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Evelyn Carroll retires from health district; new technologist hired

Evelyn Carroll, who has been working as a radiologic technician for the Morrow County Health District/ Pioneer Memorial Hospital for a total of 10 years, has announced her retirement.

For the last two years Carroll has been the radiology manager. Carroll says that it has "been a good 10 years" and says she appreciates the opportunity of working at Morrow County Health District. She says she has many memories and new friends that will remain with her for years to come. For now, she and her husband, Jerry, will be staying in the area and enjoying her retirement together.

"All of us at the hospital and clinic would like to wish her a very happy retirement," said MCHD administration and staff.

The health district welcomes Katie Walton to the radiology department as a radiologic technologist. Walton recently graduated from Oregon Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in radiologic science. She grew up in Long Creek, Oregon, the daughter of Paul and Sue Walton of Long Creek. Walton and her fiancé, Michael Duncan, are planning their wedding for September 1, 2007 and are in the process of relocating to the area.

With Carroll retiring, Melissa Pedersen will be taking the radiology manager's position. Pederson, who has been working with the district for the past two years, is licensed in radiology and computed tomography. "I grew up here and enjoy being 'home'. My husband Olaf really likes it too," said Pederson. "We recently had a little girl, Halle, and are looking forward to raising our family here. Katie covered for me during my maternity leave and I am glad she has decided to come on board here. Being a small town girl also, I know she will enjoy Heppner."

The radiology department offers general x-rays, computed tomography, whole body CT scan and limited ultrasound.

Melissa Pederson and Katie Walton.

Makayla Anderson lives a princess' dream come true

It seems that it is every little girls dream about being a princess. But it is a different kind of princess that Makayla Anderson dreamed of being. Since she was a little girl, Anderson has wanted to be on the Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Court. She remembers seeing all the beautiful girls on the horses waving at the crowd and decided that she wanted to be one of those beautiful princesses. No dresses or frills, just chaps and spurs.

Makayla Anderson is busy young lady. In fact, for this interview, she called from a combine she had been operating. Anderson is the 17-year-old daughter of Marcia and Larry Anderson of Boardman and has lived there since she was four years old. She has two sisters, Ashley, 15, who is serving as a pennant bearer this year, and Heather, 30.

Makayla Anderson, 2007 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Princess.

Princess Makayla with Summer.

Anderson's horse is a registered mare quarter horse named Summer. She also has a bottle baby goat named Delilah, two dogs, a heifer named Lollipop, a steer named Monster, and a pig named Prissy.

Anderson's favorite experience from this year is when the princesses and queen camp out together and barbecue for parades and rodeos. It is during this time when they get to know each other the best. Her favorite outfit is a cream blouse with black jeans and chaps.

In 2003 and 2004 Anderson was pennant bearer. She is currently involved with the Cayuse Junior Rodeo and enjoys barrel racing and pole bending. She is in the FFA and is in the Morrow County Heifer Futurity Program. She has carried flags for the rodeo, is a part of the Desert Pegasus Horse Club, and has shown a steer in 4-H every year since fourth grade. She also sews and models clothing made from 100 percent Pendleton wool.

Anderson, who attends Riverside Jr./Sr. High School, plans to attend Blue Mountain Community College and major in dental hygiene. She currently works for Double T Farms outside of Boardman. She is also planning on trying out for the court again next year.

Historical Hotel Condon reopens with new owners and a new look

Historical Hotel Condon

The historical Hotel Condon reopened its doors this past spring after new owners, Rick and Marlene Stanley of Fossil, had purchased and completely remodeled the facility.

"The hotel, which was built in 1920, offers 18-luxurious rooms, Stanley's Steakhouse, and the Sage Lounge. Prior the to the Stanley's ownership, Hotel Condon had sat for almost a decade before a group of investors, who had hoped to return the hotel to its original grandeur, acquired the hotel," according to a news release. "After two years of restoration, the hotel had reopened in 2001. Unfortunately, the group's fortune would come to no avail, which would later lead to the Stanley's ownership in November of 2006. After six months of extensive remodel, the Stanleys opened the hotel in May of 2007, bringing the hotel to an elevated level of class and splendor," continued the release.

"There are no other accommodations in Central Oregon like Hotel Condon, which offers a historic elegance in the serene Oregon countryside," said Rick Stanley, owner of Hotel Condon. "It combines a historic charm with the comfort of modern amenities, which creates a romantic and relaxing getaway. Our property is truly unique in the market and we are excited to have our facility open to the public."

The hotel houses Stanley's Steakhouse, which provides a "lavish setting with an exceptional menu offering the most delectable cuisines such as its high-end cuts of prime beef that is raised locally at Painted Hills Natural Beef." "We want to create a unique dining experience for our customers through top notch service, quality ingredients, and a luxurious atmosphere," stated Stanley. "We want to give our guests an experience to savor.".

In addition to the steakhouse, Hotel Condon also presents the Sage Lounge where one can go to relax, enjoy a glass of wine or a microbrew, and order appetizers.

For more information on Hotel Condon or to make your reservations go to www.HotelCondon.com or call 800-201-6706.

Sheriff's office warns against door-to-door solicitors

The Morrow County Sheriffs Office log recently reported some people walking around town attempting to sell magazines. According to reports, when the sale was refused, the solicitors became rude and vulgar with the customers. Heppner City Hall confirmed that the individuals did not have a peddler's license. The Morrow County Sheriff's Office advises that individuals approached by these solicitors should probably refuse the items for sale because the sheriff's office is not sure if the business is legitimate.

Special Fair Edition in this week's issue

Included in this week's Heppner Gazette Times is a 16-page 2007 Special Fair & Rodeo Edition.

The edition will cover events, calendars, and fun things to do at this year's Fair and Rodeo. The Fair and Rodeo starts next week on Wednesday and runs through Sunday.

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Enjoy the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo!

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