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Dr. Richard Williams is co-owner and a physician at Grants Pass' Mountainview Family Practice.

Clinic earns 'medical home' status

Mountainview first in state to receive health care distinction

By Linsay Cathey
of the Daily Courier

A clinic in Grants Pass is the first in Oregon to receive "medical home" status from the Oregon Health Authority.

Mountainview Family Practice became a certified medical home, part of a statewide effort to expand services and deliver integrated health care, with an emphasis on preventive care.

Also referred to as a patient-centered primary care home, a medical home is a model of primary care that has received attention in Oregon and across the country for its potential to advance the "triple aim" goals of health reform: a healthy population, high-quality patient care and reasonable costs, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Medical homes focus on wellness and prevention, coordination of care, active management and support of individuals with special health care needs, and a patient-centered approach to all

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Dr. Richard Williams
Mountainview Family Practice

care including mental health, substance abuse and developmental services; accountability for providing quality care; and electronic medical health records for coordination of care.

"The medical home status validates our ability to provide high-quality care to our patients," said Dr. Richard Williams, co-owner and one of five physicians at Mountainview Family Practice. "With our office being the first to reach this milestone, we hope to be a resource for other clinics and provider offices in the Rogue Valley to become medical homes as well."

Mountainview uses Greenway Prime-SUITE, an electronic health records software provided through Grants Pass-based Mid Rogue eHealth Services. Mid Rogue Independent Physician Association established Mid Rogue eHealth Services in 2007 to provide electronic health records, support and training in Southern Oregon.

Some criteria include providing 24-hour access to care; offering comprehensive

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In Iowa, Republican hopefuls facing first test

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa —In the kickoff contest of the 2012 presidential race, Republican candidates argued up to today's finish line in Iowa over which candidate is a conservative that voters can trust and who they can count on to defeat President Obama.

With large numbers of likely caucus-goers still undecided or willing to change their minds as the Iowa race wound down, Mitt Romney, a confident-but-cautious front-runner, said he was poised to claim "the kind of send-off we need for a pretty long campaign season." He backed away from earlier claims he'd win outright.

It's a fluid race that has elevated and then discarded a head-snapping assortment of front-runners. And many of Iowa's GOP voters still hadn't settled on a favorite candidate just hours before they cast the first ballots of the 2012 presidential contest.



Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., waves from her bus following a campaign stop Monday in West Des Moines, Iowa.

"I think anybody can come in first," Newt Gingrich said on CBS' "The Early Show." That was most likely wishful thinking for the former House speaker,

who has lost momentum after surging to the front of the GOP pack just weeks ago.

Training their sights on the pack leader, Gingrich, former

Pennsylvania senator Rick Santorum and other GOP rivals questioned Romney's conservative credentials and predicted Obama would, to use Gingrich's

words, "tear him apart."

The two who appeared most likely to challenge Romney for victory in Iowa were Santorum and libertarian Rep. Ron Paul of Texas — neither of whom is likely to present as serious a challenge to Romney over the long haul as would Gingrich or Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who also has fallen back.

Tonight, Republicans will gather in living rooms, high school gymnasiums and local libraries for caucuses that start the process of picking the GOP nominee. In each precinct caucus, voters will urge their friends and neighbors to support a preferred candidate. For all of the attention paid to the caucuses, they are essentially a non-binding straw poll that awards no delegates. Republicans do that at county and district conventions later in the year. Twenty-five delegates are at stake in Iowa, out of 1,144 needed to win the Republican nomination.

Couple's fifth child is hospital's first of 2012

By Linsay Cathey
of the Daily Courier

Early New Years Day, Salamasina Reid-Jessen paced around Three Rivers Community Hospital and just before the day's end, she gave birth to the hospital's first baby of 2012.

Reid-Jessen, 35 and her husband, David Reid, 40, both of Grants Pass, welcomed a fifth child into the family at 10:43 p.m. on Sunday.

Tavita Fa'alaitaua Johnevan Mathias Reid-Jessen weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long.

"He almost didn't make it on New Years," said Reid-Jessen, holding her peacefully sleeping newborn baby boy.

The baby's name has great meaning to the family.

Tavita means "David" in Samoan, which also means "beloved"; "Fa'alaitaua was chosen after Reid-Jessen's great-grandfather, which also means "to tame a war or battle," and Johnevan and Mathias are the names of Reid's brothers.

Reid-Jessen, who gave birth a week ahead of her scheduled due date, first experienced contractions on Christmas Eve and the family began to plan for a



Salamasina Reid-Jessen and her husband, David Reid, hold their newborn baby, Tavita Fa'alaitaua Johnevan Mathias Reid-Jessen, who was the first baby born in 2012 at Three Rivers Community Hospital.

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Christmas baby.

But it was a false alarm and Reid-Jessen was sent home. Nearly a week

later, her water broke.

"We got here and they told me to walk around," said Reid-Jessen, who

arrived at the hospital nearly 12 hours before her son was born.

The couple heard babies crying in surrounding rooms throughout New Year's Day. After she gave birth, Reid-Jessen was surprised to find out that her son was the first baby of the New Year.

"The nurses said it was me and I said, 'No way, it's too late at night,'" Reid-Jessen said. "But then I thought, 'Oh, wow. That's so cool.'"

Tavita Fa'alaitaua has four siblings: Jay New, 14, Cheyenne New, 11, Aloali'i Reid-Jessen, 2, and 1-year old Talalelei Reid-Jessen.

Dee Taylor, president of the hospital's auxiliary, presented the family with a gift basket filled with goodies and a gift card to Fred Meyer.

The first baby of the New Year also received a handmade quilt and stocking with an anonymous note attached that read: "Precious little one! May you always be safe and warm and loved. Blessings ... from someone who shares your birthday."

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