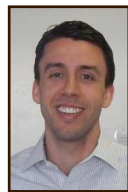


Med student with big aspirations enjoys Heppner experience

By April Hilton-Sykes

Medical student Blake Sullivan, 27, who just ended his five-week stint at Pioneer Memorial Clinic and Hospital, says that his experience in Heppner has been great and mentors, Drs. Betsy Anderson and Russ Nichols, "awesome."



Blake Sullivan

Sullivan who has a bachelor of science degree in molecular biology from Lipscomb University at Nashville, Tennessee, grew up in Nashville with his mother who works for the state agriculture department, dad who is a nursing home administrator and older brother, 32, who

started his own landscape business at a very young age.

Sullivan took time from his medical studies for an internship at a jet propulsion laboratory at Pasadena, CA. At the planetary science lab, he worked on characterizing the Martian environment.

Sullivan says he has always been interested in medicine, but if he had not gone to med school, he would probably have gone to culinary school because he loves to cook. His most recent culinary delicacy is pesto pasta with English peas and asparagus.

Besides cooking, he likes hiking, running, exercising, reading—"Unbroken" was a recent good read"—and spending time with his dog, an Airedale terrier named Charley.

Sullivan will soon head into residency, ideally, he says, at OHSU or Stanford, with the ultimate goal of going into practice at an academic hospital in head and neck surgery.

He says he has really enjoyed his experience in Heppner, adding that Pioneer Memorial Hospital is the smallest hospital he has ever worked at. He jokes that it has been a challenge trying to find something to do in Heppner after 6 p.m. though.

Church plans to gather a 'Taste of Heppner'

St. Patrick's women plan recipe collection to raise funds for hall improvements

The ladies of St. Patrick Church are putting together a recipe book as a fundraiser for parish hall repairs. They say they hope to title the book "Taste of Heppner...And Surrounding Communities." They women plan to begin collecting right away, and are hoping to have everyone's recipes submitted by June 1 of this year. They say that, if they can complete everything by that June 1 deadline, they hope to have the cookbooks by mid-August or early September.

As part of this project, they are calling on all cooks out there—men, women and children—to submit their favorite recipes. They say they will welcome as many as people would like to offer for publication in the cookbook.

For ease and accuracy,

the ladies are asking but not requiring that people submit recipes by email at stpats2015@hotmail.com.

"We are trying to eliminate errors on our part if we have them already typed and proofread," explained Ashley Lindsay.

For anyone who does not use email or who would rather submit by mail, they may do so by mailing recipes to Ashley Lindsay, 73968 Lindsay Feedlot Lane, Lexington, OR 97839. For recipes submitted by mail, the women ask everyone to proofread them after they are typed and before they are sent to the publisher.

Those submitting recipes for publication are also asked to include their name or the name of the person they received the recipe

from, as well as an indication if they have an interest in purchasing a cookbook at a later time.

"It is also not a requirement for us to know if you plan to purchase a cookbook; it only gives us an idea of how many we may need to order when the time comes," added Lindsay.

The women of St. Patrick's Catholic Church say they hope, after receiving the cookbooks, to sell them at a couple of the farmer's markets this summer, possibly at the Morrow County Fair, and also in Murray's Drug. No price had been set for the cookbooks, but they estimate that the purchase price to the public will be around \$20.

Questions, please contact Jill Miller at 541-989-8468 or Ashley Lindsay at 541-379-4079.

Bank of EO offers scholarships

"Bank of Eastern Oregon will again offer 20 \$500 agriculture/business scholarships for graduating high school seniors in Heppner, Ione, Arlington, Condon, Boardman, Irrigon, Spray, Fossil, Burns, Crane, John Day, Monument, Long Creek, Dayville, Mitchell, Moro, Prairie City, Enterprise, Wallowa, and Joseph," announced Jeff Bailey, president and CEO

of Bank of Eastern Oregon.

This marks the 23rd year the bank is sponsoring the \$500 scholarships to students.

"Through the years, we have awarded approximately \$117,500 in scholarships. We are proud of our graduates and pleased to continue offering the scholarships to the talented and deserving recipients in our market area," said Bailey.

Applicants must plan to enroll in college in either agriculture or business. Selection will be based on scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

Applications can be picked up from school counselors or at a branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon, or applications can be downloaded online at beobank.com. The deadline to submit applications is May 1, 2015.

HES announces Colt Character Awards



Recipients of the Colt Character Award for January and February at HES were honored at an assembly on March 4. The character trait was "Treating Others the Way You Like to be Treated," and included traits such as friendship, empathy, respect and cooperation. —Contributed photo

Heppner Elementary School has announced the Colt Character winners for January/February, 2015. Those awarded are as follows, by class:

Mrs. Morris (Kindergarten)—Caige Chandler, Keaton Coiner, Jaysi Dompier, Healy Hisler, Avree, Lathrop, Claire Lindsay, McKenzie Maben, Zariah Martin, Hailey McDaniel, Lita Nelson, Ashli Paullus, Alakae Rodriguez, Patrick Wolford.

Mrs. Matteson (Kindergarten/First Grade)—Paige Beebe, Mariah Combe, Caleb George, Faith Holsinger, Wyatt King, Lily Nichols, Rylee Palmer, Maya Payne, Natalie Piper, Sophie Rodriguez, Tripp Stewart, Logan Turner.

Mrs. Stewart (Second

Grade)—Ally Green, Zachary Brown, Jackson Coiner, Dylan Dickens, Sierra Greenup, Kadie Henrichs, Hallee Hisler, John Lindsay, Keeley Narins, Damien Sheoships-Ball, Amelia Manning.

Mrs. Coiner (Third/Fourth Grade)—Jennie Adams, Ethan Delibertis, Shaylyn DeLoach, Caden George, Reece Gorham, Brenden King, Irelynn Kollman, Amber Manning, Zandra Masterson, Landon Mitchell, Dusty Robinson, Kyler Wilson, Arianna Worden.

Mrs. Gibbs (Fourth Grade)—Hayley Akers, Ty Boor, Adan Guerra, Jake Lentz, Paul Lindsay, Ireland Martin, Trevor Nichols, Madison Palmer, Camryn Scrivner, Hailey Wenberg,

Brook Wilson, Katie Wilson, Daemon Worden.

Mrs. Piper (Fifth Grade)—Mark Adams, Harley Anderson, Kylie Boor, Kason Cimmiyotti, Kaden Combe, Cody Fletcher, Hannah Green, Cassidy Henrichs, Miracle Holsinger, Coen Little, ZaBrena Masterson, Aubriana Rodriguez, Joseph Sherman, Derrick Smith, Jett Stewart.

Mrs. Dowdy (Sixth Grade)—Madison Ashbeck, Roy Collins, Gracely DeLoach, Kendall Dowdy, Sage Ferguson, Brinley Furrer, MacKenzie Gurinko, Hayden Hyatt, Marlee Mitchell, Madelyn Nichols, Hannah Palmer, Diana Rodriguez, Serenity Rodriguez, Gen Smith, Aimee Turrell, Jayden Wilson, Sydney Wilson.

USDA reminds Morrow County producers of March 15 sales closing date for noninsurable crops

HEPPNER—The Executive Director for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Morrow County, Kyle Carnine, urges producers who want to purchase coverage through the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) to do so before the sales closing date of March 15.

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields/grazing loss, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters including drought, freeze, hail, excessive moisture, excessive wind or hurricanes.

In order to meet eligibility requirements for NAP, crops must be non-insurable, commercially-produced agricultural commodity crops for which the catastrophic risk protection level of crop insurance is

not available.

The Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill) allows producers to choose higher levels of NAP coverage. Previously, the program offered coverage at 55 percent of the average market price for crop losses that exceed 50 percent of expected production. Producers can now choose higher levels of coverage, up to 65 percent of their expected production at 100 percent of the average market price. It is important to note that the higher coverage is not available on grazing crops.

The following crops in Morrow County have a NAP application closing date of March 15: beans, broccoli, camelina, cantaloupe, cauliflower, cucumber, lentils, mustard, peas, pumpkin, safflower, sunflower, squash, tomato and watermelon.

"NAP policies allow producers to protect their investment by purchasing coverage for noninsurable crops," said Carnine. "Natural disasters are an unavoidable part of farming and ranching and FSA programs like NAP help producers to recover when they experience a loss."

Eligible producers must file the application and pay a service fee by the March 15 deadline. Producers also pay a fixed premium for higher coverage. Beginning, limited resource and underserved farmers may request a waiver of the service fee and a 50 percent premium reduction when the application for coverage is filed. For more information on NAP, service fees, premiums and sales closing dates, contact the Morrow County FSA office at 541-676-9011 and visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/nap.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

—David Heagy, 55, of Salem was found guilty of Violating the Basic Rule 73/55 and was fined \$160.

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