

Karmon Bjella assumes nursing director post

Karmon Bjella, Pioneer Memorial Hospital's new Director of Nursing, reflects a departure from tradition, being the first male nurse on the hospital staff.

A native of Minnesota, Bjella received his B.S. degree from Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, before accepting the post in Heppner. He had completed his Registered Nurse training at a two-year college in Rochester, Minn., in 1974 and worked for a couple of years as an Intensive Care nurse before getting his degree.

Bjella said that he was not looking for a job at all when he first heard of the Heppner

position but was planning to do graduate work in Bozeman.

With wife Linda and 19-month-old daughter, Heather, Bjella said he'd done a lot of traveling since moving to Morrow County and feels "just about everything anyone could want is within an hour's drive."

As Director of Nursing, Bjella's position is mostly administrative though he will take care of emergencies and fill in on the floor in the future when necessary. His responsibility is the entire nursing service at the hospital which includes scheduling, personnel relations, interdepartmental relations, service education, and recruiting new nurses.

Sue Greenup was Bjella's predecessor as nursing director and she still fills in to ease the shortage of nurses at the hospital.

As Pioneer Memorial Hospital's first male nurse, Bjella said he felt nothing but acceptance from the staff and the community. He mentioned that 3 or 5 per cent of nursing students are now men, drawn primarily to operating, anesthesia and emergency specialties.

While graduate work is still a future possibility, Bjella feels the nursing profession is starting to look more at what a person produces than the degrees he or she obtains.



New Director of Nursing Karmon Bjella discusses a patient's nursing care problems with RN Sandi Hams at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

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CPR funds donated

A donation of \$153.90 was recently given by local bartenders and cocktail waitresses to Pioneer Memorial Hospital for cardiac-pulmonary resuscitation equipment.

The proceeds, earned from tickets sold for a potluck dinner on September 25, were added to the Bernard and Eugene Doherty Memorial Fund, leaving it only about \$150 short of the \$1600 needed for the special equipment.

This year's "picnic" was held at the Elk's Lodge instead of Cutsforth Park as originally planned due to weather conditions.

A good response at the potluck paves the way for a 2nd Annual Bartenders and Cocktail Waitresses Potluck Picnic next year.

ES ladies gather

A special meeting of Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32 Order of the Eastern Star will be held Thursday evening, Oct. 20 at 8:00 o'clock, when the Associate Grand Conductress,

Mrs. Charlotte Pawelski of Newberg is here to conduct a School of Instruction. All member are welcome to attend. A no-host dinner at the Masonic Temple at 6:00 p.m. will precede the meeting.

This week in RELIGION

Methodists discuss women's Bible role

At the October meeting of the Heppner United Methodist Women, Oct. 5, in the church basement, Vicki Tollefson presented an interesting program on "Women of the Bible."

Those attending formed small groups and were given a few minutes to see how many Biblical males they could list and then in the second, same time segment, how many Biblical females their group could list. Most of the first lists ran around forty names and most of the second lists eight to ten.

Mrs. Tollefson then explained that women were mere chattels during the Old Testament times, were even less important than cattle. She said that female children were not even counted as family members. After the Christian era began women assumed

much more significance. The Methodist Church of today considers the sexes of equal importance.

Linda Breidenbach was hostess for the October meeting. Justine Weatherford presided at the business session preceding the evening's program.

Evolution or creation

The question of resolving the conflicts of Christian beliefs with the theory of evolution will be dealt with by Pastor Lloyd Perrin as he talks on "Evolution and the Cross" Saturday, October 22, at 11 a.m. in the Seventh-day Adventist church.

A friendly invitation is given to all.

Film airs family ties

"Discipline in the Home," a film designed to help parents to a more effective relationship with their children, will be presented by a joint effort of the Heppner Lutheran, Episcopal and United Methodist parishes in cooperation with the Heppner Elementary School. The film will be shown twice, once on Sunday, October 23 at 8 p.m. in the basement of the United Methodist Church, and once on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. in the Heppner Elementary School. A nursery will be provided at both showings.

In the film Dr. Howard Hendricks of Dallas Seminary declares that the family needs an authoritative base shared by both parents from which to grow. He explains that just as a doctor practices both preventive and corrective medi-

cine, so parents must practice both corrective and preventive discipline.

The program will last an hour and will include small

group discussions on how parents can use the film. Donations to cover film costs will be appreciated.

Movie screened at Christian Center

In a time when a number of films are appearing on the subject of the return of Christ, "A THIEF IN THE NIGHT" portrays what might happen in the life of an individual caught up with living only for the present, as millions of Christians suddenly and unexplainedly disappear. The pic-

ture portrays with devastating reality the biblical prediction, "there will be no place to hide."

The public is invited to view this film on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Christian Life Center, on the corner of W. Willow & Gale Streets, Heppner.

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