

Intern pastor impressed by Church's sense of community

The Rev. Brad McGuire was at the lone United Church of Christ last week, and, after some time at the Condon Church of Christ, will return to lone July 26 - August 20.

A summer intern at the Church, from Pacific School of Religion, he helped with the Church's Vacation Bible School last week and will help with Vacation Bible School in Con-

don and conduct worship services and provide pastoral care while the regular minister is on vacation.

The internship has a different twist this summer since the lone Church is being served by an Interim pastor, the Rev. Matthew Nelson, who came to the area after the Rev. Cathy Barker left to accept a call at Cadillac, Michigan. He is waiting for a permanent church and the lone church is looking for a permanent minister. Nelson earned his Masters of Divinity at Pacific School of Religion, and a Bachelor of Arts in social work at Iowa State University at Ames, Iowa. Lone is his first church except for an internship served at Sunol, California.

McGuire has another year and a half at Pacific School of Religion before he will be eligible for call. He is not sure yet that parish ministry is what he will be doing. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Whitworth College in Spokane in both Latin American and Political studies. He spent five months traveling in Central America following his graduation, and says that he has considered returning for a couple of years to write a book about refugees. "That's only in the dream stage, though," he is quick to add.

Although you get an incredible perspective on home when you go away, the more I learn, the more it seems that if the church is to do anything abroad, we need to stay home and do the work here. The church is traditionally involved with justice concerns. It's even more important with the current economic injustice, the farm crisis, plant

closures, and the increasing number of people falling below the poverty line, that the Church responds to these realities, he said.

He was drawn to apply for the internship at lone and Condon, he said, because the churches have gained a powerful reputation as loving and teaching churches for people in the ministry. That's a rarity because many churches will assign an intern to one area, such as youth ministry. The character of these congregations is important because the churches can run on their own, but members are open to our ideas, mistakes, and experiences.

And, he kept meeting people from Condon and lone in unlikely places. He talked with the interns from the last three years and each assured him he would love the experience. After three days here, I'm in awe, not just the smallness of the town, but three days with the kids has been a wonderful experience. And the cows—I stop and talk to them on the roads. When you get to know them, they have some real theological insight, he said.

Nelson said that the time he has spent here has changed his point of view somewhat. A native of Arvonnna, Minnesota, he has a new perspective on what a small town is.

Before, he would not have considered a rural ministry for any length of time, but he now knows he can survive "at least an hour" away from the city. "I have found the sense of community so strong here. It's exciting," he said, "even with the farm crisis and small towns getting smaller, lone grabs the bull by the horns and runs in the opposite direction. People keep dreaming and moving on it. They obviously love their community and want to make sure it stays here."



The Rev. Matthew Nelson and the Rev. Brad McGuire wear "think pig" T shirts. Last week's Bible School classes donated enough money to buy a pig to be sent to a needy family somewhere in the world.

Several local Grangers attend state session

By Delpha Jones
Several Grangers were present for the Oregon State Grange session in Hermiston last week. Barton Clark was elected as a three-year director to Grange Mutual Insurance Co. At this meeting on Monday, Cecil Jones was presented a beautiful wall clock for 34 years service as a Grange Mutual Agent and a lovely plaque for 25-years agent for Grange Insurance Assoc.

The business of the Grange started at 8 a.m. on Tuesday presided over by Master Martin Wolverton. Dur-

ing the session, 86 resolutions were considered. Wednesday was Morrow County Day with women serving the dinner from Morrow County.

There were several from this area taking the sixth degree: Geri Martin, Dorothy Jackson, Joyce Buchanan and Eldon Gilbert.

Several from this area were present at the golf meet. Lexington Grange was among those receiving a plaque for a 10% gain in membership. Wallowa County made a bid for the State session in 1989. The 1988 session will be in Roseburg.

Blue Mt. announces honor roll

Forty-one Blue Mountain Community College students received a perfect 4.0 grade point average during Spring term which reflects a straight A report in all courses taken by the student.

In addition to the straight A students, another 92 are listed on the

Spring term honor roll. Students on the dean's list numbered 138. Students receiving a 3.5 or better are eligible for the college honor roll and those with a 3.0 to 3.5 earn a place on the dean's list.

To earn a spot on either list, a student must be carrying a full-time load of classes which translates to 12 graded credit hours. Students may not have received an F in any class to be so honored nor does a pass grade count in the 12 graded hours necessary to be included on either list.

The following local students are listed on the Honor Roll:

Boardman: Traci Glazier, Mary Peck 4.00 and Jackson Sheadel.

Heppner: Michael Bergstrom 4.00, Marvin Brannon, William Hughes 4.00, Jodi Mattison, and Dana Reid.

Irrigon: Tony Schiller 4.00.

The following students earned places on the Dean's List:

Boardman: Robert Peck, Marsha Richmond, and Brian Sheadel.

Heppner: Penny Connor, Claudia Huston and Judi Ward.

Irrigon: Victoria Cooley, Kurt Hellberg, Laurie Marlow and Cary McCaslin.

Oregon State lists honor roll

Oregon State University has announced names of students who made the Scholastic Honor Roll Spring.

A total of 536 students earned straight-A (4.0). Another 1148 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Local students on the Honor Roll included:

Heppner: Ken R. Curtis, straight A's, freshman business; Anne C. Murray, senior, science; and Eric S. Thompson, junior business.

Meeting Notices

Port of Morrow
Port of Morrow Commission will meet Tuesday, June 30, at 5 p.m. at Port of Morrow offices at No. 1 Marine Drive, Boardman.



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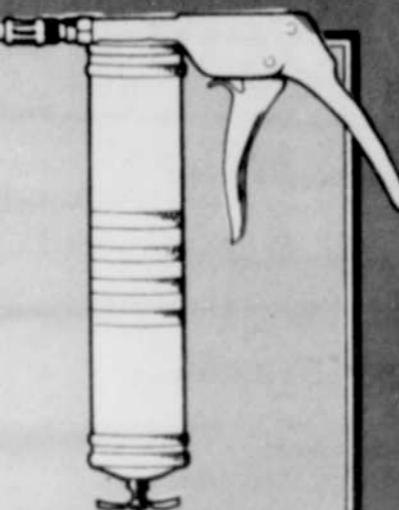


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