

Measure 101 protects health-insurance gains

YOUR TURN MICHAEL GRADY

As a former Medical Director of the Community Outreach Clinic in Silverton and a practicing physician in this com-

munity for many years, I urge you to vote Yes on Measure 101. For 12 years, this clinic, sponsored by Silverton Hospital and staffed by volunteer members of its medical staff, provided care to the uninsured in our community. It was able to close in large part due to the expansion of the Oregon Health Plan and due to subsidies that allowed low income individuals and families to afford health insurance.

A "Yes" vote on Measure 101 protects gains in health insurance for one million Oregonians on the Oregon Health Plan, including hundreds in the Silverton area. It also preserves a lower cost for health insurance for another 200,000 Oregon residents. In addition, a "yes" vote secures nearly \$5 billion in federal funds.

On the other hand, a "No" vote puts in jeopardy health care for one in every 4 Oregonians, including low-income children and adults, seniors and people with disabilities. Only five years ago, one in six working Oregonians lacked health insurance. The number is now half of that, but the failure of Measure 101 would threaten these gains.

Opponents of Measure 101 make claims that these cuts to health insurance coverage can be avoided by alternative funding, but have no vetted plan. Their ideas were considered and rejected by a super majority of legislators. They claim they have a plan for next month's short session but offer no details. In fact, alternatives to cutting OHP would most likely result in cuts to education, services for vulnerable Oregonians and public safety. At the federal level, Congress recently rejected an attempt to repeal a health insurance program covering millions and replace it with a plan that would have thrown millions off health insurance. Opponents of Measure 101 apparently think Oregonians will be more gullible and will give up a funding mechanism that has worked well for more than a decade for some promise that it will somehow be all right down the line. Every major medical organization in the state, pa-

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tient advocates across Oregon and our local hospital all support Measure 101. Hospitals and health providers know that by keeping hundreds of thousands insured, this measure will mean access to primary care, avoiding unnecessary emergency care and keeping costs down for everyone.

The law that has become Measure 101 is a carefully considered and crafted consensus of all major stakeholders. It was approved by a three-fifths super majority in the Oregon Legislature and received bipartisan support. Similar funding mechanisms for Medicaid exist in 48 other states.

The Community Outreach Clinic is not re-opening in any case. It is we who must be open to pragmatic solutions that mitigate the human suffering caused by our unwillingness to recognize a right to healthcare in this country. Measure 101 is sensible public policy. Please support the health of our community by voting Yes on Measure 101.

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OBITUARIES

Donna Barr

Aug. 7, 1950 — Dec. 26, 2017

Donna Barr, 67, died Dec. 26, 2017, in Gresham. She was born in Portland to Arnold and Lillian (Bachofner) Heiman and raised near Boring, where she participated in 4H. She graduated from Gresham High School in 1968, earned her teaching degree from OCE (Western Oregon University), and taught for over thirty five years in Albany, Silverton and the Oregon Trail School District, nurturing students and mentoring younger teachers. In 1986, she married



David Barr in Boring, welcoming stepchildren Aaron and Janelle (Wagner), giving birth to Tess Barr-Hamblin and Dylan.

Her family, friends and students will remember her kindness, creativity and sense of humor. She loved music, animals and gardening, but most of all family.

She is survived by her parents, husband, children, children-in-law and grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 20 at Pleasant Home Community Church. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Salem Friends of Felines.

Lawrence 'Larry' Michael Hannan

July 18, 1944 — Dec. 24, 2017

Larry passed away on Christmas Eve after spending a wonderful evening with family and friends. He is survived



by his wife of 52 years, Carol; two sons, Shawn and Jordan; one grandson, Tyus Kedrick; and brother, Douglas.

His family is planning to honor him with a celebration of life to be held

later in the spring.

A full obituary and guest book may be signed at at www.UngerFuneralChapel.com.

Bertha 'Bertie' Agnes Morey

Nov. 13, 1922 — Dec. 31, 2017

Bertie Morey, 95, passed away peacefully surrounded by loving family at her home at the Mt. Angel Towers.

She was born in Mt. Angel to John and Elizabeth (Weis) Hassler, one of eight children. Following high school, Bertie married Melvin Morey on March 26, 1944, after Melvin's tour of duty during WWII. They resided in Silverton until 1965, when they moved to Albany. Bertie worked for Payless Drug as a cosmetician from 1966 until she retired in 1985. After retirement, she volunteered at Fairmont Grange and the Albany Senior Center, making quilts for many charities, family and friends. The couple spent three months for many winters in Arizona loving the warm weather until Melvin passed away on Jan. 11, 2005.

her home at the Mt. Angel Towers.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter-in-law, Connie; and siblings Artie Hassler, Bernie Hassler, Ella Wolfe, Walter Hassler, Antoinette Schindler, Betty Konen and Evelyn Ollas. She is survived by daughter Sharon (Larry) Jones; son John Morey (Linda); four grandchildren: Kristie Slack, Craig Morey, Kevin Jones and Brian Morey; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at St. Marys Catholic Church. Rosary and Mass will be held at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018, at Mt. Angel Towers.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Willamette Valley Hospice or Lady Of Lourdes Church at The Towers. Arrangements with Unger Funeral Chapel.

Bertie moved to Salem and later returned to her home town of Mt. Angel, living at The Towers for the last five years. She was a member of Lady of Lourdes/St. Marys Church. She was very busy with all the activities especially Bean Bag Baseball. She loved God, she loved her family and friends, she loved quilting and always being there for everyone. She was our "Angel on Earth."

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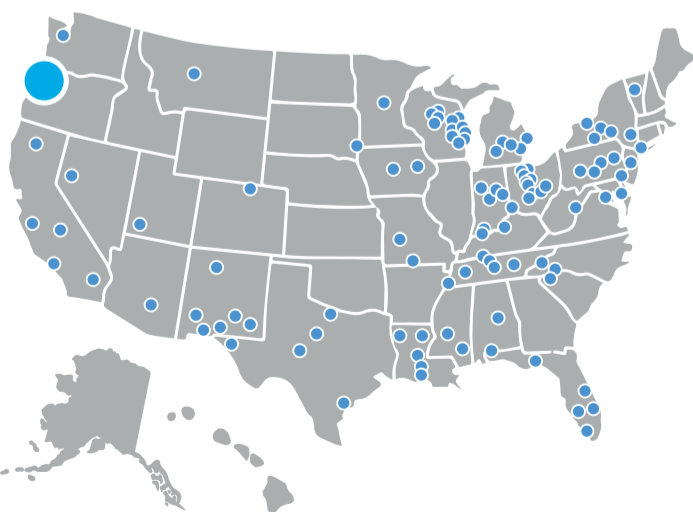
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanking the Silverton community

The GFWC Silverton Zenith Woman's Club thanks the community of Silverton for all the help they received for their 2017 Tree of Giving project. Together we were able to make Christmas a little brighter for 117 families (including 295 children) in the Silver Falls School District.

We wish to particularly thank Silverton Together for help with screening families; Drakes

Crossing Nursery for the Christmas trees; Rite-Aid, Hi-School Pharmacy, Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Catholic Church, First Christian Church, Silver Creek Fellowship and United Methodist Church for displaying the trees and accepting and storing individual gifts; The Palace Theater and Zebra Printing for the ad at the theater; Silverton Elks and Mt. Angel Oktoberfest Committee for their generous donations; Silverton Fire Department and Les Schwab for their toy drive; Silverton

High School students for their drive and help with wrapping; Silverton Senior Center Knitters for all the beautiful and warm hats, scarves and headbands they made and donated; and all the members of the community who donated money, purchased gifts and donated time wrapping gifts.

Blessings on all and have a great new year!

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