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From playing Bonanza to becoming a Fair Princess



Jessica Hamilton packs out a newborn calf.

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Hamilton plans to one day own a ranch of her own and to be a veterinarian. She is currently studying for her veterinary technician exam that she will be taking next June. She is now working at "Doc" Temple's in Lexington for educational purposes. Although she is technically finished with high school because of her schooling in England, Hamilton is still taking various college preparatory classes and wants to take home economics. She wants to major in biblical languages and youth ministry at Corban College in Salem.

Hamilton has many

hobbies, including playing piano, teaching AWANA as a leader in training, and helping teach Sunday school at church. She sang with the Willow Creek Singers with the Inland Orchestra. Hamilton, a former baton twirling champion in England, won third place in the Oregon state championship in 2005 for twirling. She just recently returned from Camp Touchet with a group from Heppner.

Hamilton says she is thankful to her mother for her continued support, her uncle for getting her involved with horses, and God for her position as rodeo princess.

Blood drive to be held at Senior Center

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive on Monday, August 13, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. To make an appointment call 1-800-787-9691.

Health district physician staffing stressed

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\$86,334 for architectural fees for the proposed remodeling of the hospital to bring it up to code to accommodate long-term care patients. One long-term care patient has already been admitted, another is under consideration and the district has received several inquiries.

In other business, the board:

-voted to cancel the August meeting because of various conflicts. The next meeting will be held in September, unless issues arise that must be brought to the board.

-discussed the need for matching funds for a grant that district will apply for. The board discussed launching a direct-mail fund-raising campaign.

-discussed the positive outcome of a recent snake bite case. Director of Nursing Molly Rhea said that the staff had earlier discussed whether or not to stock anti-venom, because of the cost involved and its relatively short shelf life.

Boardman city manager announces retirement

The City of Boardman has announced that City Manager Rex Mather has tendered his notice of retirement effective January 1, 2008. In accepting Mather's decision, Mayor Ed Glenn commended Mather on leading Boardman through significant change in the more than seven years Mather has served in that capacity.

Glenn said in the 30 years he has lived in Boardman, the face of the city has changed more dramatically during Mather's tenure as city manager than in any other period.

"Rex managed some huge projects, many of them at the same time," Glenn said. High on the list were major expansions to the City's water supply system, waste water treatment system, redevelopment of North Main Street and a new City Hall.

Glenn also gave Mather high marks for development of an experienced, professional staff that Glenn and Mather agree is the envy of many cities in Eastern Oregon, both larger and smaller than Boardman.

"One of Rex's most valuable contributions is his ability to act promptly and decisively in the face of crisis," Glenn said. "When our water system back-up generator literally blew up, Rex had a temporary generator in place in days and a plan for a new permanent system to the Council without delay." That was only one example of Mather's dedication to the City's level of service.

Watercolor class to be held at Senior Center

The watercolor class with Joyce Anderson will be held Wednesday and Thursday, August 11 and 12, at the Senior Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. The subjects for the class will be birds, florals, and landscape. The cost is \$70 for two days and \$45 for one day.

Anyone needing a supply list may call Trish Sweeney at 676-9226.

However, she said that by stocking the anti-venom, "I think we saved his life." She said she believed the district had not had a snake bite case in about five years.

-heard the following report: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had three admissions, 22 admissions for observation; 478 outpatients, 56 emergency room encounters, 1603 lab tests, 111 x-ray procedures, 46 CT scans, 35 EKG tests, one sigmoid procedure, 127 respiratory therapy procedures; Home Health had 145 visits; Hospice had three admissions; pharmacy had 1259 drug doses for \$72,708 in drug revenue; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 402 patient visits with 14 new patients and 56 seen by a nurse; Irrigon Clinic had 188 patient visits with 15 new patients, 35 seen by a nurse and 15 no shows; Heppner Ambulance had 24 transports for \$25,555 in revenue, Boardman Ambulance had 15 transports for \$15,405 in revenue, Irrigon Ambulance had seven transports for \$6,090 in revenue.

Aside from the substantial development of infrastructure in Boardman, Glenn said Mather also paid attention to the City's livability. He was instrumental in organizing a Youth Advisory Council, improvements to three City parks including new basketball courts and a skateboard park.

Mather's professional influence extends beyond the City of Boardman: he is just completing a 3-year term on the League of Oregon Cities Board of Directors and has served a term on the Oregon City and County Managers Association Board of Directors.

At Tuesday night's special Council Meeting the Boardman City Council accepted Mather's notice of retirement and at his recommendation promptly engaged the League of Oregon Cities program for recruitment of Mather's replacement.

"We very much appreciate Rex's long advance notice as that will enable us to make an orderly and efficient transition to a new City Manager," Glenn said. "With the many challenges facing the City in the near term, it will take an extraordinary individual to fill his shoes," he added.

Mather and his wife, Sharon, plan to split their retirement time between Arizona and Eastern Washington depending on the weather. "I've come to hate the cold weather," Mather said and he has family in both Arizona and Moses Lake and Spokane.

EOU announces dean's list

More than 500 students enrolled at Eastern Oregon University for spring term 2007 have been named to the dean's list. To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve and maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale while completing a minimum of 12 hours of graded coursework for the duration of the term.

EOU students from the area who made the spring 2007 dean's list include:

Heppner: Madison Bailey, Meghan Bailey, and Blair Keithley.

Ione: Kristina Powell.

LaGrande: Jennifer Hibbert.

Port to meet in Heppner

The Port of Morrow will hold a meeting in Heppner Wednesday, August 8 at city hall beginning at 8 p.m.

Obituaries

Edna Hughes Kahlman

Edna Hughes Kahlman died July 19, 2007 in Portland, OR.

She was born February 28, 1920 in Heppner to Matt and Grace Hughes.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Melba Quackenbush.

She is survived by: three daughters, Karen Goodale of Portland, Janet Lockhart of Tualatin, and Lori Slick of Newberg; one son, Brian Kahlman of Portland; and two sisters, Betty Pettyjohn of Heppner and June Bellenbrock of Issaquah, WA.

Passing the baton



Chuck Bailey (right) welcomes Neva DeMayo as new vice president of the Heppner Garden Club.

Neva DeMayo was recently installed as the new vice president of the Heppner Garden Club.

DeMayo and her husband, Dave, moved to Heppner about two years ago from Vale where Dave was the city manager. Dave is currently the city manager for Heppner. They bought Jim and Cam Wisharts' home.

DeMayo has become active not only in Garden Club but in the Lutheran Church. She has arranged various tours and activities for the ladies in both the Lutheran and Episcopal Church. She also volunteers to help

at the Oregon Trail Museum.

DeMayo has a degree in English and has a Bible college degree in religious education. She attended college in the Ozarks and in Alaska.

Neva and Dave met in college and she has been an army wife 16 of the 20 years her husband was in the service. This meant a lot of moving and getting reacquainted in new areas.

DeMayo enjoys all forms of gardening. She loves living in Heppner and is looking forward to learning more about gardening.

Van Liew graduates from Wyotech

James Van Liew, son of Sandra and Dan Van Liew, graduated from Wyotech in Laramie, WY, July 22, 2007.

He received an Associate in Specialized Technology in Automotive and Management and was an honors graduate with perfect attendance.

Van Liew was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society and was an orientation leader during the school year at Wyotech. He has accepted a job position with L2, a new



James Van Liew

division of Litha Motors and will start August 1 in Loveland, CO.

Van Liew is a 2006 graduate of Heppner High School.

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