

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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Thankful for PMH, MCHD, & PMTS

I am writing this letter to let the people of Morrow County know how lucky they are to have the Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Morrow County Health District, and Pioneer Memorial Therapy Services. I am especially thankful to all who work in any capacity in these establishments. In May I sustained a broken hip in my town of Spray and was transported via air to Kadlec Medical Center in Richland, WA where I was met by an orthopedic trauma surgeon and 3 hours later was in surgery. 3 days later I requested a transfer to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, in Heppner, where I was able to be placed in the Swing Bed Program for 3 weeks. The care I received at the hospital was beyond my expectations. Everyone that came into my room, RNs, LPNs, CNAs, Aides, Physical & Occupational Therapy, Housekeeping, and Admittance, was not only concerned for my comfort and my medical & physical needs but also helped me keep a positive attitude. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. How a small hospital can have a workforce like they have is still amazing to me. Did I say the meals were great too? Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Morrow County Health District, Pioneer Memorial Therapy Services – keep up the good work. You are certainly needed and appreciated. Thank you, Candy Humphreys Spray, OR

Vote no on the recall

I am writing to urge my fellow Morrow County residents to vote no on the recall election of our county commissioners, Roy Drago, David Sykes and Jeff Wenzholz. This recall is a waste of time, money, and democracy. First of all, if you vote yes on the recall, you should be qualified and willing to do a better job for Morrow County. Do you have the experience, skills, and vision to lead our county through these challenging times? Do you have a plan to improve our economy, health, and environment? If not, then you have no business recalling the commissioners who do. Second, if you vote yes on the recall, you are willing to have the governor appoint our county commissioners and take away our democratic right to vote for those running the county. Do you really want to give up your voice and let someone else decide who represents us? Do you trust the governor to pick someone who understands our needs and values? I don't. Third, in the last election, countywide, 1,285 people voted for David Sykes and 1,313 people voted for Jeff Wenzholz. That's more than the almost 700 that signed for a recall. Don't take away democracy from the majority. Don't let a vocal minority overturn the will of the people. Don't let a few disgruntled individuals undermine the stability and progress of our county. Please join me in voting

no on the recall. Let's keep our commissioners who are working hard for us. Let's keep our democracy that is the foundation of our country. Let's keep our county moving forward. Sincerely, Ken and Jan Evans, Irrigon, Or.

Timed Travels

I've never been much of a traveler. Getting from point A to point B has always been more of an inconvenience to me rather than a leisurely experience. Can we just get there already? Beam me up, Scotty...or at least to the grocery store. I've never understood people who say, "Let's go for a drive." My first reaction is "Why?" My next is "Where?" Then it's "Wait...let me get my knitting."

That said, if I have to travel, I much prefer a back-country road to the Audubon. Instead of jockeying for position in 4 lanes of traffic, you get to spend your trip counting cows, dodging pheasants, and playing chicken with the deer. Since most farmers don't live within close proximity to anything convenient, except maybe a gas station and the local bar, they get to experience a lot of those "leisurely" road trip hours.

Trips to the dentist or doctor require a good bit of planning. Let's see, if we get up at 5:00, feed, eat, unload the truck, get cleaned up, fuel up, head out by 6:30.... Yeah.... We can be there by 9:00.

Now that sounds like a great plan, however, there is one more thing that needs to be addressed here: The March of Machinery. This is an event that often takes place on country roads during harvest and any other time of year that you're trying to get from one place to another in a timely manner.

Since it appears the top speed of any particular piece of equipment is somewhere between 12 and 15mph, this does tend to mess up your well-laid plans just a tad. Then there's the dreaded John Deer Train, which consists of 3 or more implements from the same farm. Take note: I don't care how many broken yellow lines you see heading your way.... THERE IS NO PASSING THIS TRAIN. At least one of these guys will be driving something that has tires bigger than your truck and wider than your house. So don't even try.

There is a phone app that's very helpful for most travelers. It can tell you the quickest route, your exact "arrival at destination" time, and even the speed at which you might like to travel to avoid unnecessary flashing lights in your rear-view mirror.

I got to thinking. Someone needs to make a Farm Version. This handy app could calculate your true arrival time, taking into consideration which particular Implement you're stuck behind.

Normal arrival time: 9:05 am

Following a tractor? Destination Arrival time: 9:33 am. Combine? Arrival time 9:48 am. John Deer

Train? Arrival time: 10:15 am. Grandpa driving his 1964 Chevy pickup loaded with hay? Arrival time: Sometime around noon.

A story from The Farm Report: Confessions of a Single Farm Lady.

By Susie Crosby from Prineville, Or.

The CHIP is asking for your opinion

Your opinion is essential about what is working and what is needed to help you access physical, mental oral/dental, and vision healthcare and to create a future of healthy opportunities for those who live in Morrow County!

The Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) of Morrow County and Eastern Oregon Coordinating Care Organization (EOCCO) are asking community members to help identify needs and determine priorities of local health programs and services.

To complete the survey, visit the website <https://forms.gle/TmHwF8qfN-Rbk6wcf9> or contact an EOCCO representative at (541) 315-7248 if you would like assistance. The survey is voluntary and anonymous—your name/email will not be connected to your responses. After completing the survey, you will be provided with a link to enter a drawing for an Amazon gift card!

The CHIP of Morrow is a collaboration of the local health care providers, human services, and community partners improving the health and well-being of the people of Morrow County since 2010.

HHA to meet July 9th

The next meeting of the Heppner Housing Authority for the Heppner senior center will be Tuesday, July 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.

WCCC Ladies play day results

There were 7 players in the ladies' gameplay at the Willow Creek Country Club on June 11th. The weather was warm. The results are as follows; Low Gross of the field was Tiffany Clement. The low Net field was Kris Linder. The least putts of the field was Sharon Harrison. Flights-Low gross was (A) Carol Mitchell, (B) Betty Carter. Least Putts (B) Janie Allen. Special events includes; Long Drive hole #2 flight (A) Tiffany Clement, flight (B) tie between Kris Linder and Karen Smith-Griffith. Remember July and August T-Time is 8am.

GT Corrections

Caitlyn Ochsner and Michelle Lambert to perm at the Morrow County Fair not the Morrow County Rodoc.

12U Softball team places second at Oregon D3 tournament



(The Blue Mountain 10-12 team showing off their second-place metals, L—R: Andee Lathrop, Tenley Rosenbalm, Emily Bonner, Kodie Lentz, Callahan Baker, Harper Coiner, Kamryn Dickenson, Ava Davis, Violet Scott, Khloe Fuentes. Back Row Coaches: Tim Dickenson, Josh Coiner, Richard Campbell). -Photo contributed

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in Turner, OR. Catch them in action on July 6th at 9am, as they compete at the Cascade Sports Complex Fields in Cascade High School. Congratulations to the girls

Additionally, the determined Blue Mountain

Heppner TSA fly to Orlando

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Lizzie placed 9th in Technology Problem Solving.

With over 300,000 members around the nation, TSA is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) providing Leadership Opportunities and Competitive Events. National TSA started in 1978 with Umatilla and Morrow County schools joining in 2006. Regional schools include Condon, Heppner, Boardman, Hermiston, Pendleton, Athena, Milton-Freewater and Uki-ah. There are regional competitions throughout the

Morrow County Birthright holding fundraiser

Birthright of Morrow County, which is a pregnancy care center here in Heppner, recently had our 2nd Annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser. The fundraiser runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day each year and the local churches distribute baby bottles for people to take home and fill up with loose change, dollar bills, and checks as well, if they so desire. We are excited to share that we raised \$1,436.22! This money helps us to pay our rent and utility bills each month as well as to provide free pregnancy testing and confidential care to anyone in need. We also give baby clothing, blankets, diapers, and wipes to expectant mothers who are interested. Recipients do not have to be in crisis to receive these items. We are happy to share with anyone in the community. If you have questions about Birthright or would like to help volunteer or donate, please give us a call at 541-676-0530. You can also mail donations to us at PO Box 923, Heppner, OR 97836. We are grateful for such a supportive community.

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Two vehicle crash kills Irrigon women

Northeast Oregon Now- An Irrigon woman died on Saturday, June 16 after crashing into a semi-truck on Interstate 84. The Oregon State Police responded to a report of a two-vehicle accident just before 6 p.m. on June 16 at milepost 220 in Umatilla County. The preliminary investigation indicated a westbound Dodge Ram 1500, operated by Barbara Claudine Abercrombie, 56, of Irrigon, struck the rear of a Peterbilt commercial motor vehicle and trailer operated by Marshall Lee Mondry, 29, of Meridian, Idaho, as it was slowly descending a steep grade with its hazard lights activated. Abercrombie was declared dead at the scene. Mondry was not injured. The highway was impacted for approximately four hours during the on-scene investigation. The OSP was assisted by the Umatilla Tribal Police Department, the Umatilla Tribal Medics, and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

team, aged 10-12 years, exhibited their skills by securing a commendable 2nd place finish in their age bracket. Their unwavering resilience shone through as they successfully halted Grant Union's undefeated status not once, but twice.

year; the State Conference is in April with the National Conference in June.

Thanks to the BMCC Workforce training Center for hosting the competitions and Amazon Web Services for providing funding for chapters and travel this has been an amazing opportunity for students at the schools in this region. With both High School and Junior High chapters everyone is looking forward to another amazing year this fall, says the two Heppner Chapters Advisor and past State Advisor Dave Fowler.

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Friday - Tuna cucumber wrap on a spinach tortilla with chips & fruit
Saturday - Taco Salad
Monday - Grilled chicken avocado bagel sandwich with macaroni salad
Tuesday - Captain's Seafood platter, cottage cheese, breadstick
Tuesday night 6-9pm \$2 hard shell tacos
Wednesday - BBQ beef salad

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