

Mobile training unit helps EMTs



Charles Kelly (l) and Carl Lauritsen with mobil training unit

The Oregon Health Division is helping rural emergency medical technicians hone their skills through a statewide, two-year demonstration project.

The Health Division, with financial support from the Economic Development Fund and the Oregon Traffic Safety Division has developed a mobile training unit to bring continuing education programs to rural EMTs. To qualify for the program an area must be at least 30 miles from a community college, have no physicians or no hospital.

Charles Kelly, EMT IV, who is project coordinator for the program, conducted a training session with the mobile training unit at Pioneer Memorial Hospital on Monday, July 27, for Heppner and Ione EMTs and hospital and clinic personnel.

The mobile unit is a 1992 Dodge Power Wagon "turbo diesel" pickup truck with a canopy and a 20-foot Wells Cargo trailer. Seven learning stations, with "touch screen" computer technology allow courses to be delivered to 14 students at a time. In teams of two, EMTs may take a complete course in "pediatric respiratory emergencies," "airway management" or

"trauma assessment." A wide variety of conventional training equipment, including the "Crash Kelly" manikin, an automobile extrication simulator and spinal immobilization equipment, allow for hands-on training.

The mobile unit and equipment were purchased with \$140,000 Oregon Lottery funds, via the Health Division, Oregon Economic Development and the Department of Higher Education. The Oregon Traffic Safety Division provided a grant of \$75,000 to underwrite the personnel and administrative costs of the program.

Program coordinator Charles Kelly, an experienced EMT and emergency medical services educator, has served as EMS coordinator for the Molalla Fire Department, and as instructor for a variety of EMS education programs. He is a graduate of the advanced paramedic education program at Oregon Health Sciences University and served his paramedic internship with the city of Los Angeles Emergency Medical Services. A painter and sculptor, he was also a member of the faculty of the Northwest College of Art in Portland.

District 59 candidate visits



Bob Jepsen visits with Steve Uffelman

District 59 candidate Steve Uffelman visited with people at an open house held Saturday, July 25 at Kate's Pizza in Heppner. Uffelman stopped in Heppner to discuss the issues with local citizens.

"The focus of my campaign," commented Uffelman, "is to redirect the government back to the local level. Tax dollars spent locally on local government are far more efficient. Local people can determine what they want and what they don't want. They know what they need and can fund it if given the opportunity."

"We have to get back to the basic question," continued Uffelman. "What does the state need to provide? The government can't be everything to everybody."

Uffelman, who is mayor of Prineville, said that Ballot Measure 5 "has not been successful in reducing the costs as it was touted to do," but added that the government needs a replacement for the monies lost.

Discussing the options--sales tax, property tax and income tax--Uffelman said he did not favor a sales tax. "I don't support a sales tax," he said, "because the people in District 59 are so opposed to a sales tax," and that a property tax might discourage businesses from locating in Oregon. "We need incentives to get businesses to locate in Oregon and stay in Oregon, income (tax) is probably the way we're going to go."

Uffelman, 46, also discussed renovation of the health care system to provide more affordable health care and renovation of the social welfare program to provide more incentives for people to get training to enable themselves to get off the system. Uffelman, a pharmacist at Pioneer Memorial Hospital at Prineville said that he was in favor of term limitations. "I don't like the idea of people becoming life-long politicians," he said.

Helen Riehl receives award



Helen Riehl of Heppner receives an award from Tech Sergeant Patrick Brandell USAF, in recognition of Helen's support for the military.

Only 24 of the awards are given each year to people in six western states, said Brandell.

He said Riehl was honored because of her support of the military during Desert Storm, and her two sons who served in the Air Force and the Army.

During Desert Storm Helen placed yellow ribbons on the wall of the R&W Drive In, which she and her husband Tom own, bearing the names of all the local young men serving in the Gulf.

One of her sons, Rick served in the Army and was part of Desert Storm. Another son Bob served in the Air Force, and she also has another son T.R. who is a senior at Heppner High School.

"She is a strong supporter of the Military," said Brandell, an Air Force recruiter stationed in Walla Walla. "And this is our way of showing our appreciation."

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Hospital auxiliary plans meeting

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Anyone interested in joining is invited to attend. Discussion will include fund raisers for the upcoming years.

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Kirk & Robinson steer tops futurity

A crossbred steer entered by Kyle Robinson of Kirk and Robinson Ranches topped 55 head of steers from Eastern Oregon entered in the 1992 Umatilla County Feedlot steer and carcass futurity.

Steers were officially weighed in at C and B Feedlot near Hermiston on December 17, following a warm-up period. The Robinson steer gained an average of 4.25 pounds per day during the 153 days on feed. With a final weight, minus shrink of 1387, the top steer had a dressing percentage of 65.

Evaluation and placing of steers entered in the contest were awarded on the basis of feed conversion, dressing percentage and carcass evaluation. An entry fee of \$20 per steer was jackpotted and the money was used to pay premiums to the top 10 steer placings.

Top 10 placings were as follows: first-Kirk and Robinson, Heppner; second-John Umbarger, Pendleton; third-Muleshoe Ranch, Echo; fourth-Mile Weinke, Pilot Rock; fifth-C&B Livestock, Hermiston; sixth-Muleshoe Ranch; seventh-Anderson Land and Livestock, Pendleton; eighth-Lazinka Ranches, Pilot Rock; ninth-Muleshoe Ranch; and tenth-Anderson Land and Livestock.

Trail ride rescheduled

The Wranglers' Trail Ride has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 29, beginning at 1 p.m. "The route has not been decided on, but will be soon," said a Wranglers' spokesperson. More information will be available in the Gazette at a later date.

Stokes Landing plans game night

A dinner and game night will be held on Friday, July 31, at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon. The public is welcome to attend. Dinner will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

The menu is a choice of ham and cheese or turkey sandwiches, potato salad, fresh garden vegetables, dessert, coffee or iced tea. The price for the meal is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

Game night begins at 7 p.m. with card games or scrabble with a charge of \$1. Proceeds go to Stokes Landing for care and upkeep of the building and the grounds.

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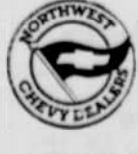
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