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Fire department, sheriff's office receive gifts of life



Heppner Fire Department and Morrow County Sheriff's Office recently received new AEDs courtesy of Morrow County Health District. Pictured with the AEDs in Heppner Fire Hall (L-R) are Morrow County Sheriff John Bowles, MCHD CEO Emily Roberts, and Heppner volunteer firefighters Eric Chick and Erik Patton. -Photo by Andrea Di Salvo

The Heppner Volunteer Fire Department and Morrow County Sheriff's Office received new AED units last week courtesy of Morrow County Health District.

AEDs, or automated external defibrillators, are used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, or heart attack. The Red Cross call the AED a "sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device." It can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

The fire department and sheriff's office each requested five AED units from the district in November. The cost for all 10 Zoll AED Plus machines and carrying cases was \$16,980.

In laying out their reason for requesting the machines, Heppner Fire Chief Steve Rhea pointed out that the Heppner Fire Department is an all-volunteer department with a fire district that covers over 600 square miles of Morrow County. That includes land in the Heppner Rural Fire Protection District, which

contracts with the Heppner Fire Department. Rhea also said that the department's rescue unit, which carries the Jaws of Life, covers an additional 1,000 square miles of county.

"Due to the vastness of our response area we can be over an hour away from any medical facilities," Rhea said in a letter to the health district. "There are times that we may arrive prior to the ambulance."

Not only that, but the American heart Association reported in 2018 that more than 356,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur every year in the U.S. An estimated 40 to 50 percent of duty related fatalities in fire services are from heart attacks. Studies have also shown that if a sudden cardiac arrest patient received defibrillation through an AED within the first minute, their survival rate is 90 percent.

Of the five AEDs gifted to the fire department, one will be placed in the department's rescue vehicle, one in the primary structure engine, one in each of the command vehicles and one in the fire hall.

Heppner Rural Fire Protection District to meet

A public meeting of the Heppner Rural Fire Protection District will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Fire Hall, 911 Riverside Avenue.

The meeting will include the annual joint meeting between the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department and the Heppner Rural Fire

Protection District. The purpose of this meeting is to receive information, discuss topics pertinent to both entities, and share issues and concerns relating to the contractual relationship between the two parties.

The public is invited to attend.

Rep. Smith Receives Measure 114 update from Raschio



Rep. Greg Smith and Judge Robert Raschio. -Contributed photo

Last week, Rep. Greg Smith (R-Heppner) had a meeting with Judge Robert S. Raschio, who is the Presiding Judge of Oregon's 24th Judicial District (Grant and Harney Circuit Court).

Back in November, voters narrowly passed Ballot Measure 114. It was set to go into effect in December, however, gun rights activists challenged it in court and argued that it violates the Oregon Constitution. Judge Raschio believed their arguments had merit and put a temporary stay on the implementation of Measure 114.

Since then, the Oregon

Supreme Court has denied the Oregon Attorney General's petition to overturn Judge Raschio's injunction and allow Measure 114 to go into effect. The gun control measure remains blocked until a lower court holds a hearing.

"I often receive questions from constituents regarding Measure 114," said Smith. "Having meetings like today are vastly important; where different branches of government can come together and learn from each other. A huge thank you goes out to Judge Raschio for his work to uphold Oregon's Constitution."

Applications being accepted for Billy Gentry Scholarship

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative (CBEC) offices in Heppner and Condon will be accepting applications for the Billy Gentry Memorial Scholarship now through 5 p.m. on May 1.

Gentry started work for the cooperative at age 18 and retired in 1991 after 43 years. He worked as a truck driver, a pole setter, on the framing crew, jackhammer operator, and powder man before becoming the foreman and then line superintendent.

Gentry loved his work family and the trade—anyone who was willing to work no matter the weather or how many hours it took to get the lights back on was part of the family. He was there with Columbia Basin Electric when the lights first came on at the Potter Ranch in 1949.

Priority will be given to students interested in pursuing a trade/degree in the electrical industry, with an emphasis to individuals that would like to move back to

Eastern Oregon.

The scholarship is only available to high school seniors who live in a home served by CBEC and attend school within our service territory. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a student in each high school within the CBEC service territory—Heppner, Ione, Condon and Fossil.

"At CBEC, we take great pride in highlighting the value of cooperative membership to young people," the cooperative said in a statement. "After all, they are our members-in-training. We provide a variety of programs that benefit young people, from safety demonstrations to sponsoring youth activities across our five-county service territory."

Applications are available at www.cbec.cc, from each school or at one of Columbia Basin Electric's offices. Anyone with questions may contact the office in Heppner at 541-676-9146 or Condon at 541-384-2023.

Boardman city manager candidate turns down position

The Boardman City Council extended a conditional offer of employment for the Boardman City Manager position to Elke Doom of Huron Township, MI recently, but Doom has withdrawn her name from consideration, leaving the city without a long-term city manager for the moment.

The City of Boardman had been working with Strategic Government Resources of Keller, TX since September in an attempt to recruit candidates for the city manager position. The city recently hosted a public meet and greet and panel interviews for three

finalists.

Since Doom has withdrawn her interest, the Boardman City Council has announced it will be working to decide how to proceed in order to fill the position in a timely manner.

"The city council is committed to a community-informed search and will provide updates to the community as soon as more information becomes available," the city stated in a release. "The council would like to thank everyone involved in the hiring process and commend the community for participating in the process."

Heppner chamber announces new website

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce has a new website. Among the updates are multiple features to better serve Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group's (WCVEDG) designated area.

VEDG programs and other local, state and regional partners is available now at <https://heppnerchamber.com/grants/>. The community enhancement grant application will open on March 16.

Death Notice

Jarry M. Jessen—Jarry M. Jessen of Hermiston died on Feb. 19, 2023, at the age of 80 near Cutsforth Park, doing what he loved, spending time outdoors. He was born on Jan. 20, 1943, in Paradise, CA.

A private family gathering will be held. Please share memories of Jarry with his family at burnsmortuary-hermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

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