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Obituaries

Billy J. Adams

Former Heppner resident, Billy J. Adams, died November 5, 2021 in Alba, Texas. He was buried with military honors at a military cemetery outside Dallas, Texas.

He and his wife Shirley had just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on November 4.

He worked at the Morrow County bus sheds and later at the Morrow County Transfer station after retiring from military service.

He is survived by his wife Shirley and daughters Jessie of Minnesota and Aileen of Washington state.

Fear not

To the editor:

All doctors and many medical care specialists take the Hippocratic Oath, an oath to do no harm. Heppner has been blessed over the years with amazing doctors, nurses and medical care specialists. Heppner so venerated Doc Tibbles the city presented him with a bland new Bronco on his retirement. Doc McMurdo practiced medicine into his eighties. Doctors like Wally Wolfe and Dr. Wagner, a gifted surgeon who died too young in a plane accident in the nineteen fifties, invested their entire medical career in Heppner. Even those that have moved on like Joe Gifford and Russell Nichols have nevertheless blessed Heppner and Morrow County. The same can be said about the multitude of nurses that have dedicated their lives to minister to the hurting at their greatest time of need.

Part of that oath has been solely tested by the Covid pandemic. "I will prevent disease whenever I can, prevention is preferable to cure." The governments and public health officials in the western world have put little to no effort in measures to prevent, build up immune systems, or out-patient treatment to fight the

Covid 19 virus. "There is zero effort, interest, promotion or care about early treatment of people who are sick with COVID 19. But there is a complete and total focus on people who don't have COVID 19 and giving them a vaccine." (Dr. Peter McCullough, THE EPOCH TIMES, Jan. 5-11) As the Hippocratic oath requires prevention preferable to the vaccine cure, Dr. McCullough documents that "early treatment markedly changes spreads. So we reduce new cases, we reduce the intensity and severity and duration of symptoms. And by that mechanism, we reduce hospitalization and death." (McCullough, op. cit. P. 6) So why has the United States not allowed doctors to honor the Hippocratic oath and suppress virtually all efforts for early treatment and prevention of severe sickness and death from COVID-19? The answer, one man, Dr. Anthony Fauci. Dr. Fauci and his pharmaceutical cartel have orchestrated the pandemic lockdown, vaccination mandates, social distancing, forced face masks, business closures and the highest COVID-19 death rate in the world. The USA has documented 77 million COVID-19 cases and 917,000, 000 deaths. The closest nation to these horrendous numbers is India with over four times the population and one tenth the death rate per population. Bangladesh, (a) nation with few doctors, hospitals and a negligent health care system has lost 28,771 citizens, 35 times less than Dr. Fauci's

America.

"I will remember that I remain a member of society with special obligations to my fellow human beings, those of sound mind and body, as well as the infirm." (Hippocratic Oath) This oath does not just pertain to doctors and nurses but to all citizens that have a heart to do good, not harm. We all have a special obligation to support our fellow human beings, especially in the face of a pandemic that is dividing our county, putting our youth in fear-induced bondage and snuffing out the lives of our loved ones.

Can COVID-19 be prevented and can early treatment save lives? According to the Great Barrington Declaration, signed by 50,000 scientists and medical professions and 800,000 members of the public, a strategy of early treatment, protecting the elderly and immune compromised, and no lockdown of the general society or forced vaccinations/face masks, would have saved hundreds of thousands of American lives. Fauci and his ilk, rather than engaging in public discourse, "organized a quick and devastating published takedown" (The Epoch Times, Jay Bhattacharya, Jan. 6-11, 2022) of the Barrington Declaration.

Here is the rest of the story much of our present health care system can not honor lest they be fired. You can prevent or at least mitigate the severity of the dreaded COVID-19. Build up your immune system. Vitamin, mineral and nu-

trition supplements will help build up resistance to all types of infection and disease. Vitamin A,B, C, D, E; herbs such as milk thistle, echinacea, beet root powder, grapeseed extract, multi minerals, especially zinc, magnesium, selenium, macro green super foods, medicine such as ivermectin and many others according to individual needs will help build up your immune system. More important, take care of yourself. As my dad used to say in his late 80's, "If I knew I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself."

In closing, there is hope for those struggling with the after effects of COVID-19 as well as the COVID vaccinations and booster shots. Just one example (there are more) is Apple Pectin (powder or liquid). This apple product has been proven to remove toxins from your body. Apple pectin reduced 137c cesium uptake levels 62 percent in Ukrainian children after Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster. (Swiss Medical Weekly, 2004) Apple pectin can bind radionuclides (radiation toxins) because it is a natural chelator that can help the body flush out toxins and that includes nanoparticles from COVID vaccinations. (thedardiashow.com)

There is always hope. There is an exhortation "fear not" 365 times in the bible, one "fear not" for every day of the year. "Fear not" my brethren and take care of yourself. Stuart Dick Irrigon

BEO Bancorp reports 2021 earnings

BEO Bancorp and its subsidiary, Bank of Eastern Oregon, announced consolidated year end 2021 earnings of \$6,917,000; average earnings per share of \$5.74. Total assets were \$821.6 million; net loans were \$466.5 million, while deposits ended the year at \$753.4 million.

"2021 continued where 2020 left off... pandemic, mandates, supply chain. All terms that we have become way too familiar with over the past two years. Throw a drought into the mix and the year included additional cause for concern. From a growth and net income perspective, the bank had a very strong year. A tremendous amount of fiscal stimulus money flowed into the economy via various government programs. These programs contributed to bank growth, especially in deposit and total asset

growth," said President and CEO, Jeff Bailey.

According to Chief Financial Officer, Mark Lemmon, "Net income rose 25.2 percent year over year. Return on average assets is 0.93 percent compared to 0.95 percent in 2020. Return on average equity is at 15.39 percent, up from 13.88 percent in 2020. Our book value per share is \$39.80, up 13.8 percent from last year's \$34.96; while shareholder equity increased 14.3 percent year over year. All of these financial metrics reflect a good year for the bank."

Chief Operations Officer Becky Kindle said, "Deposits grew 24 percent year over year. This came from all areas of our branch network. The pandemic created various staffing challenges throughout 2021. We are very proud of our employees' dedica-

tion to providing excellent customer service in some-times less than ideal conditions. In 4Q 2021 we also converted to a new core processing system, which added to a chaotic year, but our employees met the challenges admirably."

"Loan volume decreased 5.1 percent year over year, but if our SBA PPP loans are taken out of the equation, core loans are up 5.4 percent in 2021," said Chief Lending Officer John Qualls. Chief Credit Officer, Ed Rollins commented, "Our loan portfolio has performed quite well over the past year. While production for our ag producers was down, commodity prices, crop insurance and other stimulus programs helped avert what could have been a terrible year for our agricultural sector."



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.

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