

Sandfords return and open mortgage company



Rick and Sylvia Sandford

"Welcome Home" seems to be the most common words spoken to the Sandford Family. Rick, Sylvia, Lillian and Ivy Sandford moved to the North East Bay area of California in March 2002 and now have returned to their home in Ione.

"Moving away was the hardest decision that we had ever made for our family," stated Sylvia. "But we felt it was necessary at the time for my family members in California." Both Sandfords worked while they were in California. Sylvia continued working in the real estate industry as an escrow department supervisor in Subdivisions and Special Projects. "I handled all the newly developed sites and the sale outs for the builders then at the same time worked on the commercial escrows for the multi-million dollar projects," said Sylvia. Rick worked for Sylvia's sister and brother-in-law's truck mechanic business as a mechanic, while also performing sales and service for a year. Then he started working for a concrete company where he was in charge of plant maintenance and plant setup duties. He oversaw three area plants on a daily basis where he did fabricating, servicing and repairs.

"We have grown so much in the two years we have been gone, but we were always calling Oregon home. We bought a home in Fairfield, moved to the city and were ready to settle in for a five-to-10 year stay.

Then it happened. We made several trips back to Oregon to visit friends and work on our house in Ione. It was harder to return to California each time. There is no place like home," stated Rick.

The Sandfords are not strangers to working hard and being versatile. They own the Willow Creek Storage in Ione; they had Columbia Basin Escrow, LLC and the copy business that they closed when they moved away; and Rick was employed with the State Highway Department in Heppner full-time while assisting his wife with all the other ventures. Now they have started another branch of all this vast experience. High View Mortgage, LLC is their newly formed Mortgage Broker business. Sylvia is licensed in Oregon to handle Real Estate Mortgage Brokering for all residential and commercial real estate loan needs.

"I had been working with an associate in California that represented one of the area's largest builder lenders in the North Bay area and he really got the idea rolling for me. I have been working in Escrow for over six years now and have seven years in mortgage lending prior to the present. There wouldn't be a single day pass without someone calling me at work and asking if I would go to work for them. It is common practice in our market for the competition companies or affiliates to contact you. I wasn't use to it at first, since that seemed to only happen in the larger cities. My associate had offered me a position with his firm as a mortgage originator and I had seriously thought about that venture. But I declined when we decided to move home," said Sylvia.

High View Mortgage, LLC is located at the Sandfords' home/office for the time being. They are going to be building an office in the near future. They have programs for all borrowers including purchases, refinances, home equity, construction, and

manufactured homes for all credit status portfolios. They can be reached at (541) 422-7333 or 1 (877) 422-7330.

"I am available for appointments at your location to obtain pre-qualification for buyers looking to purchase homes, or to start their refinance today. As for the real estate professionals in our area and neighboring counties, they know my work ethic and professionalism from the past. I am excited to be able to work with them again and provide the 'State of Oregon with service it so richly deserves,'" concluded Sandford.

Over the Tee Cup

The final organized Willow Creek Country Club Ladies' Play for 2004 was held on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004. A scramble format was played with three special team events.

First place went to Virginia Grant, Luvilla Sonstegard, Lynnea Sargent and Pat Edmundson.

A tie for second place went to Sandi Hanna, Kandy Boyd and Carol Mitchell and Lorrene Montgomery, Betty Carlson, Donna Crawford and Karen Thompson.

A tie was also had on KP on #4 between Grant, Sonstegard, Sargent and Edmundson and Loa Henderson, Dorris Graves and Pat Dougherty.

A KP on #6 went to Henderson, Graves and Dougherty.

A KP on #9 went to Suzanne Jepsen, Joyce Dinkins and Bernice Lott.

A hosted luncheon and fall business meeting followed morning play. Election of officers for 2005 were held. The new officers are: President- Pat Edmundson; Vice-President- Kandy Boyd; Secretary/ Treasurer- Virginia Grant; and Board Members- Lynnea Sargent, Suzanne Jepsen and Carol Mitchell as Past-President.

Organized play will begin again on the first Monday in April 2005. There will not be any organized play by the ladies' group in October, but all that would like to play are encouraged to come out for a 9 a.m. tee-off.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Christian Life Center volunteers are hosts for the Oct. 13 noon meal. The posted menu is hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peach jello salad, whole wheat rolls and brownies.

Jacqueline Zimmerman, Director of Oregon Association of Area Agencies on Aging and Disabilities, spoke to the Umatilla-Morrow AAA advisory committee on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the CAPECO conference room in Pendleton. The four representatives from St. Patrick's Senior Center were present.

There are 17 areas with advisory committees which Zimmerman keeps informed about funds available to support services for the aging and disabled (any age). This particular group of citizens is frequently ignored or overlooked. There are few people to be aware of the wide scope of needs this group represents. Often resources saved are used up because of changing conditions over which they have no control.

Oregon Project Independence (OPI) was established to enable people who need some assistance to remain in their own homes. The program has proven its worth many times over in its history. The cost of in-home assistance is much less than institutional care. OPI funds are not federally matched; as a result, they are in constant jeopardy of being completely cut. Only concerted efforts to keep legislators informed and aware of short and long-term benefits have saved the remaining funds to date. The present governor and attorney general have given priority attention to senior citizens and the way changing times has affected them.

Ukiah Senior Center is nearing completion. When their opening meal is announced, the AAA advisory group for this region will attend as a group to help them celebrate. Later, the Heppner Senior Bus will schedule a special trip to Ukiah.

CT scanner valuable resource to PMH

By Molly Rhea

Fall is in the air, leaves are changing colors and each afternoon the sound of helmets colliding can be heard near the football field. Yes, everything can feel almost magical until these young athletes, who look so big in their pads, suddenly smash together and don't jump back up. When a child is lying still on the field, unconscious or perhaps complaining of numbness, the adults in charge suddenly have the cold realization of how small and young this athlete is, and an ambulance is quickly summoned.

When the ambulance crew arrives they quickly assess the injured player, stabilize his neck in a cervical collar and "Logroll" him onto a backboard. In the Emergency Room the child is examined by the on-call provider (a physician or Physician's Assistant) and, if a neck injury is the concern, the patient is taken into another room for x-rays of the cervical spine (neck). If the patient was knocked unconscious, then the provider is concerned about the possibility of a traumatic head injury and the patient is taken into a different room for a CT scan.

Luckily the CT scan revealed that the athlete did not sustain a cranial (head) fracture, nor was there any blood leakage into the brain. He was sent home with his parents with instructions and precautions to follow for the next few days.

Computed tomography (CT), sometimes called CAT scan, uses special x-ray equipment to obtain many images from different angles and then join them together to show a cross-section of body tissues and organs. CT scanning provides more detailed information on head injuries, stroke, brain tumors and other brain diseases than do regular radiographs (plain x-rays films). It also can show bone, soft tissues and blood vessels in the same images. CT of the head and brain is a patient-friendly exam that involves radiation exposure.

Unlike conventional x-rays, which produce pictures of the shadows cast by body structures of different density, CT scanning uses x-ray beams in a much different way. In CT of the head, numerous x-ray beams are passed through the skull and brain at different angles and special sensors measure the amount of radiation absorbed by different tissues (and lesions such as a bleeding tumor). As you lie still, the scanner parts revolve around you (although you cannot see this happen), emitting and recording x-ray beams from as many as a thousand points on the circle. A special computer program then uses the differences in x-ray absorption to form cross-sectional images, or "slices" of the head and brain. These slices are called tomograms; hence the name "computed tomography."

Since CTs readily detect bleeding, they are used to detect a blood clot or bleeding within the brain shortly after a patient exhibits symptoms of a stroke, detection of bleeding in a patient with a sudden severe headache who may have a ruptured or leading aneurysm, detection of most brain tumors, as well as brain damage and skull fractures in patients with head injuries.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital has had a CT scanner since December of 2000. Prior to that any patient arriving at Pioneer Memorial's Emergency Room with the symptoms of a head injury or a stroke would have been immediately sent to another facility and since time is of the essence in these situations, many would have been flown out via helicopter or fixed wing airplane.

"Our records show in August of 2004, we performed 24 CT scans," stated Gaylin Fickel, R.T. (Radiologic Technologist) for Pioneer Memorial Hospital. "If we did not have a scanner, eight of those people would have probably been sent out emergently. As it turned out none of them required treatment at a larger facility."

Eddi Skow Match Play winners announced

The Willow Creek Country Club Ladies' Match Play Tournament Champion for 2004 is Sandi Hanna. The matches took place over a two-month period.

Other winners were: 2nd- Karen Thompson; 3rd- Luvilla Sonstegard; 4th- Jackie Allstott; Consolation- Pat Edmundson; and 6th- Loa Henderson.

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