

# Temples celebrate 50 years this Sunday



Dick and Karen Temple at their wedding 50 years ago.

Dick and Karen Temple of Lexington will celebrate 50 years of marriage this Sunday, Aug. 6.

Dick Temple and Karen Lovell met, appropriately,

at a high school rodeo. As part of their courtship, Dick used to join Karen on fire lookout to prepare his weekly Sunday School lessons. They were married in 1967 in a simple ceremony that fit the young couple to a T—Dick planned the wedding, his mother Rose made the cake and Karen's mother Betty Lovell made the bride's outfit.

During their marriage, they lived throughout the West, including Colorado, Idaho, Montana and even Canada. They ended up in Lexington in 1986 and have remained in the area ever since.

They have four children and eight grandchildren. Their son Brent is



Dick and Karen Temple

in Florida with his family, including four children ages 16 to 21. Their daughter Laurel is in Portland with her husband and four children, ages seven to 15, and youngest daughter Kristal is also in Portland.

Those wishing to stop by for hugs and well-wishing are invited to an open house at the Temples' home on Meadowbrook Rd. this Sunday, Aug. 6, from 3-5 p.m.

## Engagements

# Struthers, Punch to wed



Eleanor Cherie Punch and Patrick Struthers

Eleanor Cherie Punch and Patrick Struthers announce their engagement, with the ceremony set for Sept. 24 on "some beach on the Olympic Peninsula." Both are longtime residents of Pendleton.

Eleanor, 48, grew up in Beavercreek, OR. She currently works for the Umatilla County Historical Society as the manager

of the Community Thrift Store. She enjoys decorating, both at her store and her home, and is a tiny house enthusiast.

Patrick, 51, is an independent IT consultant and works part-time for Murray's Drug in Heppner. He also volunteers for several local organizations, and reads a lot of books.

# HEALTH DISTRICT

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It's also too small to accommodate the stress testing treadmill, so that service is not currently being offered, despite having a respiratory therapist to perform the service.

If an addition cannot be built in the near future for the emergency department, central nurses' station and out-patient testing, administration is considering moving the CEO, payroll, human resources and chief financial offices downstairs and renovating the current administrative offices into out-patient services to house Ultrasound, Dexa scan, stress treadmill and future mammography and respiratory therapy services. However, Houser said this would move administrative offices to the oldest part of the building and away from the general public and the general staff.

-emergency room/central nurses' station. Houser said this space is currently functional, but "highly inefficient" because the nurse's station is a "considerable distance" from the emergency room. One solution would be to move the emergency room closer to the nurse's station and make a new entrance that would be handicap accessible with a new covered ambulance entrance. However, in order to do this, the dietary department/cafeteria would have to be displaced.

-additional space at Pioneer Memorial Clinic. A proposed remodel design, at a cost of around \$695,000, would be "very functional," "affordable" and at a lower cost than the Irrigon Medical Clinic

expansion. In addition to providing additional space for current providers, the remodel would enable the district to recruit specialists to see patients on a monthly basis. Dr. Nichols said that currently if a specialist comes to the clinic now, that prevents a current provider from seeing patients that day. He said the space issue is very stressful for providers.

-patient rooms/bathrooms/dietary department. The current patient rooms are outdated and do not have bathrooms in the rooms, requiring patients to use the bathrooms by the dining room or a bed pan/commode. Houser said the rooms need to be brought up to a higher standard in order to continue to build services.

In other business, the board:

-received a letter of resignation from the board from Jill Parker, Boardman, who will be moving out of the district. Board members agreed that they would seek another board member from Boardman.

-learned from Houser that he has been attending bi-weekly meetings of the "Solar Eclipse" committee, along with other business leaders, law enforcement, forest service, ODOT, EMS personnel and citizens concerning the influx of people to Morrow County, especially since it will be the same weekend as the Morrow County Fair & Rodeo in Heppner. The eclipse will be Monday, Aug. 21. Houser said that MCHD will staff two full-time EMS crews, and will have two physicians on call for the

emergency room in addition to extra staff. Houser said that he has learned that perhaps more than 14,000 cars a day may be traveling through Heppner the days before, during and after the eclipse. He said that according to ODOT, normal traffic is 2,500 cars a day.

-heard from Houser that Dr. Gayle Johnson has been in contact with the Board of Medical Examiners, who indicated that she has submitted all documents, and is hopeful that she will receive her license by mid-August. Houser said that if the license has not been issued by that date, Dr. Johnson plans to come into the clinic to familiarize herself with electronic medical records. Houser also said that the district has hired Ryan Gunderson as a full-time RN, an EMT-advanced for Irrigon and an assistant clinic manager. He reported that one additional RN is still needed.

-learned from Houser that Pioneer Memorial Hospital received the 2016 OHPAC Most Valuable Player award for exceeding their target goal by 160 percent. St. Anthony's in Pendleton was the only other hospital to receive this award.

-learned from Houser about some legislative bills (including a hospital tax bill) which could result in a potential shortfall of \$327 million in state funds and \$1.1 billion in federal funds to the Medicaid budget and which would adversely affect the district.

-received the following draft profit and loss statement for June from Chief Financial Officer Nicole Mahoney: the district showed \$755,892 in gross patient revenue, a \$229,148 credit in revenue deductions, \$168,350 in tax

revenue, \$58,579 in other revenue for \$1,211,968 in total operating revenue, \$881,673 in total operating expenses and a \$37,129 non-operating gain for a \$367,424 gain for the month and an average monthly year-to-date gain of \$27,480.

-received the following report for June: Pioneer Memorial Hospital had two admissions, one swing bed admission, 498 total outpatients, 78 emergency room encounters, 1,760 lab tests, 135 x-ray/ultrasound tests, 23 CT scans, 2 MRI scans, 17 EKG procedures, no treadmill, lower or upper endoscopy procedures, 15 respiratory therapy procedures; Heppner Ambulance had 23 page-outs with 19 transports for \$34,912 in revenue; Boardman Ambulance had 30 page-outs with 12 transports for \$19,311 in revenue; Irrigon Ambulance had 29 page-outs with 18 transports for \$25,110 in revenue; Ione Ambulance had four page-outs with two transports for \$1,385 in revenue; there were three flights; for the fiscal year Heppner had 304 page-outs with 250 transports, Boardman had 508 page-outs with 245 transports, Irrigon had 331 page-outs with 215 transports, Ione had 35 page-outs with 10 transports; there were 40 flights; Home Health had 95 patient visits; Hospice had one admission; Pharmacy had 1,889 drug doses for \$41,804 in revenue; Pioneer Memorial Clinic had 347 patient visits, six new patients and 25 seen by a nurse; Irrigon Medical Clinic had 287 patient visits, 22 new patients, 59 seen by a nurse and 47 no-shows; Ione Community Clinic had 31 patient visits, 10 seen by a nurse and one no-show.

# Putnam, Doherty plan Newport wedding



Alicia S. Putnam and Chad M. Doherty

John and Susan Woodbury of Idaho Falls, ID and Mike and Cindi Doherty of Heppner announce the engagement of their children, Alicia S. Putnam and Chad M. Doherty.

Alicia is a graduate of Kennewick High School in Kennewick, WA. She currently works at Wheat-

land Insurance Center in Heppner.

Chad is a graduate of Heppner High School and works for the City of Heppner.

The couple will exchange vows Aug. 11, 2017 at a ceremony in Newport, OR.

# DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-Joshua Mason True, 36, was convicted of Menacing, a Class A Misdemeanor. Of the sentence of 180 days' jail time, 160 days were suspended and the defendant sentenced to 36 months bench probation. Probation conditions include 60 hours of community service, anger management evaluation and recommended treatment, no contact with the victim, and

20 days jail time with credit for time served. An additional count of Criminal Trespass II was dismissed. Fines and fees totaled \$200.

-Joshua Mason True, 36, additionally was convicted of Failure to Appear II, a Class A Misdemeanor. Execution of the sentence of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 36 months bench probation. Probation conditions include 80 hours of community service. Fines and fees totaled \$200.

# Justice Court Report


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

-Jerry Gerrard Steidi, 52, of Pendleton, OR was found guilty of Exceeding the Maximum Weight Limit and was fined \$150.

-Craig Scott Price, 55, of Victor, MT was found guilty of Violating the Basic Rule 74/55 mph and was fined \$160.

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