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Mosier said medical school is not for the “weak-willed” and the work load is tough, but added he feels at home in the hospital setting. “My whole life has been in hospitals” while helping care for his younger brother, Stuart, he said.

Stuart, who is one year his junior, was diagnosed with focal segmental glomerular sclerosis, which affects the kidneys. He has received kidney dialysis treatments on a regular basis since he was a boy.

The elder brother helped with those treatments on many occasions, including when they were college roommates. The treatments are three days a week for eight hours each of those days.

Mosier said his brother has been his main inspiration in his choice to become a doctor. “That’s my biggest thing,” he said. “I’ve seen the good medical care we’ve had with Stuart, and the bad medical care. I want to provide good care for all my patients, so they don’t go through some of the struggles we’ve been through.”

When he’s “stressed out and burned out,” he said he thinks of his brother, who doesn’t have the luxury of a day off from his condition.

Two Grant Union teachers who were influential for him were math teacher Matt Jones and biology teacher Randy Hennen.

He described Jones as a teacher who cares about his students.

“Math is not easy for everyone, and he makes it easier to understand,” Mosier said.

“In medical practice, people don’t understand what’s going on with them,” he said. “I like to think I incorporate the same teaching styles as (Jones) to help educate people on their conditions.”

“Mr. Randy Hennen got me really interested in biol-

ogy and science and made it come alive,” he said. “I ended up getting my undergraduate degree in organismal biology at Portland State University.”

Mosier said he’d be happy to answer questions people have about the medical field and school.

His advice to those considering a medical career is to choose it for the right reason: helping others.

“It takes an incredible amount of dedication and drive to help people and be a good doctor,” he said. “Doing this for the money will not get you through the 11 years it takes you to get there.”

Mosier and his family will live in Tri-Cities,

What’s behind a medical title?

Both doctors of medicine, M.D.s, and doctors of osteopathic medicine, D.O.s, are licensed physicians, practicing in all areas of medicine. Students of osteopathic medicine have additional training in the musculoskeletal system, and focus on a “whole person” approach to treatment and care.

Washington, for more rotations at hospitals and clinics there, including obstetrics, pediatrics and internal medicine.

He plans to graduate in May of 2018.

He’s finishing up his third year of medical school, and during his fourth year, he’ll begin narrowing down what type of medicine he’d like to practice with auditions for residency programs.

For now, he’s leaning toward family medicine, internal medicine or surgery.

He said his time spent at Strawberry Clinic was a good opportunity to see a variety of health issues under one roof.

“I want to thank Dr. Leiuallen, the medical assistants, providers, nurses, everyone up here who helped make this a great rotation,” he said. “Also, the patients who allowed me to see them — it was much appreciated.”

The biggest reward, for his work, he said, is “seeing a patient who improves because you were able to treat them properly.”

“It reminds you that you’re not just a person that takes tests and studies until 3 a.m.,” he said. “This is because you want to help people. It’s a nice reminder.”

BIOMASS

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The result is a dry, crispy material that can be ground up and burned as fuel.

“It’s about a half-step below making charcoal,” Lei said.

At its peak generating capacity, the Boardman Coal Plant blasts through roughly 300 tons of coal every hour. Since torrefied biomass behaves similarly to coal, that means it will take 8,000 tons to keep the facility humming for a full day.

To get that kind of supply, PGE has partnered with a newly incorporated company called Oregon Torrefaction, which will use small-diameter and beetle-killed trees to create the final product. The full-day test burn will be conducted later this year.

Oregon Torrefaction registered as a benefit corporation with the state July 1, incorporating environmental quality into its bottom line. Its partners include the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Ochoco Lumber Co., based in Prineville.

Bruce Daucavage, president of Ochoco Lumber, said their goal is to prove torrefied biomass can become a viable and sustainable commercial business in Oregon, providing rural jobs while also improving forest health.

“There’s so much interest in



Contributed photo/Oregon Torrefaction

A large torrefier is being installed at a chipping yard in the Port of Morrow, which will process forest clutter into biomass for the Boardman Coal Plant.

this,” Daucavage said. “The technology is already proven.”

With the decline of the timber markets, Ochoco Lumber now owns the last remaining sawmill in John Day. The company was rejuvenated in 2012 by a 10-year stewardship contract with the Malheur National Forest, purchasing wood off federal restoration projects at fair market value.

However, Daucavage said a significant portion of what’s harvested from those projects can’t be used at the lumber mill. The trees are either too small or too damaged to make boards. They could be chipped, but those markets aren’t worth enough for Ochoco Lumber to turn a profit.

On the other hand, if the

clutter isn’t harvested, it will simply dry out and become nothing more than kindling for explosive wildfires, like last year’s Canyon Creek Complex. Torrefaction could be the solution, Daucavage said, especially if biomass can gain traction as a coal substitute.

“It’s a really interesting green story,” he said. The majority of biomass for the PGE project will come off national forests, Daucavage said. Oregon Torrefaction is in the process of installing a large torrefier at a chipping yard in the Port of Morrow, and from there the material will be trucked eight miles to the Boardman Coal Plant.

It will take approximately 800 truckloads to deliv-

er all 8,000 tons of biomass. Daucavage said they hope to start torrefaction in the next few days.

“The idea is to invest dollars back into forest health and rural communities,” Daucavage said.

Matt Krumenauer, of Salem, is the CEO of Oregon Torrefaction. He said the project with PGE is a perfect opportunity to see if the markets for biomass and utilities can match.

“PGE was already planning to cease coal operations,” Krumenauer said. “They’ve been the most progressive and most interested in seeing if this could be a viable alternative energy solution for them.”

Brendan McCarthy, PGE’s state environmental policy manager, said a number of factors will come into play before they decide whether biomass in Boardman makes sense for ratepayers. Cost and supply of the fuel is all part of the equation, as well as what it would take to retrofit the plant’s emission controls for a new power source.

If the full day test burn is successful, the next step will be to see if biomass can be used to power the plant for multiple days in a row. So far, McCarthy said they are encouraged by what they’re seeing, but it will continue to be a major effort moving forward.

“It’s complicated,” McCarthy said. “You can see how creating this whole new way of energy, you really need to work through everything.”

RODEO

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She learned her horsemanship skills working on her family’s ranch, involved in branding, fencing, haying and other jobs.

Carter and Hutchison will stay busy this year and next visiting rodeos and parades in other counties.

“When I go to other rodeos, I’ll promote the Grant County Fair and Rodeo and try to bring more people into our community and help it expand more,” Carter said.

Hutchison will also have the role of promoting the local fair and rodeo.

She is the daughter of Wade and Simmie Waddel of John Day, and she is a sophomore at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School.

She said being a part of the Grant County Fair and Rodeo court is something she’s aspired to since she was younger.

“It’s something I wanted to do to improve and make the program larger,” she said. “I want to be a role model and have younger girls look up to me and try this when they get older. It improves your public speaking and teaches you many lessons that you can carry on for the rest of your life.”

Hutchison was 4-H grand champion for sewing and won the fashion review, modeling the navy blue romper she won



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Trinity Hutchison rides in the Grant County Parade on Saturday, Aug. 13.

in the sewing division. She also won a 4-H blue ribbon, showing a pig.

Hutchison has been heavily involved in youth rodeo events, the Cinnabar Mountain Playdays and the Cowkids Rodeo, competing since age 2.

She won her division in goat tying and dummy roping, and placed third in barrels at the Aug. 14 Cowkids Rodeo, and she placed third for the senior division at the Aug. 20-21 Cinnabar Mountain Playdays rodeo.

When she’s not doing rodeo or help-

Grant County NPRA rodeo

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Rodeo Slack starts at 8 a.m. Saturday and is free.

Lindsey Wyllie of John Day will announce at the rodeo.

“It is the last weekend of the regular season,” he said. “It decides who goes on to the finals and who is out.”

He added younger competitors will go up against seasoned cowboys.

“It’s going to be electric,” Wyllie said. “Come out and root on your favorites.”

ing on the family farm, Hutchison also participates in sports, including volleyball and track.

Hutchison said she and Carter will hold fundraisers this year to help with their travel and wardrobe expenses.

The pair recently met with Pendleton Round Up’s 2013 Queen Brittany Doherty who taught them arena safety, how to ride in at the opening of the NPRA Rodeo and various ways to promote the fair and rodeo.

“I might try for Miss NPRA and then from there the Pendleton Round Up court,” Hutchison said.

DOGS

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“If it’s already attacked other animals and already attacked me, who knows what it would do to a kid,” she said.

Bolman and Norton aren’t alone.

John Day City Manager Nick Green said he began looking into problems with dogs after what appeared to be a high rate of incidents since he started in the position this summer.

“There seems to be a lot of incidents related to animals on the loose,” he said. “Sometimes that’s pet owners who just allow their dogs to run free. Sometimes it’s strays. But it makes it challenging for people who are out walking their dogs on a leash when a loose dog comes up.”

Solving the dog problem

John Day City Council will try to find a solution to problems with dogs as a public nuisance at the next meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at the John Day Fire Hall.

Green plans to discuss the problem with the John Day City Council at the Sept. 13 meeting to try to come up with a creative solution to solve the problem.

In John Day and Prairie City, which are served by John Day Police Department, 58 dog complaints were reported between Jan. 1 and Aug. 8 this year, an average of about eight per month. Of those, 16 were for attacking an animal or a per-

son, and eight citations were issued.

In 2015, there were a total of 102 complaints for an average of 8.5 per month in John Day and Prairie City, Green said, with 185 in Grant County.

Although the rate this year appears similar to 2015, Justice of the Peace Kathy Stinnett said she is seeing more than twice as many dog cases this year than usual — 12 in the first six months, compared to an average of six per year.

“Dog owners and victims all seem to be very uninformed about what’s involved in dog laws,” she said. “Anybody who owns a dog needs to be aware of what the law says.”

Stinnett said a dog’s keeper — not necessarily the owner — can violate the Oregon dog as a public nuisance law if the dog is off of a leash on any property except the keeper’s, whether or not the dog displays aggression. Chasing people or vehicles, damaging prop-

erty, spreading garbage, trespassing and barking can also be cited. The court can also order a dangerous dog to be euthanized, she said.

For the first offense, Stinnett said she often offers a diversion program that waives the fine if no other offenses are reported in six months. Maintaining a dog as a public nuisance is a class B violation, she said, with a maximum fine of \$1,000 — not including restitution to victims.

Stinnett said the offenses also cost the county resources in court time and providing assistance to victims.

John Day Police Chief Richard Gray said animal complaints are also taxing on police resources. He said a single incident may take more than an hour of an officer’s time that could be used for crime prevention.

“We’ve had kids get bit. We’ve had cats get killed. We’ve had dogs bite other dogs,” he said. “It ultimately goes back to the owner. The owner needs to have control of their animal.”

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