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~ Letters to the Editor ~  
**Demand Port remove nitrates**

To the Editor:  
Commissioner Jim Doherty's exposure of unrestrained nitrate poisoning in Morrow and Umatilla county has drawn the reproach of many citizens. Has Commissioner Doherty used nitrate poisoning as a "headline grabbing attempt to make political hay out of the Port of Morrow's nitrate issues?" (Jerry Rietmann, G.T. 8/24/22) Jerry raises valid concerns regarding the problem of greater scrutiny from the DEQ, EPA, and multiple State of Oregon regulatory agencies on our private property. Rietmann contends "the Port is not that much of a contributor to the overall nitrate issue. No doubt with the large amount of current and future investment the Port will make the investment to remove nitrates from its water process." (Rietmann, 8/24/22) If this statement is true and accurate then Commissioner Doherty deserves the criticism leveled against him. If not then Doherty has been unfairly attacked as "No good deed goes unpunished."  
A local Morrow County Dairy Farm was recently fined and closed down for significantly less nitrate poisoning than the Port of Morrow gets away with every year. It is a documented falsehood (Nitrate Poisoning, G.T. 6/22/22) to publically state "the Port of Morrow is not that much of a contributor of the overall nitrate issue." The DEQ has been fining, then rescinding, then fining the Port of Morrow nitrate poisoning for more than two decades with zero success. In my letter documenting (G.T. 6/22/22) the egregious "reckless, deliberate" con-

tinuous nitrate poisoning by the Port of Morrow I was questioned by an Ione resident Virgil Morgan regarding the excess total nitrogen applied by the Port from 2007-09. I highly respect Virgil, so I went back to the publication to make sure I documented correctly an excess of over three thousand pounds per acre of nitrogen in the permit violation. Confirmed but not satisfied I contacted the DEQ for actual documentation in their records. "Mr. Dick please find attached the 2011 Notice of Permit Violation citing the 2007-09 violation. By my quick count, the total excess nitrogen applied across all fields during that time frame was 3,580 lbs. per acre." (Jeff Bachman, DEQ, 7/18/22).  
Contrary to Jerry Rietmann's confidence that the Port "will make the investment to remove nitrates from its water process" there is no evidence to support his confidence. The Port relies on the public support of citizens and Port food processors that profit greatly by having their contaminated water removed. Therefore the Port has received scant public pressure to make any concrete commitment to remove nitrates from the water on farms they continue to poison with excess nitrates.  
If the land owners and citizens of Morrow County want the DEQ, EPA and other regulatory agencies to back off and leave us alone, then it past time to demand the Port Commissioners use their authority to remove the nitrates from the irrigation water instead of encouraging attacks against Jim Doherty. Jim Doherty is not the problem, he is just the whistle blower that brought it to the surface.  
Stuart Dick

**Grant graduates from Pacific**

Sophie Marie Grant of Heppner graduated from Pacific University in May-22 with a bachelor of science degree in biology from the College of Arts & Sciences.  
"Pacific University serves nearly 4,000 students in undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in the arts and sciences, business, education, optometry and health professions. Committed to inspiring students to think, care, create, and pursue justice in the world, Pacific offers a transformational liberal arts foundation paired with meaningful professional preparation.

Pacific is the No. 1 private research university in the Northwest, with campuses in Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Eugene, and Woodburn, OR," said a Pacific University news release.

**Rebekah Lodge to host BUNCO**

Starting September 15, Holly Rebekah Lodge is once again holding BUNCO parties at their Lodge Hall in Lexington. A lodge spokesperson said, "Grab your friends and come on down for a fun evening of playing BUNCO. The dice will start rolling at 6 p.m." The cost is \$5 per person.

**Cutsforth makes world record shoot**



Stanley Cutsforth with his shooting rifle

Stanley Cutsforth of Heppner has set a new Extreme Long Range Shooters (ELR Shooters) world record. He made three hits at 2,560 yards Cold Bore and took first place at the Spring Canyon Record match, including a first round hit at 3,700 yards. He also took first place at the Raton Thunder 1.64 Mile.

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**Immediate Care – Rolling Into Boardman Soon!**



OPEN OCTOBER 11  
Seven days a week  
9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**MCHD's clinic will offer immediate care and occupational health to Morrow County.**

Working toward a healthier community, the Morrow County Health District is launching a new immediate care clinic in Boardman. Boardman Immediate Care will offer a range of immediate care and occupational health services that are convenient, affordable and accessible. Staffed seven days a week, the clinic will play a vital role in keeping the people of Morrow County healthy and safe.

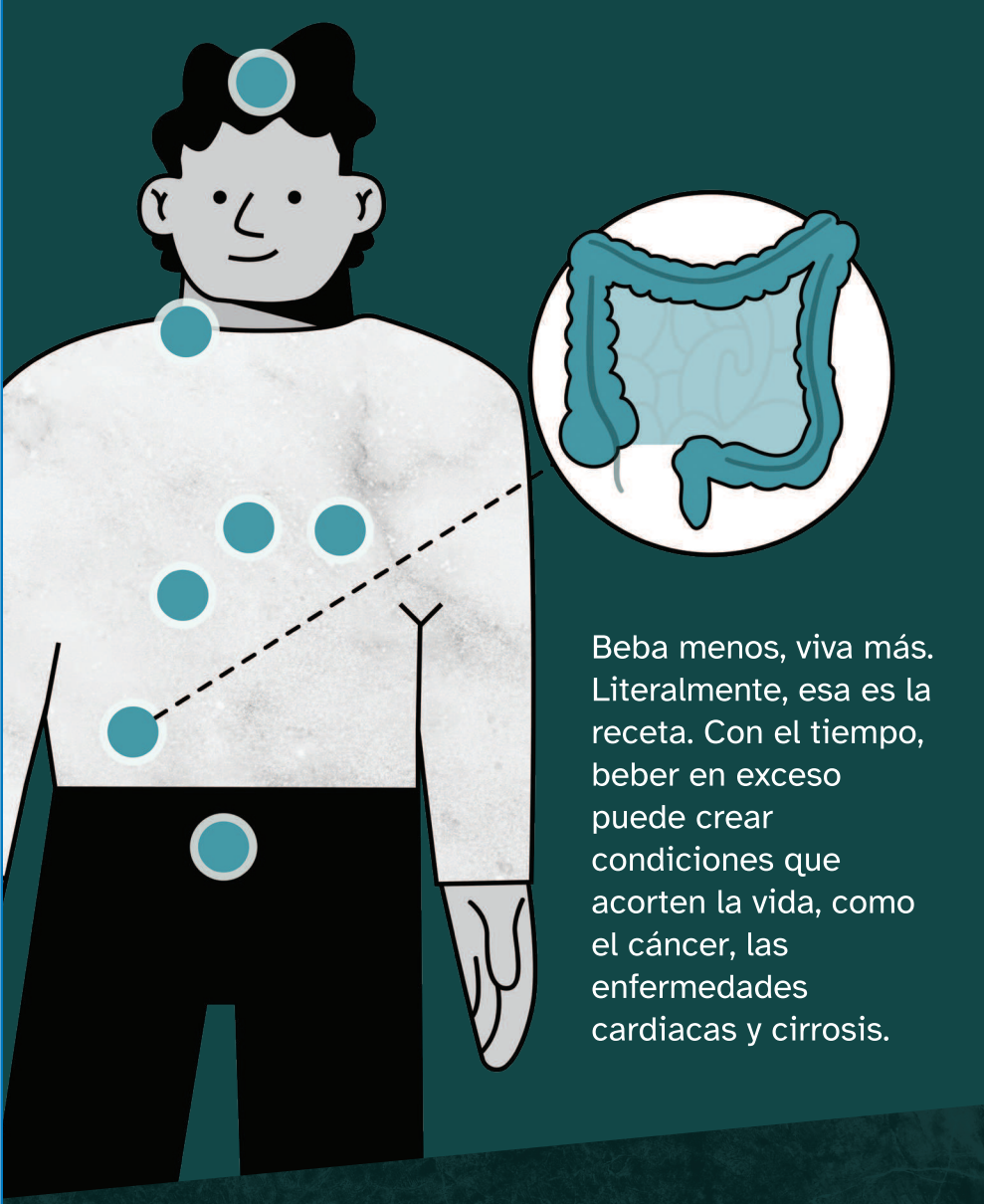
**STEP RIGHT UP FOR CONVENIENT CARE**

- What is it?** Boardman Immediate Care is an immediate care and occupational health clinic with two clinical exam rooms and X-ray and laboratory services.
- Where is it located?** Housed in a custom-designed motor coach, the clinic will be located at 101 Kinkade Rd. in Boardman.
- What kind of care is available?** Patients can be seen for minor illnesses and injuries, skin rashes, irritation or infection, sprains, strains and muscle tears, scrapes or cuts, minor workplace injuries, drug screening and more.
- Who can get care here?** Anyone needing immediate care or occupational health services can access care at Boardman Immediate Care.
- When will it open?** The Boardman Immediate Care coach arrived in Boardman Friday, Sept. 2. It is scheduled to open for business Tuesday, Oct. 11, and will be open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Morrow County Health District accepts all major insurance plans and is committed to providing financial assistance to people who have health care needs and are uninsured, underinsured, ineligible for a government program, or otherwise unable to pay for medically necessary care.

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