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Amid crisis, Morrow County plans water filters, deliveries

Commissioner Doherty says test results reveal a serious problem

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Morrow County states it has the resources to bring water and filters to up to 350 homes as it addresses contaminated wells.

A month has passed since Morrow County commissioners declared a local state of emergency. Help has come from different directions, according to Commissioner Jim Doherty, and more assistance is expected.

A LOOK AT THE CURRENT SITUATION

The declaration was made on June 9 as the board of commissioners recognized high levels of nitrates in rural wells and decided the problem warranted action.

"This isn't really an emergency of our own
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Totally tuber-lar!



ABOVE: Nathan Picard sells potato-themed goodies at Spudfest in Hermiston on Saturday, July 9, 2022.



Arts & events in Eastern Oregon

Popular magazine features the best in local entertainment. **Inside, for subscribers only**

LIGHTER SIDE



Interview: Phil Hamm

Weekly feature looks into a local's obsession with pickleball. **A2**

COMMUNITY



Prize won

Bottle discovered in Riverfront Park. **A6**

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Vendors lined Main Street in Hermiston for Spudfest 2022.

The event, which took place Saturday, July 9, included food, music, games and more.



ABOVE LEFT: Bobbi Phillips and Cricket Grant-Grierson pose in front of their booth, Fire Attire Streetwear. ABOVE RIGHT: Chris and Cassidy Schachtschneider practice their roping skills. BOTTOM FROM LEFT: Henry Schachtschneider poses atop a roping dummy; Dugi B. sings; Adrienne Glessing instructs son Nick Blake on proper hammering.



AROUND TOWN



Car show

Collectors gathered in Hermiston last Saturday. **A8**

OUTSKIRTS – IRRIGON



Watermelon Festival

Annual event planned for July 30. **A9**

GOOD SHEPHERD HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Summer is here! Make sure kids learn these 5 water survival skills:

- Step or jump into water over their head and return to the surface
- Float or tread water for one minute
- Turn around in a full circle and find an exit from the water
- Combine breathing with forward movement in the water
- Exit from the water without using the ladder

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