

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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A heartfelt letter to my community

To the editor;
It won't come as a surprise that I've been following the negative social media campaign and the letters to the editor that target Morrow County Health District.

My response to this has largely been to turn inward and focus on trying to build up our team at the district. If I could absorb and deflect the negativity from our team, I would do it in a heartbeat. The truth is, I can't and it's hard on our staff. It's hard on all of us.

Gosh, it's been a long two years. The district has been through a huge amount of change, it's true. We've also worked through years of COVID now and it hasn't been easy. Yes, our staff are

tired. Yes, burnout is a very real risk.

...But, do you know what else our staff are? They are hardworking, kind, resilient people that keep showing up day after day. They are your family, your friends, your neighbors. They are the district.

I've been in healthcare since 2004 and never have I seen a community that cares so much. It's an amazing thing.

It's easy to be negative and it's easy to tear others down. My heartfelt ask to our community is this – let's build each other up. If there's a problem, let's work together to solve it.

Sincerely,
Emily Roberts
Heppner

Mustangs look to upset Loggers

By Blake Carter

The Mustangs had a quick turnaround after their first round play-in game with the Bonanza Antlers. The following night Heppner departed on the long trip to Astoria to meet with the Knappa Loggers Wednesday afternoon. Knappa got off to a slow start this season, going 1-3 in the first four games. After this start Knappa rattled off 18 straight wins to lock up the number three seed. Heppner would try to knock off the Loggers but in five innings, Knappa captured a 13-1 win.

Knappa got hot early, scoring eight runs in just the first innings. Using five walks, two singles, and a triple to put the Mustangs in a hole early. Heppner could not get anything going,

having just one hit through the first three innings of play. Knappa would score three more in the third, and two more in the fourth, making it 13-0 after four innings. Heppner would get a single from shortstop Carson Eyenetich, and Tucker Ashbeck would be hit by a pitch. The runners would move around, stealing bases before Eyenetich came home on an error by the Logger catcher. Ryan Lindsay would also single in the next at bat, before being thrown out stealing second base. Heppner would fall 13-1 and end their season.

Heppner finished 16-9 in a turbulent season. Heppner will graduate five seniors, Jace Coe, Zander Fisher, Kason Cimmiyotti, Brock Hisler and Toby Nation.

MCHD announces medical staff update

Earlier this year, MCHD welcomed Dr. Joshua Sirucek to its Heppner medical staff to provide care in both the clinic and emergency room. Dr. Sirucek resides in Iowa with his family and intended to relocate to our community. Unfortunately, due to a change in family circumstances, Dr. Sirucek is unable to relocate to Heppner at this time.

Dr. Sirucek will continue seeing patients in the clinic and ER as scheduled through the end of August 2022. After that time, Dr. Sirucek will be unable to see patients in the clinic, however, he will continue to work in the ER as available. Dr. Sirucek and MCHD are mutually interested in having Dr. Sirucek resume his clinic duties at a future date when his circumstances change.

"We fully recognize that many in our community have come to know and appreciate being cared for by Dr. Sirucek. MCHD echoes their sentiments and acknowledges patients' frustrations in wanting to establish a long-term relationship with a primary care provider in the community," the press release stated.

MCHD will welcome Amanda Roy, PA-C in July

of 2022 and Dr. Rodney Schaffer in August of 2022. Look for additional details about their arrival on social media and in the upcoming summer newsletter, "Living Healthier."

In the meantime, MCHD reminds all served by the district that our health care teams continue to provide high-quality, patient-centered care in Heppner, Lone, Lexington Boardman and Irrigon. Visit healthymc.org for details about each of the providers and locations.

"Additionally, MCHD continues its unwavering commitment to advancing access to care, working with several recruitment resources to identify candidates with a desire to serve our unique rural communities," the press release continued.

Also, according to the press release, "Lastly, we ask that our community turn to MCHD for the facts about staffing and other district news. Though it can be tempting to join a chorus of negative voices, we're focused on creating a symphony of health, wellbeing, and community harmony. We invite the community to send questions and comments to community@mcohd.org."

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