

Electric co-op announces scholarship, youth tour dates

Blue Mountain Eagle.

Oregon Trail Electric Co-operative is accepting scholarship and Washington, D.C., Youth Tour applicants from Grant, Baker, Harney and Union counties.

High school students, returning students and adults entering educational and technical programs can apply for the co-op's annual scholarship program. Two linemen scholarships and 26 academic scholarships will be awarded to applicants. Each scholarship is \$5,000, and eight of the 26 academic scholarships are earmarked for returning college students.

Starting Nov. 7, high school juniors can apply for a one-week, all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to celebrate the 2017 Rural Electric Cooperative Youth Tour. The trip will be held from June 9-15.

To apply, students can visit their local co-op office or otecc.com/community/community to download the applications. The deadline is 5 p.m. on Jan. 13. Scholarship and youth tour recipients will be notified mid-April.

Funding for scholarships and the Washington, D.C., Youth Tour come from unclaimed capital credits and their earnings and do not affect electric rates.

OBITUARIES

Alvin Robert Gienger
March 18, 1927 - Nov. 14, 2016

Alvin Robert Gienger, 89, passed away peacefully with his wife of 70 years by his side Nov. 14 at Sun Terrace in Hermiston.

Gienger was born on March 18, 1927, in Shasta, California, to Robert and Ruby Thompson Gienger. He grew up on the family ranch on Cottonwood, near Monument. He attended schools in Cottonwood and Monument.

Gienger was united in marriage to Donna Buseick of Long Creek on Nov. 1, 1946. Over the years, they lived in Long Creek, John Day, Alaska, Arizona and various other places before settling in Hermiston. He worked as a log loader operator and as a truck driver through the years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and country music.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Gienger, Hermiston; sons, Don Gienger and wife, Karen, Keizer, and Robert Gienger and wife, Cathy, Galveston, Texas; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Joey; and brother, Ivan.

Arrangements are pending in care of Burns Mortuary in Hermiston. Sign the online condolence book at burns-mortuaryhermiston.com.

GRANT UNION STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — OCTOBER



Paige Gerry
Grade 7
Parents: Ryan and Sami Gerry



Abby Lusco
Grade 8
Parents: Andy and Angie Lusco



Gage Brandon
Grade 9
Parents: Kristopher and Fawn Brandon



Aidan Broemeling
Grade 10
Parents: Don and Karen Broemeling



Reagan Shelley
Grade 11
Parents: Curt and Elizabeth Shelley



Declan Jensen
Grade 12
Parents: Mike and Shannon Jensen

Prairie City School first-quarter honor roll

Seniors

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Sarah Ennis, Caleb Madsen, Brogan McKrola, Lindsay Wall, Wyatt Williams and Devin Packard.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): MaKenzie Jones, Kody Propeck, Taci Perrenoud and Nathan Maloy.

Juniors

4.0 GPA: Dorrin Wilson and Brianna Zwegardt.

Honor roll (3.5-3.99

GPA): Aitor Ansotegui, Megan Camarena, Danner Davis, Ariana Ceja and Josiah Hoefner.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Mariah McClung and Cassie Hire.

Sophomores

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Levi Burke and Raven Maloy.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Deja Amsden, Lucy Ray, Haley Pfefferkorn

and Adolfo Ceja.

Freshmen

4.0 GPA: JoLynne Ashley and Shaelynn Bice.

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Jessica Reames and Aleah Johns.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Connor Jones, Emily Ennis, Rilee Emmel and Jonathan Haskins.

Eighth grade

4.0 GPA: Aries Bice and

Declan Zwegardt.

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Caitlin Willet.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Katie Hire, Samantha Workman, Jajari Field, Jayda BuBois and Jayden Winegar.

Seventh grade

Honor roll (3.5-3.99 GPA): Marcus Judd, Riley Reames and Dylan Clark.

Honorable mention (3.0-3.49 GPA): Seth Moore.

John Edward Fisher II

January 19, 1940 - November 29, 2015



After graduating from Cal Poly, Jack joined the Coast Guard and served until he was honorably discharged in 1970. Immediately thereafter he returned to Walnut Creek to work as a Civil Engineer for a local firm and was critical in the design of several large Bay Area projects. That same year, he met the love of his life, Niki and soon married and settled in Concord, CA. A few years later they welcomed their daughter Kim and soon realized that both Jack and Niki wanted their children raised in Oregon. In 1976, they packed up and moved the entire family to the ranch permanently and their son John was born that next year. During his life in Oregon, Jack built a beautiful ranch, ran cows, worked in the logging industry, was the manager of Adams Tractor and John Day Tractor Company, and successfully started and operated Fisher Ranch & Implement in Dayville. He met and worked with many good families in the John Day valley. He also served for over twenty years on the Dayville School Board with a number of those years as the President. He was actively involved in 4-H as a leader and supportive parent and enjoyed hunting, team roping and raising cows and horses.

Jack never forgot a name or a face, and often times ran into people he had met years ago in the strangest places. He used to comment to his family on trips about "who he might see that he knew" that day, and often times it came true. He was a true "Jack" of all trades, and could fix anything, operate any piece of equipment, and had an incredible amount of common sense, the ability to solve pretty much any puzzle or riddle and was one of those amazing people that you are lucky to count as a friend and relative. He truly enjoyed his friends and was quick to laugh

at a good joke. He loved a good western and often times commented that he had been born a century too late and that he wished he could dish out some old time justice a time or two.

Jack will forever be loved and missed by his wife of 44 years, Niki, his daughter Kim and her husband Kyle and their two children Delaney and Kason, by his son John and his wife Gina, and their two boys Jack and Gene, and by his entire extended family and incredible group of friends. Jack was preceded in death by his parents John and Anne Fisher and various Aunts and Uncles that he always said he looked forward to seeing again someday.

Graveside services were held on December 5, 2015 at the Dayville Cemetery with Ira Hodge performing the service, and a potluck followed at the Dayville Presbyterian Church. The family would like to personally thank Ira for performing such a beautiful service last year, all his friends and extended family for coming to the service and to all of our dear friends for sharing such wonderful memories and stories of Jack with us over this last year. Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to accept that a loved one is gone, but even harder is to write just a short obituary that captures their life, especially when the person was so wonderful and lived such an amazing life. During this last year, donations were made in honor of Jack Fisher to the Jack Fisher Memorial Library, care of the Dayville School and we wish to thank all those that donated so generously and to those that wish to contribute in the future.

We love you and miss you every minute of every day,

Niki, Kim, John and their families.

PAID FOR BY FAMILY OF JOHN EDWARD FISHER II

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IS OFFERING A
25%
DISCOUNT ON ALL SELF-PAY BALANCES
PAID IN FULL IN DECEMBER.
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The family of Earlene Durant would like to express our gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers at the loss of our mom. We thank the Hospice nurses, who came and visited with mom. Marilyn, she loved you coming and playing the piano and singing. Thank you to Pastor Lee and Pastor Jack, the ladies of the Assembly of God Church and ladies of the Auxiliary, and friends that provided the wonderful meals for the family and the dinner. Thank you to all that sent flowers, cards and donations.

Sincerely,
Sherry, Lonnie, Lisa, Leland, Angie, Tammy and families

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LAST WEEK'S TEMPS

JOHN DAY	H/I/LO
TUESDAY	47/30
WEDNESDAY	47/33
THURSDAY	47/34
FRIDAY	48/38
SATURDAY	53/39
SUNDAY	42/35
MONDAY	41/33

24/7 FORECAST

AUTOMATED: 541-575-1122

ROAD CONDITIONS: 511; TRIPCHECK.COM
WWW.BLUEMOUNTAINEAGLE.COM/INFO

NOAA WEATHER RADIO FOR JOHN DAY
162.500 MHZ

WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 30-DEC. 6

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Periods of sun with flurries	Periods of cloud and sun	Mostly cloudy	A little afternoon rain	Cloudy with spotty showers	Colder — chance of snow	Cold — afternoon snow
41	37	40	47	44	27	30
30	23	36	41	14	8	13