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Hillock Family Medicine opens

Focus is on patients in all stages of life

By ANN BLOOM
For the Wallowa County Chieftain

ENTERPRISE — Listening to Sarah Peterson for a few minutes it becomes clear she is passionate about rural health care. Her devotion to her patients runs deep.

“The biggest thing I want to be able to do is give my patients the time and care they deserve,” she said.

Peterson believes in treating the patient as a whole. From focusing on preventative medicine — the disease processes to end-of-life care — birth to death, for all ages.

“I take on the responsibility of caring for my patients. It doesn’t end at 5 o’clock,” she said, “it’s 24/7. Being able to be there after hours for patients’ minor care needs is beneficial for my patients, and frees up a very busy ER in the county.”

Hillock Family Medicine opened June 6, 2022, and is accepting new patients. The office is located at 107 N. River St., next to Sugar Time Bakery. Hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday through Sunday by appointment. Peterson is also doing Tele-Health appointments.

Peterson said when it became time to do her clinical experience, she visited Wallowa County and “just fell in love with it (Wallowa County).”

“It’s the people,” she said. “They’re down-to-earth, hard working and it’s a friendly community.”

She settled on Olive Branch Medical to do her clinical with

Theresa Russel because they shared the same vision — a family provider for all needs of the patient.

She wants to provide an open door, family-friendly environment “while providing my patients with great health care.”

Peterson graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing from Lewis-Clark State College



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in Lewiston, Idaho. She was a critical care nurse at Tri-State Memorial Hospital doing the pain clinic, gastroenterology and wound care.

Then, “I decided I could do more and give more,” she said. It was at that time she decided to pursue a doctor of nursing science at Idaho State University in Pocatello. She is also a certified family nurse practitioner.

Originally from Southern Idaho, her goal was always to be a rural nurse practitioner.

“Being able to work in a rural area and give care to people and treat people like I saw people treat my grandfather, and care for people throughout their life,” she said is what she wanted to do.

Her practice offers primary care and medical aesthetics for both cosmetic and medical purposes. Medical aesthetics would cover using Botox to treat varicose veins, or migraine headaches, to name a few. Cosmetic Botox could be wrinkle treatment and wrinkle prevention.

“I have a passion for dermatology. It’s really exciting. It’s something I can offer to the community,” she said.

The goal, is to offer the community a comfortable, beautiful and relaxing environment for primary care and other needs they have. Peterson encourages people to not only schedule their wellness exams, but an annual skin

cancer check, too.

“It’s also very important,” she said.

Peterson is immersing herself in the life of Wallowa County getting to know the community. She has joined the Elks and plans to make Wallowa County her “forever home.”

“Andrew Hillock and I want to raise our daughter here. I want to build a practice that cares for individuals or entire family units and is people’s forever provider,” she said. “Patients who come here will be so happy they won’t want to leave. I want to provide hometown health care that seems to be diminishing anymore. I want to be able to leave a legacy for my daughter, if she so chooses to follow in my shoes.”

Peterson is credentialed to accept insurance from Medicare Part B, Moda and Pacific Source Commercial and is currently working toward credentialing with other companies. To schedule an appointment, call 541-263-1225.

Community Connection hires a new manager

Brockamp has been with organization for seven years

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ENTERPRISE — Danielle Brockamp admits she never thought she’d find herself in the position she’s in now as the new manager of Community Connection in Enterprise.

“Being with the agency (Community Connection) is a career opportunity. Not having a college background — in this position is amazing to me,” she said.

Brockamp officially started in her new position on April 10, replacing Connie Guentert who assumed the directorship of Community Connection of Northeast Oregon. The administrative office is located in La Grande.

Brockamp has been with Community Connection for almost seven years, working her way up from bus driver to transit operations where she was scheduling drivers and rides, to self-sufficiency coordinator. She started as interim county manager on April 6. She knows almost all the programs and services offered by Community Connection.

Brockamp admits to having a strong work ethic and learns quickly, although she is still on a steep learning curve. She supervises approximately 16 employees including a care coordinator, bus drivers, kitchen and office staff, all of whom have been stepping in to help her learn her new job.

She said her challenges now are learning the budget, grant

writing and securing new buses. Brockamp has several goals for the agency in her new leadership position.

“I want to keep things moving forward and always be looking for opportunities to better ourselves (Community Connection), and serve the community,” she said.

The agency also coordinates the senior meal sites in Enterprise and Wallowa, meals on wheels and the emergency food banks in Enterprise and Wallowa.

She credits Guentert for giving her a strong foundation of knowledge about the agency and for training her in her new role.

“Connie is a very inspiring person. Working with Connie and her teaching me, I have a foundation of knowledge,” she said.

She also credits the support of the administrative office of Community Connection of Northeast Oregon, located in La Grande, and the other county managers for helping her learn her new position.

Guentert acknowledges Brockamp’s number of years with Community Connection, in her various capacities, has been invaluable in her assimilation to her new job.

“She has gained invaluable knowledge about our agency, the programs and how important our programs are to each community we serve. She brings a significant amount of operational knowledge, great working relationships with community partners, and she has a great relationship with the existing staff,” Guentert said.

“I look forward to the opportunity to grow personally and professionally and grow our programs. I’m a kind and compassionate person — I’m here to talk if anyone needs to talk,” Brockamp said.



Brockamp



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CLUES ACROSS

- National tree of Canada
- Reaction to cuteness
- Scrape covering
- ___ Fools’ Day
- Stack of papers?
- Corridor
- Said “dada,” for example
- Too
- Opera solo
- Sound such as “Mwahahaha!” (In this answer, see letters 2-6)
- Gotten up
- “It’s cold!”
- Number on the back of a dime
- What some patients seek before surgery (... letters 3-7)
- King Kong, e.g.
- Former NBA center Ming
- Place to get a massage
- Suggest
- Experience turbulence, maybe
- Got up
- Snatch
- Brand that used hamsters to sell its Soul
- 27-Across, in Mexico
- Protestant religious organization (... letters 6-10)
- Adjacent side/hypotenuse, in trig
- “___ to Joy”
- Like some water rescues
- Looking for a home, or a theme hint
- Gumbo vegetable
- Double-reed instrument
- K’NEX pieces with teeth
- Little rascals
- Comprehends
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- ___ Brook, N.Y.

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CLUES DOWN

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- Scrabble GO, e.g.
- Motion starter?
- “Do it this way”
- “Stranger Things” character whose name is a number
- Depleted Asian sea
- ___-done (steak option)
- Spicy sushi condiment
- Former leader of Iran
- Milk container
- Mork and E.T., e.g.
- Loud, harsh sound
- Grieves
- Dr. Jones, familiarly
- Stagehands
- Right away, for short
- Towed auto, perhaps
- Freezes
- Klutz
- ___ dot (clothing spot)
- Quaker morsel
- QB’s mistake
- Sierra Nevada lake
- Yang’s opposite
- Pronoun for a blended family
- Fairy tale beginning
- Qatari city by the Persian Gulf
- Person with all the sheets
- Berry in a purple smoothie
- ___, no hands!
- Takes by force
- Name on a deli menu
- Door joints
- Time-sensitive
- Group often preached to
- Scout’s badge holder
- Something passed after saying “Psst!”
- Exam
- Hubbub
- Competed in a dash
- Spot to serve slop



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