Lexington & Lone Heppner High School, Heppner Elementary School & Lone School District accepting deliveries.

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Valentine's Day Special!

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Morrow County Grain Growers Green Feed & Seed

Heppner - 242 W Linden Way - 541-676-9422

Heppner's Wee Bit O' Ireland St. Patrick's Day Celebration is back!

After a long two years, the celebration kicks off on **March 11!**

The Heppner Gazette-Times will publish our special St. Patrick's Day pages in the March 9th issue. Do not miss this opportunity to reach local and visiting customers.

The deadline to be included is Monday, March 7 at 5:00 pm.

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