

Telemedicine in operation at behavioral health office

Telemedicine, one of the more recent advances in health care and much touted for assisting in the delivery of health care to rural areas, is in operation at the Morrow Behavioral Health offices in Heppner, Boardman and Fossil.

Gary Oberg, director of MCBH and a licensed clinical social worker, has had telemedicine units up and running for the past six months.

The units, which were purchased through a grant from the Eastern Oregon Human Services Consortium, of which Oberg is chairman, enable two-way interaction between clients and physicians at a relatively low cost. The units were purchased at \$300 each through the grant; the only cost to MCBH is the \$24.95 a month phone charge.

The benefit of the system is two-fold. Clients in rural areas who cannot always travel to see a doctor, can speak to a physician face-to-face via the computer, for example, if they need their medications changed in between visits to the doctor. The two-way interactive screen enables doctors with busy schedules to cut down their travel time, but still be able to assess their clients "in person".

In addition to installing two units at the MCBH office in Heppner, one in Boardman and one in Fossil, MCBH has also set up a unit at the office of psychiatrists in Pendleton, LaGrande and Portland. They also plan to install one at Spray/Mitchell.

Oberg said that the sessions via computer are similar to those in person, but stressed that the technology would not be used for someone who was medically unstable.

"We don't use it to diminish doctor availability," he said. "We use it to supplement the one-on-one visit. Only on rare occasion would we use it without the person having seen a doctor first."

"The doctors want to eyeball a person to see how they're doing," Oberg continued. "This enables the doctor to see them in between visits."

"Psychiatric specialists are rare in Eastern Oregon," he added. "This is the first time we've had a board certified psychiatrist here. Without this technology, this would not be possible." MCBH recently contracted with Dr. Kathleen Meyers, a child psychiatrist at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland.

Dr. Diehl also has a unit installed.

The idea to set up the telemedicine units came out of a group called Rodeo Net, based in La Grande. As somewhat of a pioneer in the psychiatric telemedicine field, Oberg did a presentation with the head of Rodeo Net at the National Rural Mental Health Conference at Portland Maine. Oberg will also present at the National Association of Counties in Albuquerque next fall.



Gary Oberg demonstrates use of telemedicine equipment

Obituaries

Sue Vinson

Henrietta Sue Vinson, 86, of Heppner, died Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A memorial gathering for Mrs. Vinson was held Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

She was born June 7, 1912, at Hoisington, Kansas, to Frank and Sarah Garvey Gage. She grew up in Kansas and attended schools. In 1957, she moved to Oregon.

On July 27, 1958, she married Darrell T. Vinson, at Eugene. The couple resided in Morrow County.

Mrs. Vinson was a member of the Morrow County Historical Society and the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include daughters, Anna Schwarzin of Heppner, and Fran Barnett of Ione; sons, Melvin Gilchrist of Alamogordo, New Mexico, and Joe Heath of Florence, Kansas; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell, in 1997; son, George Mayberry, in 1998; sisters, Agnes Howard, Peggy Fint and Bernice Miller; and a brother, Mike Gage.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Patrick Senior Center Trust Fund, P.O. Box 266, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Rollo Moore

Rollo Edgar Moore, 79, of Boardman, died Wednesday, March 31, 1999 at Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

At his request, he will be cremated and there will be no funeral service.

Mr. Moore was born on April 1, 1919 in Condon to Edgar Wilferd and Maude Ethel Golden

Moore. He started school in Condon and moved to Boardman in 1933. He graduated from Boardman High School in 1936.

In 1939, he married Zelta Holloway, who preceded him in death in 1964.

He farmed in Boardman for 31 years and operated a Texaco service station from 1967 to 1978. He retired in 1981 at the age of 62.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Moore and Alan Moore, both of Portland; a daughter, Tomia Martin of Peabody, Massachusetts; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton was in charge of arrangements.

George E. Bates

A former rector of the Pendleton Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, The Right Reverend George E. Bates, 65, of Medford, died Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at his home.

The funeral was held Monday, April 5, 1999 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Medford.

George E. Bates was born August 11, 1933, at Binghamton, New York.

He grew up in New York and graduated from Dartmouth College at Hanover, New Hampshire, in 1955, with a bachelor of arts degree. In 1958, he received a master of divinity degree from the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

On June 9, 1956, he married Sue Onstott at Short Hills, New York.

Rev. Bates was ordained as a deacon on June 14, 1958, as a priest on June 20, 1959, and as a bishop on October 25, 1986.

His first two parishes were in New York, then in 1970, he was sent to Pendleton as rector of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.

He was the only clergyman at the Pendleton church when he came. In 1983, the church had grown to 700 active baptized members and two additional priests served with him.

While in Pendleton, he served on the board of directors of Rotary, the American Red Cross, the Umatilla County Juvenile Dept., the Halfway House and school budget committees.

In 1983, he left Pendleton to become rector at St. Mark's-On-The-Mesa church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and in 1986, was ordained Ninth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Utah.

Rev. Bates moved to Medford from Salt Lake City, Utah, in June 1996.

Survivors include his wife, Sue O. Bates at the home; children, Richard H. Bates of Eagle Point, and Katherine Bates of Medford, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Rolland Curtis Bates, II, and an infant son, Curtis Edmonds Bates.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 698, Medford, Oregon 97501.

Perl Funeral Services, Medford, was in charge of arrangements.

Florence V. Becket

Florence V. Becket, 87, of Heppner, died Saturday, April 3, 1999, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in Heppner.

The funeral for Mrs. Becket will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 9, 1999 at the Valby Lutheran Church near Ione. Graveside service will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

She was born December 21, 1911, on the family ranch at Eightmile near Heppner, to Olaf and Carolina Olsen Bergstrom. She grew up at Eightmile and at-

Ione schools list honor students

Ione schools have released their third quarter honor roll. Following are the students who qualify:

Ione Middle School

Sixth grade A: Kasie Peterson, 4., Barbara Holland, Sara Peck, Tyler Raible, Kayleen Vosberg; B-Arthur Ekstrom, Taylor McElligott, Kim Morris.

Seventh grade A: Meghan M. McCabe, Natalie McElligott, Paul Neiffer, all 4., Johnny Collin, Billy Gates, Jeff Hunt, Emily Key, Cyd Tullis; B-Sara Barrow, Megan McCabe, Billy Ross, Curtis Thompson.

Eighth grade A: Caitlin Orem, 4., Tracy Griffith, Cameron Krebs, Diana McElligott, Mike Radie; B-Koby Rea, Til Tullis, Aaron Twork.

Ione High School

Freshmen A: Adam Neiffer, 4.,

Adam McCabe, Colin McElligott, Salli McElligott, Kristina Powell; B-Derek Campbell, Cyndi Heagy, Amellia Peck, Rhonda Wilhelm.

Sophomores A: Molly Barrow, Ashley Carmack, Allison Halvorsen, Shelby Krebs, all 4., Charissa Gates, Jeremy Rietmann, Adrienne Swanson, Jennifer Thompson; B-Katie Bacon, Cory Bennetto, Jeremiah McElligott, Nonnee Walters.

Juniors A: Mark McElligott, Nikki McElligott, Jacob Neiffer, Andy Vosberg, all 4., Camie Burright, Allan Gribbskov, Sybil Krebs, Nathan Nolan, Dylan Pettyjohn; B-Brandi Brantley, Erin Crowell, Joey Powell.

Seniors A: Ryan Bennetto, Lela Gribbskov, Jessica Krebs, Niki Sullivan, Katie Twork, all 4., Rosanne Baker, Tori Odinet; B-none.

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tended the Eightmile one-room schoolhouse, then attended and graduated from Heppner High School.

On September 25, 1946, she married Laurence F. Becket at Portland. The couple farmed in the Eightmile area all their married life. Mr. Becket died in 1996.

Mrs. Becket was a member of the Valby Lutheran Church and the Degree of Honor.

Survivors include son Ronald

Becket; and daughter Molly Rill, both of Heppner; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by brothers John, Carl, Alfred and Edwin; and sisters Hilma, Emma, Hannah, Ellen and Esther.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Volunteers needed

By Doris Brosnan

Volunteers are needed. Whether you have time to volunteer for a small, quick job, a bigger project, or on a regular basis, just the right need exists for you.

Some volunteer needs continue this week:

Volunteers are needed to decorate the St. Patrick's Senior Center's dining area. Call Tammy, 676-9046.

Next year's St. Patrick's Celebration: advertising/entertainment, 676-5536; auction, 676-5886; coffee hour, 676-9228; lamb

barbecue, 989-8496; parade, 676-9113; races, 676-5233.

Coral could use help with Bingo on Friday evenings. Call 676-5313.

Morrow County Museum, call 676-5524.

Heppner Ambassadors, call 676-5536.

Campus Life activities, call 676-5759.

Want to give a public "thank you" to a volunteer? Call 676-5886. Need a volunteer? Call 676-5886 to be included in this column.

BMCC announces web address

Blue Mountain Community College's BMCC online courses may be accessed by web at <http://bmcconline.org>.

Courses begin March 31 and there is a two week window for registration. The original press release contained an inaccurate web address.

Live Music at Bucknum's Tavern

HOWARD TAYLOR

Howard Taylor's
**April 10th appearance has been cancelled
and rescheduled for Saturday, April 17th**

BUCKNUM'S TAVERN, HEPPNER

'Getting started in business' class scheduled

A "Getting Started in Business" class is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, from 1-4 p.m. at Heppner High School.

Sponsored by the Small Business Development Center of Blue Mountain Community College, this class will those attending to get on the right track if they are thinking of starting their own business or, if they have recently started a business and have questions, the class may offer some answers.

The three hour class provides basic start-up information about licenses, taxes, loans, incorporation, bookkeeping and marketing.

"This single source of information can save you hundreds of hours of research and help you eliminate costly mistakes before they happen," said a BMCC spokesperson.

The cost for the class is \$29 and an additional person from the same business may attend for \$5 more.

Students must pre-register by contacting BMCC coordinator for South Morrow County, Anne Morter, at 422-7040, by Tuesday, April 13.



Sue: Y'know, my biggest catering client before the expansion was the Nelson baby shower. Remember?

Pelican: With those oyster canapés shaped like booties? Mmm, how could I forget.

Sue: Thank goodness you guys at the bank saw my potential and gave me that loan.

Pelican: Uh, can we get back to those oysters?

Sue: Sorry, gotta fly. There's a chef in Seattle who's doing exciting things with pickled eel.

Pelican: Pickled eel? I'm right behind you, sister.

After more than 60 years of serving Oregonians like you, we've got a pretty good idea of the challenges, hopes and dreams people have around here. And whether it's getting a business off the ground

or just providing a basic checking account, we have what it takes to help you realize your dreams. You'll find Klamath First Federal in 35 locations throughout the state. Visit the one in your neighborhood today.



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