

RCC aide gains EMT recognition

Leslie Huntington, coordinator of Rogue Community College's Emergency Medical Technology program, has been named recipient of the 2004 Gail Marsh Madsen Award as EMS Educator of the Year.

The annual recognition is presented by the Oregon Dept. of Human Services, Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems.

The award honors an educator who excels as a teacher or has made a significant contribution to emergency medical services. Huntington received the award Sept. 24 in Portland.

"Several years ago when she chaired Oregon's EMT Consortium, the word started getting out about Leslie and RCC's program," said Cheryl Markwell, an associate dean at Riverside Campus, who nominated her.

"Agencies in other parts of the state began contacting us about getting students into our program," said Markwell. "She does an excellent job in preparing EMT professionals."

A 1992 graduate of RCC's Paramedic Program, Huntington earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Southern Oregon University at Ashland. Prior to joining the RCC faculty, she worked as an EMT.

The longest word in English is smiles, because there's a mile between the first and last letters.



LORNA BYRNE TOP STUDENTS - Lorna Byrne Middle School Students of the Month (from left) Mason Roberts, Quayde Fisher, Margaret Ruiz, McKenzie Yeoman, Kayla Smith, and Antonio Escalante. Also, McKenzie was recipient of the Illinois Valley Masonic Lodge award. (Photo by Shane Welsh)

Pet therapy aid to ill, notes Lovejoy

By LOVEJOY HOSPICE

Pet therapy can enable those who are ill to focus more on their environment rather than on themselves, thus reducing anxiety and increasing opportunities for socialization.

Research has shown that the human-animal bond is a special one and can have a dramatic effect on lowering blood pressure and increasing survival rates from various illnesses.

Pet visits may also help to open a channel of emotionally safe, non-threatening communications between client, family and the hospice worker in order to build rapport and release pent-up frustrations and concerns.

Animals also have a

way of helping patients reminisce about their past, as most people have very fond memories of a special pet in their lives. Physical contact and touch also are important components of the pet visit and can provide patients with a sense of calm while facilitating cognitive and motor skills.

In short, animals can be therapeutic, providing patients with comfort and a sense of hope at a time in their lives when they need it most.

"Pet therapy dogs have a very good temperament and love people and love to be with people," said Kathy Long. "All they want to do is give love."

"There are five pet therapy dogs at Lovejoy Hospice including a

Schnauzer, a Golden Retriever and a Shih-Tzu. Each is specially trained to deal with people who are ill and are struggling to communicate."

Lovejoy Hospice programs provide holistic end-of-life care for people and their families in Josephine County, and parts of Jackson and Douglas counties.

Lovejoy makes available professional staff 24 hours a day to help maintain dignity and personal choices while relieving physical and emotional pain.

Lovejoy also offers support services to families as they care for loved ones and presents community education programs for health-care professionals and the public.

River celebration goal for art 'has been met'

After a six-year run, the Illinois River "Hathkapasuta" (gathering at the river) came to an end last summer.

Longtime coordinator,

Menno Krai, said that the original mission has been accomplished. The intent, he said, was to bring together the community and present its various artists.

Now, with the Second Friday Art Walk in Downtown Cave Junction, and with other efforts of the Illinois River Valley Arts Council, the goal is met.

RCC enrollment on rise

Fall term enrollment at Rogue Community College is showing nearly 12 percent growth from the previous year.

At the end of the first day of classes on Monday, Sept. 27, a total of 5,527 students had registered at RCC. Compared to the same date last fall, when 4,948 students were enrolled, the college is experiencing an 11.79 percent rise.

Full-time equivalent enrollment (FTE) is also up, increasing 2.7 percent from the same day last year. FTE is a measure of enrollment that converts full- and part-time student course loads to an equivalent of full-time, approximately 15 classroom hours.

Thus far, fall term 2004 FTE is 1,072.21, up 28.5 from fall term 2003's FTE of 1,043.71. These numbers include credit and noncredit classes.

Of the total FTE, 475.26 were based in Josephine County, 490.36 from Jackson County, and 106.59 represented "distributed" or distance learners enrolled in Web-based or telecourses.

Several variables will likely change final enrollment figures. RCC continued to register students all week, and on Friday, Oct. 1 students who had not paid their tuition were dropped for nonpayment.

College officials said that the rising enrollment figures reflect the need for RCC to enlarge and improve facilities in Jackson County to meet growth.

"The good news is that our classes are filling,"

said President Peter Angstadt. "The downside is that our facilities are being stretched thin. At the rate of growth the college is experiencing, RCC must expand its facilities if we are to continue meeting the needs of our community to train workers and prepare students," he added.

RCC is asking voters in Jackson County to approve a \$24 million bond levy on Nov. 2 for expansion of facilities there.

IVHS School Menu -

SISKIYOU COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
319 Caves Hwy.

THURSDAY, OCT. 7
*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, Turkey & cheese or ham & cheese sandwich, chef, Mandarin chicken or garden salad, Hawaiian, cheese or pepperoni pizza

FRIDAY, OCT. 8
*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey and cheese or Italian sandwich or chef, Mandarin chicken or chicken Caesar salad, vegetarian, supreme or sausage or pepperoni pizza

MONDAY, OCT. 11
*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or ham & cheese sandwich, chef, Mandarin chicken or fiesta salad, Vegetarian, sausage or pepperoni pizza

TUESDAY, OCT. 12
*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or roast beef sandwich, chef, Mandarin chicken or garden salad, cheese supreme or pepperoni pizza

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13
*Chicken, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or veggie sandwich, chef, Mandarin or antipasto salad, sausage, supreme or pepperoni pizza

JIM RAFFENBURG

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Controlling Costs

Individuals, families and businesses regularly face the fact that in the real world they must live within their budgets or end up in debt or broke—and possibly both. The time has come for local government to do the same, yet our current County Commissioners continue to spend public money like it will never end. They just don't know how to stop.

As Commissioner, I will:

- ★ Freeze all discretionary spending
- ★ Freeze all discretionary hiring
- ★ Implement strict spending and inventory controls
- ★ Review all county policies and procedures for relevance and cost effectiveness

The current "spend it all" mindset at work in government must change. If it does not, reality will assert itself and our county will lose vital services and the jobs that go with them.

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