

## Life Flight Network unveils new helicopter



Life Flight crew members l-r: Pat Kahl, pilot; Kevin Erich, PMH administrator; Shawn Robison, respiratory therapist; Trish Tiffany, flight RN; Mike Moffit, pilot, Steve Datena, MD., Paula Derr, consortium liaison for Life Flight.

Life Flight Network, a consortium of Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center, Oregon Health Sciences University and Sisters of Providence Health System, unveiled a new Bell 230 helicopter recently. Life Flight Network brought the \$4.3 million helicopter to Heppner, Monday April 18.

The new Bell 230 aircraft flies using both instrument flight rules (IFR) and visual flight rules (VFR). Life Flight pilots plan and fly the aircraft's course using instruments, computers and radar. Use of IFR allows Life Flight to fly in adverse weather conditions, such as fog, heavy rain and some snow conditions.

"The new aircraft travels at a cruise speed of 155 mph, compared to the top cruise speed of 135 mph for Life Flight's BK117 and BO105," says David Long, Life Flight Network consortium administrator. "For some patients, that will make a big difference," notes Paula Derr, consortium liaison from Sisters of Providence Health System. Life Flight says that a trip to Heppner from Portland takes approximately 50 minutes. After a trip to Heppner, the helicopter will refuel in Pendleton or The Dalles.

"This new aircraft will help us reach critically ill or injured patients and transport them to specialized medical centers faster.

For example, transporting a patient from Heppner to Portland via a helicopter rather than the current fixed wing aircraft, will

save as much as two hours of travel time, thus we can save more lives." The consortium anticipates flying 1,000 to 1,200 helicopter transports and 150 airplane transports a year within Oregon and southwest Washington.

"The new helicopter will be fully equipped as flying critical care and coronary care unit, and it will accommodate two patients the same as Life Flight's current helicopters," says Trish Tiffany, chief flight nurse. "A major difference is that patients will be loaded through a side door, rather than through a 'clam shell' door at the back of the helicopter. The loading will take place in full view of the pilot and away from

the tail rotor, which is considered the most dangerous part of the helicopter."

With the integration of Portland's Life Flight an Aircraft flight programs, last November, the three Portland-based health systems are responding jointly to a nationwide need to reduce duplication of services and to collaborate on quality of care. Life Flight Network's two helicopters will be rotated among the campuses of the three health systems. The program also includes a medically-equipped twin-engine turbo-prop fixed wing aircraft based at Hillsboro Airport, provided by Premier Jets. Life Flight Network serves a population base of two million people within 27 counties and in two states.

### Obituary

#### Dallas M. McDaniel

Graveside services for Dallas M. McDaniel were held Saturday, April 16 at Lonerock Cemetery.

Mr. McDaniel, 80, of Heppner, died Tuesday, April 12, 1994 at his home on Upper Rhea Creek.

He was born June 27, 1913, at Hardman to Kinard and Ima Allen McDaniel. He grew up at Burton Valley, Hardman and Lonerock. He was employed by the state highway department for 22 years and also raised sheep on his ranch on Upper Rhea Creek and logged part of the year.

On Sept. 7, 1940, he married Zelma Way at Weiser,

Idaho.

He enjoyed playing the piano. Survivors include his wife, Zelma at the home; son Melvin McDaniel of Heppner; daughters Vickie McDaniel of Heppner and Iva Lou Zinter of Forks, WA.; sister Elma Harshman of Lexington; brother Delvin of Pendleton; three grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. A sister, Ramona Marshall, died earlier.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health, PO Box 9, Heppner, 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

### Lumber graders earn certificates

Three lumber graders have reached a milestone in their careers. Duane Disque, Tom Gates and Tim Patton were all awarded certificates for their grading knowledge by Western Wood Products Association (WWPA).

Disque was certified to grade commons and dimension, while Gates and Patton were certified to grade studs under WWPA guidelines. These graders join a

### Lady of Guadalupe picture to be displayed

A photographic replica of "Our Lady of Guadalupe" will be on display Saturday, April 23, at the Boardman Marina Park from 4 to 6 p.m. and at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Boardman from 6 to 9 p.m.

St. Mary's Church in Pendleton will display the image on April 24 for a noon Mass celebrated by the Rev. Robert Van Sickler. Group prayer, a children's service and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at scheduled times throughout the afternoon. Closing ceremonies will be held at 6 p.m. with a silent veneration following.

According to a church spokesperson, "Our Lady of Guadalupe" appeared in Mexico as the pregnant Virgin Mary to an Indian named Juan Diego on Dec. 9, 10, and 12, 1531. According to the spokesperson, Mary left an image of herself on Juan Diego's cactus fiber cloak. The cloak still exists at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.

Religious books and other materials will be available throughout the scheduled festivities. A free-will offering will be taken and snacks will be available in Pendleton. Everyone is invited to view the 4x6 replica.

### Creative Arts club to meet

Morrow County Creative Arts will meet Monday, April 25, at 1 p.m. at Kate's Pizza.

A member will give craft demonstrations. Anyone interested in painting classes is invited to attend.

### Master Gardeners receive training



Master Gardeners front, l-r: Sharon Hammer, Karen Peterson, Phil Emert; second row-Gail Hughes, Cathy Dowrey, Phil Nesse; third row-Corrine Miles, Elaine Vandecar, Kay Proctor, Cecil Rill; back row-Stacie Stahl, Mary Ellen Coleman, John Murray.

Do you have a problem in your garden? You might benefit by talking to an OSU master gardener.

A dozen area men and women recently took the Master Gardener training sponsored by the OSU Extension Service. In exchange for training they will now dedicate time to the community in gardening related projects.

"This is really an outstanding group," stated Morrow-Gilliam county extension agent Phil Nesse. "They're all avid gardeners. They will be a resource for the community."

Receiving the training were Mary Ellen Coleman and Elaine Vandecar, Irrigon; Cathy Dowrey, Gail Hughes, John Murray, Kay Proctor and Cecil

Rill, all Heppner; Phil Emert, Pendleton; Karen Peterson and Sharon Hammer, Condon; and Susan Stahl, Hermiston.

Most of the master gardeners indicated that they are especially interested in fielding questions from the public and in manning a county fair booth. Several commented that they would be interested in working with children in 4-H or in the schools.

"It's important to work with a master gardener that lives close to you," noted Nesse. "Gardening practices differ from one elevation to another and from one soil type to another."

Master Gardeners may be contacted by calling the Morrow or Gilliam County Extension office, 676-9642, 384-2271 or the gardeners directly.

### Wool, mohair payments made

Price support payments totaling \$238,281 went to 29 local growers this month for wool and mohair marketed in 1993.

R.H. Matthews, county executive director of the Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, says the total included \$174,941 in wool payments, and sheep producers also received a payment of 16.12 per hundred weight on unshorn lambs, which amounted to an additional \$63,349.

Matthews says the 1993 support price for shorn wool was

\$2.04 per pound, and the national average market price was 51 cents per pound, making the payment rate 300 percent. For mohair, the 1993 support rate was \$4.738, and the average market price was 82 cents per pound, making the payment rate 477.8 percent. Morrow County has no mohair applications in 1993.

ASCS issues wool and mohair price support payments based on a percentage of each producer's returns from sales.

### Minors, T-ball tryouts slated

Minor and T-ball tryouts are slated for this Saturday, April 23 at the lower fields in Heppner. Tryouts will begin at 9 a.m. All children signed up should attend if possible. Teams will be selected at this time.

For more information contact Tim Adams.

### EOSC honor roll

Jill Conklin and Bobby Krein, both Heppner, were named to the dean's list for the winter term at Eastern Oregon State College in La Grande. To qualify a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better and have a minimum of 12 graded credit hours.

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### High Blood Pressure Medicine Has Two Other Valuable Uses

Recently, medical researchers discovered that the commonly used high blood pressure medicine captopril (Capoten) produces beneficial effects when used in persons with two other chronic health problems.

**Congestive heart failure:** About four million persons in the United States have congestive heart failure, a condition in which the heart does not pump blood efficiently. In the past, the primary medicines used for congestive heart failure were diuretics and digoxin, a medicine that improves the strength of the beating heart. Several studies conducted in the last 5 to 7 years indicate that captopril is beneficial in lowering the overall death rate of patients with heart failure.

**Diabetic nephropathy:** A governmental agency panel has recommended approval of captopril to retard kidney function loss seen in many persons with diabetes. The drug relaxes blood vessels located in the kidney, lowering blood pressure and preventing kidney damage. While captopril is the only drug in its therapeutic class currently recommended for this use, similar medicines used for high blood pressure control are thought to have the same effect. Because of these findings, the use of captopril in diabetes is predicted to increase.

**APRIL 23rd:** Nikki Brisbois, Mike Robertson wedding reception, 3 p.m.

Dinner Special: Broccoli cheddar soup, barbecued beef ribs, baked beans, coleslaw, garlic bread  
**\$6.50** Fri. & Sat. 6-9 p.m.

**APRIL 24th:** OLCC Server Permit Class Starts 9 a.m. **\$19.99**

**APRIL 28th:** Angler nite, prizes galore

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