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Kay Anderson first to benefit from new air ambulance

Kay Anderson of Heppner was one of the first patients to benefit from a new air ambulance service based at St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center in Portland. Sisters

of Providence Aircare features a special helicopter fully equipped for interhospital transport of critical care patients; it is basically a critical care bed in the sky. Launched in April,

the 24-hour service is operated jointly by St. Vincent Hospital and Providence Medical Center in Portland, both Sisters of Providence hospitals. Aircare was designed to give patients from rural communities swift access to a tertiary care hospital, one that provides highly advanced, technical services such as cardiac care and neurosurgery. St. Vincent Hospital is an internationally renowned cardiac center.

On April 18, Kay was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital after suffering a major heart attack. She was experiencing cardiogenic shock, meaning her heart was unable to pump blood efficiently; this condition is fatal in 80 to 90 percent of patients. Her blood pressure had plummeted and she was in extreme pain.

Dr. Wallace Wolff, her physician and Dr. Herbert Semler, a cardiologist on staff at St. Vincent promptly arranged for Kay to be transported by Aircare helicopter to St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center. (The trip, nearly 200 miles by car, took less than an hour.) At St. Vincent, Dr. Semler immediately inserted an intra-aortic balloon pump, which helped the patient's heart to pump blood in order to correct the cardiogenic shock. Angiography (x-ray of the coronary arteries) and insertion of a special cardiac catheter, among other procedures were used to determine the extent of her disease. Doctors decided to treat her with medication instead of surgery. Kay required intensive nursing care with the intra-aortic balloon pump in place for several days, and she remained in

critical condition for about two weeks. Her progress was slow but steady. Happily, she was able to be discharged from the hospital May 6.

Without a doubt, Dr. Semler says, the availability of Aircare saved Kay's life. "In cardiology, we say 'time is muscle'. The quicker the patient can get to a hospital for emergency treatment, the more likely the heart muscle will be saved, by bringing patients in by air ambulance, time is saved and as a result, heart muscle is preserved." Dr. Semler has been involved in care of over 800 Eastern Oregon cardiac patients.

Of Aircare, Kay says, "It's just fantastic that they could get to me and get me here (to St. Vincent) in time. It was the only hope I had. I wouldn't have lived had I not been brought here. I thank my lucky stars that it (Aircare) was going." She adds with a smile, "I don't want to have to take another fancy flight like that again."

The director of flight operations for Aircare is Paula Derr, R.N., CCRN, of St. Vincent Hospital, formerly Paula Grabenhorst, who grew up in Condon and graduated from grade school and high school there. Paula was on the flight to Heppner that picked up Kay. Interestingly, Paula's brother had been friends with Kay's sons years ago. Over the course of recovery, the two women had a chance to chat about their similar roots, and Paula brought her daughters by to meet Kay at the hospital. Paula says of Kay, "she's a lucky lady" and notes that she "has done tremendously. She's very vicarious. She's a go-getter. She has a very wonderful supportive family." Paula says Kay is "a prime example" of the type of critically ill patient from a rural area whom Aircare is meant to serve.

Librarian Bethel Heinrich retires



Bethel Heinrich (left) with new Librarian Rene Devin

Bethel Heinrich is officially retiring from her position as librarian from the Heppner Public Library.

Bethel has worked at the library since 1978 and when she took over the job, one of the first things she did was to "weed out" the books that had not been checked out for six years prior. That job took quite a little while. Then she said a good deal of her job was "listening to what people want and getting it for them."

Since 1978, the circulation of the library has almost tripled. The circulation is now between 12 and 14 thousand books per year. This alone says what Bethel has accomplished in the 10 years she has been there.

She says she has had the complete cooperation of the city and budget committee which has been a big help to her.

The story hour on Thursday morning has helped tremendously in bringing more people in to use the library.

Bethel says that she "can truthfully say that she enjoyed this job more than anything she has ever done." Although she will miss the people, she will still be doing volunteer work and she will also be on the library board.

Her last idea expressed the hope that "people will return books on time for the new librarian."

New pastor at First Christian Church



David Archer is the new minister at the First Christian Church in Heppner. David just recently moved to Heppner from Portland with his wife Dawna and daughter Denae, 2, and Mathew 10 months.

David has been in the ministry since 1976.

He enjoys fishing, small guns competition, any outdoor sport and is especially fond of flying as he has a pilot's license.

Dawna enjoys sewing and crafts, besides naturally looking after her

family. She has some of her things in a store in Portland for sale. Both of the Archers are amateur photography buffs.

David says he thinks people in Heppner have more time for their families, thus the family units seem stronger. "Things are not so rushed, you have more time to reflect on your decisions," he says.

One thing he would like to see changed is to see the churches work together more instead of as separate entities. This is something he is going to work on, he says.

Friends organize collection for Thongdy



Som Kit Thongdy

Several local people have organized to help out the Thongdy family following the tragic accident two weeks ago which left Som Kit Thongdy without legs.

Dave McCurry, Sandy Marquardt, Scott Caseing and Troy Vaughan decided to do something to help the family after their friend Som Kit was severely injured after being run over by a train near Pasco.

The group has placed containers around town to collect money for the family, and they have set up a bank account to accept donations.

"He was our friend and we wanted to do something to help him," Dave McCurry said. The group has already collected \$136.46 in the containers, and they urge anyone who can donate to take their money to the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

"I went up and saw him," said McCurry about Som Kit, in the hospital, "and he's doing better."

Som Kit lost both his legs after being hit by a train June 12 while fishing near Pasco.

The Thongdy family are former residents of Heppner.

Lions hold annual fireworks sale

The Lions Club will be holding their Annual Fireworks Sale beginning Wednesday, June 29 on Main Street between Country Rose and Spicer-Kuhn. They will be open Wednesday, June 29 through Monday, July 4. The hours will be 5-7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, 12-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 9-12 a.m. on Monday.

This will be a joint venture between the Lions and the Heppner Day Care Center.

Edwards resigns from park board

John Edwards of Lexington has resigned from the Willow Creek Park District Board of Directors.

Edwards "has been an active and stable force on the board since its formation two years ago," said board chairman, Ken Turner. "We appreciate his efforts," Turner said on behalf of the board.

The board meets the first Wednesday of every month.

Turner said anyone from the Lexington area who would like to serve on the board should contact him.

BOARDMAN 4th SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, July 2nd

10:00 a.m. - Softball Tournament - \$1 per player fee to fireworks fund - call 481-6161.
Children's Carnival Rides All Day
Concession Booths All Day

SUNDAY, July 3rd

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Outdoor Breakfast at the Marina
12:00 noon - Horseshoe Tournament
1:00 p.m. - Bingo & Children's Games
6:00 p.m. - Concert in the Park
Children's Carnival Rides All Day
Concession Booths All Day

MONDAY, July 4th

8:00 - 10:00 - Outdoor Breakfast at the Marina
11:00 a.m. - Parade
12:00 noon - Carnival Games
1:00 p.m. - Tin Man Tri-Athlon - \$10 entry fee - register 481-2651 or 481-3452
Health Booth
Bingo
Dunk Tank
2:30 p.m. - Talent Show/Lip Sync Contest
Carnival Rides All Day
Concession Booths All Day
Baseball Tournament continues
Horseshoe Tournament continues
SUNSET - FIREWORKS!

IONE 4th SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY - July 3rd

7:00pm - 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - Ione Gym-contact Dick Snyder 422-7151
Tennis Tournament - Ione School-contact Clint Krebs 422-7548

MONDAY - July 4th

Tennis Tournament Continues.
Antique Display and sale in park
11am - BIG PARADE on Main Street
11:45am - Jay Minthorn Family Indian Dances
12 noon - Kid's chalk drawing contest at St. Williams Catholic Church. Horseshoe Tournament Sign-up in park-contact Jim Boor 422-7568.
Music begins in the Park. Food Booths open. Flea Market begins. Military Fly-by during the day.
12:30pm - Horseshoe Tourney begins. Frog Jumping Contest (frogs provided)
1:00pm - Historical tour of Ione. Meet at the City Park.
Magic Show-Bob Eaton, Portland. In front of Post Office, Main Street
1:30pm - BMX bicycle demonstration-downtown Ione.
3 legged Races, Bean Bag Races, Straw Money Pile (pre-school only) in the City Park, Balloon Release. Contact Rondi Tews.
2:00pm - Ione pool opens for free swimming until 5:00pm
2:30pm - Cow-Chip Toss-Football Field-contact Wayne Hams.
3:00pm - Ultra-Lite Demonstration
4:00pm - Radio-Controlled Airplane Demonstration below Willows Grange Hall.
Bingo in the small gym.
5:00pm - Fire Department Tug-of War, across street from Park.
5:45pm - Bed Race on Football Field-contact Marvin Padberg.
6:00pm - Bar-B-Que Chicken Dinner by Cardinal Club at the Ione School Cafeteria. *Adults \$5.00, *6-12 \$2.50, *5 and under \$1.00, *Family \$18.00. Hot Dogs available. Menu: ¼ chicken, coleslaw, french bread, baked beans & ice cream bars.
6:30pm - Square Dancers performing on tennis courts, followed by HOOTENANNY-contact Tanna Padberg.
7:00 to 9:00pm - Oregon Trail Hike-Meet at Oregon Trail Office, Main Street.
7:30pm - Softball Game at Ione School-Bring your mitt!
9:15pm or Dusk - BIG FIREWORKS!!!!
* Followed by Street Dance downtown IONE
* Dance at the Office Tavern, Live music "Double play"

All Sts. yard sale is July 23rd

The women of All Saints Episcopal Church are again sponsoring their annual yard sale, Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Refreshments will be available and will include watermelon, taco's and beverage.

For those who need someone to pick up items, contact Carl Martin, 676-5158; Bob Jones 676-5323; Bob DeSpain 676-5376 or Marcia Anderson, 676-5182.

Heppner levy passes Irrigon says no

A three year tax levy to operate the Heppner city landfill passed 352 yes to 130 no in balloting Tuesday. Meanwhile a \$46,474 levy for operating expenses of the city of Irrigon went down in defeat 82 yes to 105 no.

Money for the Heppner landfill was needed to buy new equipment and pay for testing and other operation of the city's dump located near Heppner.

Heppner Mayor Cara Costa was pleased with the balloting results. "I'd like to thank everyone for their

support, and just let them know that we are going to work to keep this (landfill operation) in tight rein," she said. The vote allows the city to raise \$28,824 each year for three years.

Irrigon's levy was to be used for police services, management for a sewer project and insurance coverage. On the ballot it was stated the city would not be able to operate for a full year without the levy.

Irrigon Mayor Don Eppenbach could not be reached for comment following the levy defeat.

Market Report

Compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers

Tuesday, June 28

Soft White	
June	\$3.87
July	\$3.89/\$3.91
Aug.	\$3.93/\$3.95
Sept.	\$3.97/\$3.99
Oct.	\$4.01/\$4.03
Nov.	\$4.05/\$4.07
Dec.	\$4.09/\$4.11

Barley	
June	\$126 T
July	\$128/\$129 T
Aug-Sept	\$129 T
Oct-Dec	\$124 T
PIK	99%
Hard Red Winter	\$4.29

Weather Report

By City of Heppner

June 21 - 28

	High	Low	Prec.
Tues.	91	57	.0
Weds.	88	56	.0
Thurs.	81	47	.0
Fri.	85	58	.0
Sat.	81	57	.0
Sun.	80	51	.07
Mon.	73	47	.0

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