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## MC Republican Party November 2023 Meeting

The Morrow County Republicans will meet at 6:30 pm, Thursday, November 2nd at the Lexington School Conference Room, Lexington, Oregon. PCPs and anyone interested in the county Republican Party are encouraged to come and join the discussions.

MCRP will work on filling PCP positions that are currently open in the county, as well as providing forms for current PCPs to complete for the May 2024 ballot. The group will hear a report of the Oregon Republican Platform meeting held in Pendleton, Oregon, October 19-21. Other agenda items include a review of

MCRP bylaws and planning for the 2024 election-year calendar.

PCP positions are open for Heppner, Lexington, Boardman, and Irrigon. Individuals interested in one of these positions are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about the positions. PCP appointments can be made during MCRP meetings.

The Republican Party is open to individuals interested in conservative ideals and values. The Republican Party platform can be found at <https://oregon.gop/>. For more information on the Morrow County Republican Party, contact [moreps@gmail.com](mailto:moreps@gmail.com).

## A Reminder to Insulate Water Meters

The City of Heppner kindly reminds all residents to take this necessary precaution before the mercury plummets. Now is the perfect time to act, and conveniently, PettyJohns, our local hardware store, carries insulation that perfectly fits the water meter. Priced at a reasonable \$4.00, this insulation is readily available. However, if one prefers to explore other options, various building supply stores also carry suitable insulation. Freezing temperatures can cause extensive damage to the meter, leading to costly repairs and inconvenience. In the event that

accessing and insulating the meter proves challenging for anyone, the city stands ready to assist. Simply contact us, and we will gladly lend our support. However, it is important to note that there is a fee of \$75.00, in addition to the cost of materials, for repairing any meters that have become frozen due to insufficient insulation. Should you have any further questions or concerns regarding insulating your water meter or any related matters, please do not hesitate to reach out to the city at 541-676-9618, or you can visit us in person at City Hall.

## The Neighborhood Center Annual Food Drive Nov. 2nd

It is time for the Neighborhood Center's Annual Food Drive! Every year the community of South Morrow County has been generous to people in need. This time of year, Thanksgiving and Christmas, is difficult for some families. People want to get together with their families and friends to share a meal during the holidays. The cost of food makes this almost impossible. The Neighborhood Center needs assistance to fill our shelves so all may have a wonderful holiday season.

Most Mustang fall sports members will be collecting food donations on November 2 between 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. These students will be on the lookout for front porch

lights in the city limits of Heppner. For those who want to participate in giving, please leave your porch light on with your bag of food donations on the porch. The food will be brought to the Neighborhood Center to be weighed, sorted, and shelved. Those in Lexington can bring their donations of food to Lexington City Hall during normal business hours.

Please be sure your donations are current, not out of date. Some suggestions are anything you like for holiday meals: gravy mix, canned gravy, canned yams, cranberries, green beans, olives, snacks, and stuffing mix to name a few. Let us make this a wonderful time of year for everyone!

## Mustang Volleyball Loses to Greyhounds



The Mustangs getting focussed during their match with Gaston Greyhounds - Photo by Susan Hisler

By Tylynn Cimmiyotti

On Saturday, October 28, 2023, the Heppner Mustangs volleyball team faced a tough challenge in the first round of the 2A State playoffs. They traveled to Gaston to play against the Greyhounds, who were ranked #7 in the state. The Mustangs, who were ranked #10, put up a good fight, but they could not overcome the strong performance of their opponents. The Mustangs showed some impressive skills on offense, but they struggled to maintain a high hitting percentage. They also made costly mistakes on defense that gave

the Greyhounds an advantage. The Mustangs lost the match and ended their season, but they have much to be proud of. They have a young and talented team that will return stronger next year.

Heppner vs. Gaston: Loss, 0-3. 17-25, 15-25, 20-25. Stats: Ava Gerry: 4 kills, 12 assists, 11 digs, 3 aces, 2 blocks. Maya Payne: 6 kills, 7 assists, 8 digs. Hal-lee Hisler: 8 kills, 9 digs, 3 aces, 2 blocks. Morgan Cutsforth: 5 kills, 11 digs, 3 aces. Katie Spivey: 20 digs. Avree Lathrop: 2 digs. Olivia Ogden: 3 digs.

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*I realize its been a couple of weeks but it has been such an overwhelming situation.*

*The most important thing I would like to share is how the family and I appreciate the overwhelming show of love and support from all of you in the community.*

*Sometimes we take for granted and maybe even complain about our small, tight-knit community but on the afternoon of October 14th with a showing of over 600 family, friends and acquaintances at Sharon's celebration of life. It truly was a celebration.*

*So many things I'd like to say but the only thing that I can muster is  
**THANK YOU ALL FROM THE  
BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!!***

*The Sharon Miller Family.*

