

Letters to the Editor Continued

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 a variety of roles in her years of leadership in Morrow County health. The variety of positions she has held makes her a strong candidate who will work together with the board to develop strategies that align with meeting these goals.
 Sincerely,
 Linda K. LaRue
 Lone, OR

Hospital board needs to change

Thanks to Dale Bates, I was able to hear those running for board members. After a fall and surgery in Portland, I returned to Heppner for recovery at our local hospital, hoping for the same quality of care I had received in the past. Unfortunately, my experience this time was far from what I had come to expect. In the past, I was always treated with kindness and compassion by the hospital staff—many of whom I knew personally. They were attentive, ensuring that I moved carefully so I

wouldn't further harm my neck. However, this time, I found that things had changed.
 I was told the hospital was short-staffed—sometimes with as few as one or two people working a shift—and as a result, basic care was compromised. I wasn't bathed for several days, and my scheduled walks to help with recovery were canceled. When one of the local nurses returned after a week off, she was shocked to learn that I hadn't had a bath in eight days. I had asked for help, but I was always told the same thing: they were short on staff.
 Sadly, the problem seemed to go beyond just a lack of personnel. It appears the hospital leadership, including the board members, may not be fully aware of the staffing issues or the questionable practices that have emerged under the current management. For example, some of the new hires at the hospital had questionable backgrounds—some were even let go from other healthcare facilities—and many of them seemed indifferent to patients' needs. I was left

waiting for help on more than one occasion, and at one point, a nurse tried to give me stool softeners and Miralax, despite Dr. Everts' clear orders to stop. She disregarded the doctor's instructions and seemed more focused on doing things her way. If she couldn't follow a doctor's orders, she shouldn't have been there.
 On a positive note, I did receive good care from two out-of-state staff members, one from Arizona and the other from the Tri-Cities. They ensured I got my baths and was able to walk as part of my recovery. But it's troubling that I had to rely on staff from out of town to get the care that should be standard.
 Furthermore, I was recently shocked to learn that one of my doctors from Hermiston ordered blood and urine tests to be done locally at Heppner hospital for my convenience. When I followed up, I found out that only one of the tests were completed. It makes me wonder why the hospital did not properly verify the test results, and why they allowed mistakes to slip through the cracks.
 It's clear to me that our

hospital needs new leadership and accountability. The current state of affairs is unacceptable, and our community deserves better. That's why I'm asking the voters to support the following candidates for the hospital board:
 * Annetta Spicer (Position 1)
 * Russ Nichols (Position 2)
 * Janet Greenup (Position 3)
 * Jason Hanna (Position 4)
 Our community should not have to travel out of town for basic healthcare needs—we deserve to have quality care right here at home.
 Please vote for change this election and help bring accountability back to our hospital.
 Betty Mills
 Heppner, OR
Community has a right to be heard
 My final thoughts on the direction of MCHD: Scott Ezell said that our community's efforts to add new board members was "out of spite." Steve Munkers

said, "I am ashamed of our citizens that react and condemn without true facts," "certain personalities will set the agenda, then recruit the uninformed."
 My message to these board members is that our community has the right to voice our opinions on the future of our hospital and clinics. I have no regrets for my participation in this endeavor.
 As Jason Hanna said at the candidates forum in Heppner, "You either vote for the status quo or vote for change."
 Clearly, Russ Nichols, Ann Spicer, Janet Greenup and Jason Hanna have a vision of what changes are required to make our local health care prosperous and serve the needs of our community in a friendly and more positive environment. Please vote!
 Sincerely,
 Shanny Miller
 Heppner, OR

Heppner Youth Baseball home game schedule

Heppner Youth Baseball has announced the following home game schedule for the month of May:
 5/8: Majors Gray, 6 p.m., Waterland Field
 5/12: Minors softball, 6 p.m., Bob Kilkenny Field
 5/13: Majors Gray vs. Majors Blue, 6 p.m., Waterland Field
 5/14: Majors softball, 6 p.m., Bob Kilkenny Field; Minors baseball Gray vs. Gold, 6 p.m., Hisler Field
 5/17: Minors baseball Gold, 11 a.m., Hisler Field
 5/19: Majors softball, 6 p.m., Bob Kilkenny Field
 5/19: John Britt Logging Coach Pitch, 6 p.m., Hisler Field
 5/20: Juniors softball, 6 p.m., Bob Kilkenny Field; John Britt Logging Coach Pitch, 6 p.m., Hisler Field; Majors baseball Gray, 6 p.m., Waterland Field
 5/30: Minors baseball Gray vs. Gold, 6 p.m., Hisler field

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