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BOC recall allegations

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County Health District (MCHD). They have disregarded the established procedures for amending the Ambulance Service Area Plan, which has resulted in severe harm to the county ambulance service, a service that has been saving lives for almost three decades.

2) The BOC has shown a lack of cooperation and transparency with the residents of Heppner regarding the location of the new Circuit Courthouse. Important information about the site has been withheld, preventing the community from being fully involved in the decision-making process.

3) In a questionable move, the current BOC has reduced their workload to just two meetings a month and is in the process of hiring a second Administrator at a significant cost to the county. This decision, which comes with a total expense of \$365,000 including benefits, is deemed unacceptable by the citizens of Morrow County.

4) Morrow County is facing a critical issue of nitrate pollution in drinking water, particularly in the northern region. Despite having the authority and responsibility to address this health hazard, the BOC has failed to take action or provide leadership in finding a solution.

5) The BOC has made an unnecessary and disadvantageous tax abatement agreement with Amazon, much to the dismay of Morrow County taxpayers. In the future, any tax abatement deals with Amazon must prioritize citizen transparency and involve skilled negotiators to ensure fair and beneficial terms for the county.

According to the Secretary of State's recall manu-

al, the required number of valid signatures is 15% of the votes cast for governor in the public officer's district during the last gubernatorial election at which a candidate for Governor was elected to a full term. Votes cast includes miscellaneous write-in votes, but not over-votes or undervotes.

A total of 4,083 votes were cast for Governor in Morrow County in the last election. Therefore, approximately 612 valid signatures would be required.

If all valid signatures are collected, the recall will proceed to a county-wide vote.

If the people of Morrow County vote to recall all county commissioners, the responsibility of selecting new commissioners to fill at least two vacant seats falls upon Governor Koteck.

Morrow SWCD to meet April 9th

Morrow SWCD will meet Tuesday, April 9th beginning at 6pm at the Ag Service Center in Heppner. To join via Zoom or con-

ference call, please contact the SWCD beforehand at 541-676-5452. Meetings of the Morrow SWCD are open to the public.

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AgWest Farm Credit financial results 2023

AgWest Farm Credit, an agricultural lending cooperative serving producers in the West, recently announced its 2023 financial results. This marks a significant milestone for the company following the merger of Farm Credit West and Northwest Farm Credit Services on January 1, 2023.

The association reported strong financial performance in 2023, surpassing projections with a net income of \$707.8 million. This robust performance has led to the growth of total capital, which now stands at \$5.6 billion. The increase in capital will enable AgWest Farm Credit to better support the borrowing needs of its customers. Additionally, the total loan

volume rose to \$29.2 billion by the end of 2023.

AgWest Farm Credit is a financial cooperative with approximately \$32 billion in total assets. They provide financing and related services to a range of customers, including farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, commercial fishermen, timber producers, rural homeowners, and crop insurance customers. Operating in seven states in the West, AgWest is part of the renowned Farm Credit System, which has been a leading provider of credit to American agriculture for 108 years. With 59 locations throughout the West, AgWest is dedicated to serving its customers and their communities.

SMC Seniors Matter April menu


Lunches are on Tuesdays, starting at 11:30 at the St Pat's Dining Room. 60 and up are free, 5-59 years is \$5. Donations are always welcome. The menu is as follows; April 2nd - Mini Pizzas, Garden Salad, and Dessert. April 9th - Meatloaf, Garlic Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Buttered Corn, and Dessert. April 16 - Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, and Dessert. April 23 - Italian Smorgasbord, Green Beans, Bread Sticks, and Dessert. April 30th - Taco Bravo Bar (double-decker tacos) Spanish Rice, and Dessert.

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Heppner Housing Authority to meet April 9th

The next meeting of the Heppner Housing Authority for the Heppner senior center will be Tuesday, April 9th, at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room. For more information, contact KayRene Qualls at 541-980-2836.

Celebration of Life



A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, April 27th, 2024 at 11:00 am at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner Oregon for our son and daughter. Roy Proctor, age 36, passed away at his home on January 18th, 2024 in Heppner. His sister, Josie Proctor Keyes, age 43, passed away January 31st, 2024 at her home in Sisters Oregon. Please join us at the Mass and/or at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Grounds for BBQ and a slideshow, about 1:00 pm. Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.


THE MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS A VACANCY

The Board currently has a vacancy that will be filled by appointment. Interested parties should complete the board application and return to community@moco hd.org no later than April 22, 2024.

The Board will conduct a preliminary review of applications during the April 29, 2024 meeting and may choose to appoint an applicant at that time.

Applicants are encouraged to fully complete the board application and to review the District's Board Governance Manual. Both of these documents are available at HealthyMC.org

Questions about the vacant position may be directed to Emily Roberts at emilyr@moco hd.org.



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May 4th FREE FLIGHTS

Youth 8-17 years old Register online by scanning the code 8:30AM-1:30 PM

2024 Young Eagles Event

EAA Chapter 604 hosts our annual Young Eagles Flight Event. Register online for your preferred time slot. Parents please print and sign your registration form and arrive within half an hour of the flight time. Walk-ons will be accepted with parent or legal guardian present only.

Registration website: <https://youngeaglesday.org?9844>

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