



The Tri-City

Alumni Update



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OPPORTUNITIES

Hospital expansion project adds 400 jobs

Ready for occupancy this July, Kadlec Hospital's \$71M six-story expansion project will open 10 new surgical suites, 28 more patient rooms, a spacious 39-room clinical observation unit, and generate 400 jobs



over the next five years. Two of the suites are designated for cardiovascular surgeries, while the others are multipurpose; however, some are specially equipped for orthopedic- and neuro-surgeries. Currently, Kadlec is the regional referral center for southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon, offering a comprehensive scope of health services including open-heart surgery, interventional cardiology, and neonatal intensive care. For more information about the project, visit Kadlec's website: <http://www.kadlecmed.org>.

Executive, director opportunities at Tri-Cities healthcare facilities

Tri-City area hospitals have several professional and executive level positions available. Kennewick General is seeking a Pediatrics Director to guide the departmental operations of the Pediatric/Special Care Unit. They are also looking for a Director of Quality Management to manage the hospital-wide performance program.

To apply, visit: <http://www.kennewickgeneral.com>.



Kadlec Hospital is seeking a Director of Marketing, reporting to the vice president, to direct all facets of the marketing program. Additional positions include: Director of Emergency and Support Services and Manager of Clinical Resource Management. To apply, visit: <http://www.kadlecmed.org>

BUSINESS NEWS

"Smart" surgery units to be built at Lourdes Medical Center

Lourdes Medical Center in Pasco recently broke ground on a new expansion and remodel, which includes construction of a new ambulatory surgery and gastroenterology laboratory, and three new state-of-the-art surgery suites. The units are designed as "smart suites," which allow for easy modification for future advances in technology. Lourdes has experienced phenomenal growth in volume over



the past three years. From fiscal year 2004 to fiscal year 2007, the number of minutes in surgery increased by 22 percent. This rise in volume paved the way for the expansion. When complete, the new rooms will be the largest and most modern in the Tri-Cities community. For more information on Lourdes, visit <http://www.lourdeshealth.net>.

Tri-Cities by the Numbers

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15.9 Doctors...

1.13 Chiropractors... **5.26** Dentists...

1.78 Ophthalmologists...

per 10,000 people in the Tri-Cities region

298 Total hospital beds in the Tri-Cities

High-tech IT system cuts patient wait time

A new information technology system shortens wait time by up to an hour for emergency room patients. Kadlec Hospital's emergency department installed the T-System EV 2.6, which allows



hospital staff to quickly track patients using a system-generated template that can assess their symptoms with more standardization. Kadlec was used as a test site for the system which went live last October. Only five percent of hospitals nationwide have this unique technology. The T-system is helping provide faster and safer care to the 50,000+ patients that annually come through Kadlec's emergency department. Using the system's computerized entry, doctors can assess patients and simultaneously use a work station to order medications and lab work. For more information on the T-system, visit: <http://www.tsystem.com>.

Revolutionary technology enables faster diagnosis for heart attacks

Kennewick General Hospital's (KGH) accredited chest pain center has launched a new initiative intended to accelerate accurate and efficient diagnoses for patients who may have suffered a heart attack. KGH has implemented the Triage Cardiac System, manufactured by Biosite Incorporated. The 15-minute Biosite blood test measures the levels of four different elements in patients' blood. KGH is the only hospital in the Pacific Northwest utilizing a four-panel cardiac marker at the bedside. The portable device is small enough to be used near the patient, ensuring that diagnostic information is readily accessible to treat the estimated 10-million Americans who visit hospital emergency rooms each year with symptoms of a heart attack. In general, this technology will allow for a decrease in the turnaround time of laboratory results. For more information, visit KGH's website: <http://www.kennewickgeneral.com>.



Tri-Cities education program "serves up" a healthy lifestyle for kids

"Food is Elementary" is a unique curriculum for schools and communities to educate children about food, nutrition, culture, and healthy living. The Tri-Cities Food and Fitness Coalition organized the program to educate parents and teachers about effective ways to teach children how to make healthy food choices. The program has been adopted in five local summer camps as well as Pasco High School. The program's goal is to be implemented in all Tri-Cities schools by the end of the 2008 academic year. For more information, visit: <http://www.foodstudies.org>.



TRI-CITIES NOW

Nuclear medicine future looks healthy for the Tri-Cities

The region's medical isotope business is delivering scientific breakthroughs on an international scale. The Tri-Cities area is rich with nuclear expertise due to DOE's cleanup project of the Hanford Site. As the demand for nuclear-based technologies winds down for these cleanup activities, it is rising for use in medical techniques—like isotopes—as research continues to prove the benefits of medicines using radiation. The Richland-based and publicly shared company IsoRay, a developer and provider of brachytherapy seeds for the treatment of prostate cancer and other solid tumors, announced that the world's first brachytherapy implants for cancer treatment of the eye was successfully performed using the company's Cesium-131 seeds. Another local nuclear medicine company, Advanced Medical Isotope Corporation, recently purchased the Life Sciences division from Isonics Corporation. This business venture gains AMIC production capability and instant commercial entry into emerging isotope markets. To contact IsoRay, call 509-375-1202, or AMIC, call 509-736-7000.

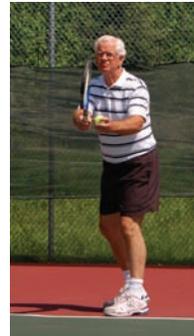


“Cheers” to local company on endorsement from America’s favorite bar-man

TiLite, a titanium wheelchair manufacturer, hopes that everyone will know their name after former “Cheers” star, John Ratzenberger, profiled the company for the Travel Channel show “Made in America.” TiLite makes ultra-light wheelchairs that weigh about half as much as aluminum wheelchairs. The Kennewick-company's wheelchairs are designed by engineers who use wheelchairs. According

to Ratzenberger, “TiLite has enabled people to live more normal lives; whereas before their 40 or 50 pound chair was a burden to push.” The television show highlights American manufacturing companies, like TiLite, that don't produce their products overseas. For more information, visit TiLite's website: <http://www.tilite.com> or for information about the show, visit the Travel Channel at: <http://travel.discovery.com>.

It's not your father's retirement home



The Tri-Cities is gearing up for the influx of Baby Boomers entering retirement years, with three additional multi-million dollar, independent, and assisted living communities currently under construction. Parkview Estates, Edison Terrace West, and Riverton Retirement and Assisted Living, all in Kennewick, are responding to the growing demand for active types of retirement communities.

The Mid-Columbia's climate, relatively affordable housing, recreational opportunities, wine country, and economic stability are factors creating a draw for many retirement-age citizens. The communities offer several life-enrichment activities, including community service projects, bowling, excursions to regional casinos and museums, and some even host—yes—Nintendo® Wii competitions. Parkview Estates is creating theme rooms, such as the Coca-Cola room, which resembles a 1950s diner, complete with a jukebox. For more information on Parkview Estates call 509-734-9773, for Edison Terrace West call 509-777-6215, for Riverton Retirement call 509-628-0221.

ALUMNUS PROFILE

Linda Li

Current Title:

Plastic Surgeon, and cast member on the E! channel's reality show, “Dr. 90210.”

Time spent in Tri-Cities area:

Dr. Linda Li was raised in the area since the age of 4, graduating from Hanford High School in 1987.



Accomplishments:

Linda graduated from Boston University School of Medicine in 1993, and then completed a general surgery residency at Los Angeles County Medical Center from 1993-1998. She held a plastic surgery fellowship from 1998 to 2000, at New York Hospital/Cornell Medical Center, and then began private practice in Beverly Hills in July 2000. “The thing that I love most about my job is the fact that I get to be with people every single day. I have the chance to enter into people’s lives—to become their friend, their confidante. They trust me, and that’s such a privilege for me to have. I love what I do, and I respect my patients for giving me the chance to do my job.”

Impression of the Tri-City area:

“I loved growing up in the Tri-Cities. I had a wonderful education that was the platform for all that I have accomplished since. I really enjoy coming back to the Tri-Cities and seeing how it has changed. It amazes me to see major chain stores in what used to be a very small town.”

Recent activities:

Linda has been featured on the hit series, “Dr. 90210” for five seasons and is currently taping the sixth season. She and her husband—another series regular, anesthesiologist Dr. Bill Fulcher—have two children, Max, 2, and Alexis, 1.

We are looking for more former Tri-City residents to receive this newsletter. If you have an e-mail list that you would like to share or know of anyone who would enjoy receiving this newsletter, please contact Robin Conger at robin.conger@pnl.gov.

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