

NASA astronaut candidate has Heppner roots

James P. Dutton, Jr., 35, who was recently selected to enter the NASA astronaut program, has his ancestral roots firmly planted in the City of Heppner.

His great-great-great-uncle and aunt W.P. (Judge) Dutton and Ida Hallock Dutton are buried in the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

A recent article in the Heppner Gazette recounted Ida Dutton's story of the Heppner Flood.

The Dutton Ranch is located right below the Kinzua Mill site and was purchased by John and

Robert Wightman of Shamokin, PA in 1908. When John and Robert got off the train, Mr. Dutton was looking for hay hands. John Wightman helped Mrs. Dutton make butter. They eventually sold butter and milk in town. Mrs. Dutton named the dairy, Alfalfa Lawn Dairy, which remained in business until after World War II.

In 1959, Wightman Brothers sold the ranch to John's daughter and son-in-law, Anna and Claude Graham. The property is now owned by Bernard and Jean Marie Damon (Graham's daughter).

After the sale of the ranch to Wightman Brothers, the Duttons moved to Portland. Ida Dutton often spent summers on the ranch after W.P. died. James Dutton Jr's great-grandfather, Will Dutton, also joined in trips to Heppner. Reiman Dutton, James' grandfather delivered Grandma's Cookies to Heppner and surrounding areas.

The families have remained close friends over the several generations.

Following is an article printed in The Oregonian on May 7 about Dutton's appointment.

Two lock in for NASA astronaut class

By Richard L. Hill of The Oregonian

Excitement and pride were the primary class assignments at high schools in Eugene and Vancouver after NASA named its latest astronaut class Thursday, May 6.

James P. Dutton Jr., a Eugene native and a graduate of Eugene's Sheldon High School; and Dorothy "Dottie" M. Metcalf-Lindenburger, a science teacher at Hudson's Bay High School in Vancouver, are among 11 astronaut candidates selected by the space agency. They were introduced at Space Day ceremonies at the National Air and Space Museum's Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va.

Dutton, 35, an Air Force major and a test pilot for the FIA-22 Raptor jet fighter, is stationed in Edwards, Calif. He graduated from Sheldon in 1987 before going to the U.S. Air Force Academy, where he received top honors. He also has a master's degree in aeronautics and astronautics from the University of Washington.

When asked about his response on learning that he had been accepted into the astronaut program, Dutton said on NASA TV that he "was pretty overwhelmed after wanting to do this since I was in grade school. To hear those words was amazing."

Debi Brooks, a longtime staff member at Sheldon High where Dutton played baseball and football, said "We're all very excited for Jim. He always told us he was going to be an astronaut, and it seemed so lofty a goal for a young student - but he's done it. We're very proud of him."

Dutton credits Linda Ague, a librarian at Cal Young Middle School in Eugene, for steering him toward a space career when she helped him with a seventh grade class assignment about careers.

"I helped Jimmy look up how to contact NASA when he wanted to do a project about astronauts," Ague said. "I was amazed that he thought to call me last week and told me the news. I just showed him how to find out about a career as an astronaut. He did all the rest."

His parents, Jim and Nita button of Tigard, said that their son always had posters of airplanes and spacecraft on his bedroom walls when he was a youngster. "We were jumping up and down when he told us the news," Nita Dutton said. "It's something he's worked so hard for."

Dutton flew air

patrols over northern Iraq in the 1990s before becoming a test pilot for the Air Force's newest fighter. He is married to another Sheldon graduate, Erin Ruhoff Dutton. They have three boys, ages three, six, and eight months.

Metcalf-Lindenburger is one of three educators from a field of more than 1,000 applicants who were selected for the new astronaut class. At 29, she is the youngest of the astronaut candidates.

The Colorado native found out that she been selected as an astronaut candidate when she received a phone call while teaching her third-period earth science class. "It was completely unreal," she said Thursday on NASA TV. "I was shaking and jumping up and down. Of course, the students I wanted to know what's wrong with me. And then when I got off the phone, they got to share in my excitement and enthusiasm."

Part of the broadcast was aired throughout the Hudson's Bay building. In her sixth period freshman earth science class - where she is known as "Mrs. M-L" - the students remained quiet until breaking into applause at the end of the segment.

"It's weird thinking that our teacher is going to go into space," said student Cameron Irwin. "You don't think of astronauts as normal people, but when it's your teacher... she is normal."

Metcalf-Lindenburger, who has dreamed of being an astronaut since the seventh grade, found out about the opportunity to apply for the NASA program while searching the space agency's Web site to answer a student's question about how astronauts use the bathroom in space. The position for an educator astronaut just had been posted, so she jumped at the chance.

Kathy Everidge, Hudson's Bay principal said Metcalf-Lindenburger has proposed to keep in touch with the school and perhaps set up some collaborative projects with NASA. "We have a great team of science teachers who work well together," Everidge said. "I don't see them losing touch."

In addition to her teaching duties, Metcalf-Lindenburger also is an assistant coach for the high school's cross country team. A runner herself, she recently completed the Boston Marathon.

Metcalf-Lindenburger is a graduate of Fort Collins High School in Colorado and has a

geology degree from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. She is married to Jason Metcalf-Lindenburger, a social studies teacher at McLoughlin Middle School in Vancouver.

Dutton and Metcalf-Lindenburger will report to the Johnson Space Center in Houston this summer to begin learning about the systems aboard the space shuttles and international space station. If successful in their training, they and the other candidates may be scheduled for a space flight by 2009.

Jason Begay of The Oregonian contributed to this report.

Spray to host annual rodeo and half-marathon

The 57th Annual Spray Rodeo will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 29-30, along with the 40th Annual Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon.

The popular Eastern Oregon Half-Marathon, a 13.2 mile run from Service Creek to Spray, will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 29 near Service Creek. Water will be available at several locations along the way and the race will end in front of the school at Spray.

A "Buckeroo Breakfast" will be available at the school cafeteria from early morning to 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. It will be prepared by the Spray High School Athletic programs and their parents to help pay for the athletic activities.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at the Spray General Store and will be led by Queen Brittany Phelps from Prineville.

The rodeo will feature cowboys and cowgirls from all over the Northwest who are members of the Northwest Professional Cowboy's Association, Idaho Cowboys Association and Pro-West Rodeo Association. The events will begin with the grand entry at 1 p.m. and will feature the Rodeo Bandits from Molalla, an all-girls team who will perform a drill during the rodeo.

The stock will be furnished by Rodeo Stock of the Year, B-Bar-D Rodeo's. Returning for his seventh year is NPRA Announcer of the Year Scott Allen from Klamath Falls.

New to the events this year will be Team Roping (Muley) and back by popular demand the Wild Horse Race.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY				BY FUND, ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT OR PROGRAM		
General Fund				Heppner Rural Fire Protection District		
Name of Organizational Unit - Fund				Name of Municipal Corporation		
HISTORICAL DATA				BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR 2004-2005		
Actual	Actual	Adopted Budget	EXPENDITURE DESCRIPTION	Proposed By	Approved By	Adopted By
Year 2001-02	Year 2002-03	Year 2003-2004		Budget Officer	Budget Committee	Governing Body
200.00	200.00	200.00	PERSONAL SERVICES	200.00	200.00	
			1. Bookkeeping Contract	200.00	200.00	
			2. Additional Bookkeeping Services	300.00	300.00	
			3.			
			4.			
			5.			
			6.			
200.00	200.00	200.00	7. TOTAL PERSONAL SERVICES	500.00	500.00	
			MATERIALS AND SERVICES			
30.00	50.00	150.00	8. Election Expense	150.00	150.00	
200.00	300.00	300.00	9. Professional Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	
745.00	850.00	1,019.47	10. Fidelity Bond, Liability Insur., W.C.	1,200.00	1,200.00	
12,020.00	13,994.00	13,352.00	11. Fire Protection Contract	13,400.00	13,400.00	
295.00	127.47	500.00	12. Printing Fees, Filing Fees	700.00	700.00	
0	0	0	13. 911 Dispatch Fees	1,000.00	1,000.00	
13,250.00	15,321.47	15,321.47	14. TOTAL MATERIALS AND SERVICES	17,450.00	17,450.00	
			CAPITAL OUTLAY			
			15.			
			16.			
			17.			
			18.			
			19.			
			20.			
			21. TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY			
			TRANSFERRED TO OTHER FUNDS			
646.46	200.00	3,738.58	22. To Equipment Fund	6,800.00	6,800.00	
			23.			
			24.			
		200.00	25. General Operating Contingency	200.00	200.00	
646.46	200.00	3,938.58	26. TOTAL TRANSFERS & CONTINGENCIES	7,000.00	7,000.00	
14,096.46	15,721.47	19,460.05	27. TOTAL EXPENDITURES	24,950.00	24,950.00	
2,120.21	200.00	200.00	28. UNAPPROPRIATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	200.00	200.00	
16,216.67	15,921.47	19,660.05	29. TOTAL	25,150.00	25,150.00	

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A meeting of the Morrow County Health District Board of Directors will be held on May 24, 2004, 7:00 pm, at the Pioneer Memorial Home Health Office, Heppner, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, as proposed by the Morrow County Health District Board. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at MCHD Administration Office, 564 E. Pioneer Dr, Heppner, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm or by calling 541-676-2932. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is consistent with the preceding year. This budget is for an annual period and has only one Fund.

Financial Summary

Anticipated Requirements	Adopted Budget		Proposed Budget	
	This Year 2003-2004	Next Year 2004-2005	This Year 2003-2004	Next Year 2004-2005
1. Total Personal Services	\$ 3,374,834	\$ 2,739,218	\$ 3,374,834	\$ 2,739,218
2. Total Materials and Supplies	1,058,845	1,456,251	1,058,845	1,456,251
3. Total Capital Outlay	20,500	280,000	20,500	280,000
4. Total Debt Service	140,718	155,909	140,718	155,909
5. Total Transfers	-	-	-	-
6. Total Contingencies	1,141,901	1,199,762	1,141,901	1,199,762
7. Total All Other Expenditures and Requirements	775,448	734,634	775,448	734,634
8. Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
9. Total Requirements - add lines 1 - 8	\$ 7,161,946	\$ 6,615,774	\$ 7,161,946	\$ 6,615,774
Anticipated Resources				
10. Total Resources Except Property Taxes	\$ 6,577,857	\$ 6,064,135	\$ 6,577,857	\$ 6,064,135
11. Total Property Taxes Estimated To Be Received	584,089	551,639	584,089	551,639
12. Total Resources - add lines 10 and 11	\$ 7,161,946	\$ 6,615,774	\$ 7,161,946	\$ 6,615,774
Estimated Ad Valorem Property Taxes				
13. Total Property Taxes Estimated To Be Received	\$ 584,089	\$ 551,639	\$ 584,089	\$ 551,639
14. Plus: Estimated Property Taxes Not to Be Received				
A. Loss Due to Constitutional Limits	8,846	10,500	8,846	10,500
B. Discounts Allowed, Other Uncollected Amounts	30,436	24,711	30,436	24,711
15. Total Tax Levied - add lines 13 and 14	\$ 621,371	\$ 586,850	\$ 621,371	\$ 586,850
Tax Levies By Type	Rate or Amount			
16. Permanent Rate Limit Levy (rate limit .6050)	.6050		.6050	
17. Local Option Taxes	0		0	
18. Levy for Bonded Debt or Obligations	0		0	

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Inland Northwest Musicians to hold annual dinner/auction

Inland Northwest Musicians will hold their fourth annual dinner/auction on Saturday, June 5 at the Country Club in Pendleton. The theme for the dinner is Fire and Ice and was chosen for decorations and color.

Many music compositions are themselves fire and ice. Examples of music selections with Fire and Ice brought to mind by the committee might be The Four Seasons by Vivaldi, for instance, that has one portion subtitled Summer and another called Winter. Some titles of musical compositions have names like the Firebird Suite that in name fit the theme. "Music is emotional and has the ability to create goose bumps," says chairman of the decorating committee, Sue Friese. "Music elicits emotion when we hear a rousing rendition of Sousa marches and music stirs pictures in our minds or makes us want to dance or sing. Sometimes we get a melody in our heads that stays for days and we call that the power of music which is Fire and Ice. Working on the power of music to build emotions, the committee chose this theme for the 2004 dinner/auction," says Friese.

Donations for auction items are requested. Area businesses are asked to call the symphony office at (541) 966-6649 for auction donations. Auction item

may be services or gift item that are representative of the business. Businesses will be credited with the donation in the printed program and will be identified and displayed with the auction item. Many items will be placed on silent auction. Some items will be by voice auction by auctioneer Sandy Gross of Hermiston. Sandy is a fun auctioneer, says chairman of the dinner/auction committee, Phil Hector of Hermiston. "He describes items and carefully seeks bids and encourages friendly competition between bidders. He gently nudges the bidders yet creates a relaxed atmosphere and will establish a fun evening for the benefit of Inland Northwest Musicians."

Committee member Steven Knight of Banner Bank in Hermiston says that he likes to be involved with INM projects and is dedicating energy toward the auction. He will seek donations in the Hermiston area. He sees value with an increasing presence of INM in the communities that the INM serves with performances and support. To support Knight's position, conductor R. Lee Friese says, "Pride in community is generated when a performance is well-attended in a community and the audience experiences first-hand the Fire and Ice of music."

Willow Creek Symphony and Singers that

rehearse in Heppner are also part of the INM program. Therefore representatives of many communities are asked to support the auction with donations. The Inland Northwest Musicians orchestras have performed in 31 communities around Oregon and southeast Washington. The organization hopes to involve members of those communities as participants and with donations.

Donors may also purchase dinner tables for eight by inviting guests of their choosing. "Asking friends to dinner is good and asking them to bring their checkbooks is another bonus for Inland Northwest," said Delanne Ferguson, Pendleton. Information on dinner reservations may be made by calling INW at (541) 966-6649.

Spray Rodeo

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Also there will be a pig scramble for the kids both days. The first day will be the 7-9 years olds. If they catch the pig and do not chose to keep it they will need to put it back in its cage and will receive \$25 instead. The same rules go the next day when the age limit will be 10-13. There will be two pigs each day which are being donated by Joe, Pat and Mark Kintz.

A cowboy church service will be held Sunday at 9 a.m. in the rodeo arena grandstand and the final performance will begin at 1 p.m.