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Determination to solve problems, improve our work and support Hanford's mission.

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At HMIS, “drive” is more than a word. It’s the energy that keeps us moving forward as the Site integrator. Drive is about having the determination to solve problems, improve our work and support Hanford’s mission every day.

HMIS encourages innovation, whether we’re improving processes or working closely with teams and partners across the Site. Trying out new technologies, asking questions and sharing ideas helps us find better ways to get the job done. This drive keeps safety,

efficiency and integrity at the heart of everything we do.

On a personal note, being married to a “car guy” has made me realize how important drive is in more ways than one. Whether we’re out on the road together and making sure we’re driving safely, or tackling a project here at Hanford, I’ve learned that having drive keeps us moving forward. It helps us stay focused and pushes us to get where we need to go, both in our work and in life.

Let’s recognize the drive that sets us apart. Together, we are building a stronger community and pushing Hanford toward a safer, cleaner future.

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5 MINUTES WITH CERISE PECK



Cerise Peck has found a passion for Hanford since she arrived in 2021 looking to further her communications career. What began as an opportunity for a better job with growth potential led our One Hanford Integrated Services manager to become invested in the Hanford mission and its workforce. She has a desire to have an impact and make things better – and travel to Italy. Here’s what else we learned from Cerise:

1. What made you want to be a leader?

I feel like I can inspire others to push themselves and look for different opportunities for themselves. To support change and set an example for good working relationships and why they matter.

2. Who is a mentor that has impacted you?

I’ve had a lot of mentors throughout my career. A few who resonated with me were those who had hard conversations with me and held me accountable. Those opportunities helped me grow and appreciate the people who were honest with me and stuck with me. Plus, a couple who have truly been my cheerleaders, regardless of decisions I’ve made. I think both are important as you grow in your career.

3. What does drive mean to you?

It means passion to me. Being committed to whatever you decide the end game is. A deadline? Something someone said you couldn’t do? That often fuels me. It’s important to challenge and improve things. When someone says it’s never been done or it can’t be done, this is where you’ll find me working

the hardest. My drive comes with the passion to look for those opportunities.

4. What do you do in your free time?

I support my kids’ athletic careers and I paddleboard.

5. When you’re having a tough day, what do you do to turn things around?

I’ve learned the power of emotional intelligence. To determine if you are going to continue to let something ruin your day or if that piece is done and you move on from there.

6. What song do you have to sing when you hear it?

Old Time Rock and Roll by Bob Seger.

7. What’s something about you people would be surprised to know?

In middle school, I was first chair tenor saxophone for the jazz band and on dance team. I can also play the clarinet.

8. What team do you root for?

Kamiakin Braves, I’m the booster club president and treasurer.

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Volunteer of the Quarter

Steve
SNYDER

As part of HMIS' commitment to our community, we organize events with local non-profit organizations throughout the year to encourage our employees to actively participate in community service initiatives. Our volunteers have given thousands of hours of their personal time supporting local groups like Second Harvest, Junior Achievement, Safe Harbor Support Center and Bikes for Tikes.

This quarter, we're recognizing Steve Snyder, deputy vice president of Mission Assurance, as our Volunteer of the Quarter. "I just enjoy helping our community and meeting new people," Steve shared.

You'll find Steve helping with our Second Harvest food sorts, and he's been a regular face among our Friday Meals on Wheels volunteers, delivering nutritious meals and friendly smiles to local seniors.



"You can see it when you knock on the door," Steve added. "For some of these folks who can't get to the grocery store, whether it's for a health reason or whatnot, their face just lights up when they open the door and see you. It's very heartwarming to share those moments with them."

To recognize our Volunteer of the Quarter, HMIS has made a \$250 donation to the non-profit 501(c)3 organization

of their choice. Steve has asked that the contribution go to Mid-Columbia Meals on Wheels.

We are so proud of our HMIS Family and their commitment to serving our community. Thank you, Steve!



EVOC Hosts Collaborative Police Training to Enhance Driver Safety

Contributor: Shane Edinger

Police officers from several local departments converged on the Hanford Patrol Emergency Vehicle Operations Course to learn more about a relatively new tool officers can now use to stop fleeing vehicles during a pursuit.

The two-day training focused on working with "the grappler," which sounds like something you might find on the Batmobile, and works in much the same way.

The tool can be installed on the front of a police SUV or pickup truck and looks just like a regular bumper on a patrol vehicle. When it's deployed during a pursuit, two metal arms drop down parallel to the ground and release a heavy-duty net which wraps around a rear tire of the fleeing vehicle and locks up the rear axle. Watch a demonstration [here](#).

"The Grappler Police Bumper is safer to use than other traditional pursuit methods," shared Captain Mick Thompson, EVOC program manager with the Hanford Patrol Training Academy. "It's a lot safer for the public than the pit maneuver and causes less damage to vehicles. It's a great way to end a pursuit quickly and de-escalate a situation."

The Benton County Sheriff's Office currently has the grappler system at their disposal, and several Benton County officers were



During a pursuit, the grappler is deployed from the front bumper of the patrol vehicle (the silver pickup in this photo).



The net from the grappler wraps around a rear tire of the fleeing vehicle, locking up the rear axle and bringing the vehicle safely to a stop.

certified on how to use the tool during the training. Hanford Patrol currently doesn't have the grappler installed on any patrol vehicles.

The Grappler is easy to install and cost-effective to use. After a net is deployed, the agency can ship it back to the manufacturer and they'll get a discounted rate on a replacement net.



TEAM FOCUS: Site Wide Safety Standards

Contributor: Patrick Conrad

The team may be small, but their contribution to worker safety spans the Hanford Site. The Site Wide Safety Standards (SWSS) team plays a critical role in supporting the development, revision and maintenance of sitewide safety procedures and programs, helping ensure work is performed consistently and safely across the Site.

To support this effort, the SWSS team facilitates eight committees responsible for maintaining procedures that define safe work practices. Each committee has primary and alternate contractor subject matter experts, labor representatives, HAMMER Training Center advisory members and DOE Hanford Field Office advisory members. These diverse perspectives help ensure procedures reflect work practices, regulatory expectations and operational needs.

“Our role goes far beyond scheduling meetings,” said Echo Dahl, manager of the SWSS team. “We facilitate structured discussions that bring together different organizations and viewpoints, helping the group work through technical challenges and reach agreement on how work should be performed safely.”

In addition to supporting procedure revisions, the team prepares for all committee meetings by coordinating stakeholder input, developing agendas, managing technical comments, maintaining



From left: Heather Brannon, Miriam Fierro, Echo Dahl, Sherrill Edwards and Judy Woodworth.

revision documentation and ensuring alignment with established processes. This preparation helps keep discussions focused, productive and moving toward meaningful outcomes.

Maintaining neutrality is a key part of the team’s role. Because committees include a variety of stakeholders, the team works to ensure every voice is heard while keeping discussions focused on safety outcomes. “I truly believe in the value of Site Wide Safety Standards,” Dahl said. “Getting to consensus means the final outcome reflects thoughtful discussion, shared responsibility and confidence in how work is performed safely across the Site.”

The team also sustains the rigorous meeting cadence required to maintain and revise Site Wide Safety Standards. Committees meet monthly or quarterly, often shifting to weekly meetings during revision cycles, and may form subcommittees to address complex technical topics. Through this disciplined process, the SWSS team serves as stewards of the consensus model—helping committees work through differences thoughtfully to ensure final outcomes reflect careful consideration and shared agreement.

IMS Helps Shape DOE Guidance to Fight Ransomware Attacks

Contributor: Patrick Conrad

Myra Hawke with our Information Management Services team recently wrapped up a yearlong project with the DOE Office of Environmental Management (EM) to develop a comprehensive guide to address the growing concerns around ransomware attacks.

She represented Hanford as part of a DOE complex-wide task force that put together a list of protective measures that each cleanup site could use to protect against the threat of ransomware attacks.

“When it comes to cyber threats it’s not a matter of if, but when,” said Hawke, Cybersecurity program manager. “Ransomware is a very scary threat and this guide will help the EM sites put security controls in place, protect their information systems and to recover and restore their systems should an event occur.”



Myra Hawke, cybersecurity program manager and now former HMIS employee Drew Brayton, represented Hanford on a task force for developing a DOE-wide comprehensive guide to address ransomware attacks.

Hawke said one of the benefits of tabletop exercises and processes like this is that it has opened the doors to conversations outside of the cyber team.

“This guidance should really stir conversations around the DOE complex about ensuring other teams at their site are aware of what their role will be if an attack occurs,” added Hawke.

Ransomware is a type of malicious software designed to deny access to a computer system or data until a ransom is paid. Typically, ransomware encrypts files or entire systems, then demands payment from the victim to restore access. The attack can target individuals, businesses or organizations.

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Fiber Optic Install to Ensure Communications Reliability in Tank Farms

Contributor: Shane Edinger

As the Waste Treatment Plant continues to ramp up operations to turn treated low-level tank waste into a stable glass form, the need for reliable, 24/7 communications is critical. That's the driving force behind the Z-398 project to install several miles of fiber optic cable in the 200 East Area to ensure reliability and redundancy for the Tank Farms local area network (TFLAN).



Fiber optic cables were installed underground along Canton Avenue near the entrance to the Waste Treatment Plant.

"The installation of the new fiber will provide physically redundant cable pathways that will allow the TFLAN to operate during an operational upset like a power outage

or a damaged telecommunication cable," shared Chris Brown with Information Management Services.

A total of six fiber optic cables are being installed by the Construction Management team, including one line that stretches from a junction box just east of B Plant to the Effluent Treatment Facility, and another cable that stretches from a junction box on Baltimore Avenue, travels east on 1st Street and then up Canton Avenue to another connection box near the H2C Shift Office.

The new fiber will help ensure redundant connections to critical H2C operations like the 242-A Evaporator, the Tank-Side Cesium Removal system and the Liquid Effluent Retention Facility.

"The H2C outage coordinator has been very helpful with scheduling and getting us into these buildings," said Shawn Gavaert, the HMIS construction manager overseeing the project. "Thanks to their help, we're able to get our work done quickly so they can get back to business."



A lineman with NW Power installs an overhead fiber optic cable line.

NW Power is handling the fiber installation. Once they finish splicing the cables into the connection boxes and panels, the IMS installation team will work to get each of the buildings connected using the new cables.

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Bridging Partnerships Small Business Symposium

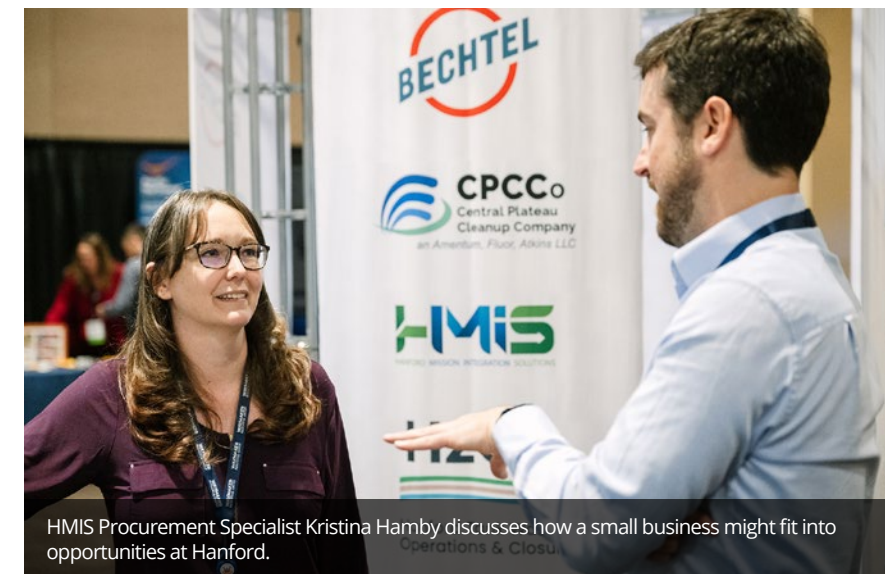
Contributor: MaryAnne Wuennecke

HMIS joined the Hanford Small Business Council to bring the One Hanford booth to the annual Bridging Partnerships Small Business Symposium. The event focuses on creating connections and building relationships between Hanford prime contractors and local small businesses interested in opportunities at the Site. More than 300 attendees participated in seminars and breakout sessions and visited the 50 vendor booths. This networking opportunity demonstrates our commitment to maintaining a strong local economy through partnerships with the small business community.

"Bridging Partnerships is a great platform for Hanford and small businesses to come together," said HMIS Small Business Program Manager Chris Fairchild. "It's all about making connections, finding new opportunities and sharing ideas. It's also the perfect place to learn how to do business with Hanford and see what's possible. Events like this boost our community and help small businesses play a bigger role in Hanford's future. There's always a positive energy—and you never know what new partnerships might come from it!"



The Hanford Small Business Council includes (from back, left): Kylie Rolloson, WTP; Tara Coleman, HFO; Chris Fairchild, HMIS; Talia Ochoa, PNNL; Shannon Malisani, Navarro-ATL; Maria Alleman, WA APEX Accelerator Advisor; Lloyd Foster, CPCCo, Jody O'Connor, formerly with IHA; and Sarah Brooks, H2C.



HMIS Procurement Specialist Kristina Hamby discusses how a small business might fit into opportunities at Hanford.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Columbia Ability Alliance

Thank you to the HMIS volunteers who supported an evening of fun during Columbia Ability Alliance's Enchanted Ball. The prom-styled dance was designed for individuals with disabilities to enjoy music, connection and friendship in a fun and welcoming setting. Columbia Ability Alliance offers a variety of programs that help individuals with disabilities and other barriers build skills and achieve personal success.



From left: Kristine Studniski, Arika Schienbein, Jennifer Ollero, Deanna Criddle and Lynn Chandler welcomed guests as they walked the red carpet into the event.



From left: Kristine Studniski, Dana Klepper Mitzel, Lynn Chandler, Jackie Basche and Jennie Williams assisted with food and beverages for the guests as well as chaperoning the event.



From left: Columbia Ability Alliance's Tiffinni Halka with HMIS volunteers Dana Klepper Mitzel, Cheryl Serrao and Jennie Williams helped set up the evening's décor.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Inspiring Future Engineers

HMIS Health Physicist Cheryl Antonio (pictured) and Diane Cato, vice president of Mission Assurance, volunteered at DiscoverE's Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day at the Richland Library. Cheryl and Diane facilitated an interactive demonstration on radiation detection and shielding. The event is an opportunity for volunteers, educators and others to share engineering activities that show girls (and boys) how engineers can change the world. The event drew in more than 80 attendees ranging from kindergarten to 11th grade.



Dinner with the Chief

HMIS recently sponsored the Richland Police Department Foundation's annual Dinner with the Chief "Bailout Bash" fundraiser. The foundation helps build positive partnerships between Richland businesses, residents and police officers. In addition to supporting current programs like bike safety events, fraud prevention for seniors, youth activities, and assistance for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, the raised funds will provide opportunities to collaborate with other organizations that make a difference in the community.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Night of Adventure for a Good Cause

HMIS employees and their guests enjoyed a night of adventure at the Tri-Cities Chaplaincy's Passport to Fun fundraising event. Tri-Cities Chaplaincy is one of our most-valued community partners, and we are proud to support them in their mission to provide support, comfort and compassion to families who need it most.



Pictured (from left): Daryl Witherspoon, Deidra Witherspoon, Jill Harvill and Steve Harvill.

HMIS FAMILY



HMIS employees Matt Parkhill (left) and Rick Boarder (right) took time out of their day to donate blood for those in need.

Saving Lives, One Pint at a Time

Our recent blood drive was another great success, thanks to the generosity of our HMIS Family! A total of 15 employees rolled up their sleeves to donate a pint of blood, which is enough to help more than 45 patients in need. Thank you to every donor and the volunteers who made the event run smoothly. Together, we can truly make a difference.