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McDowell-Burnside engagement announced



Brian Burnside and Danielle McDowell

Bill and Merilee McDowell of Heppner announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Marie McDowell, to Brian Henry Burnside. Brian is the son of Tom and Laura McElligott of Heppner and the late Howie Burnside.

Danielle is a 2001 graduate of Heppner High School. She received her B.A. in psychology from the University of Oregon in 2005. She currently works at Bi-Mart in Eugene as a nationally certified pharmacy technician. She

plans to apply to pharmacy school at Oregon State University in 2011.

Brian graduated from Heppner High School in 1998. He is a crew boss for a wildland firefighting and timber service company, Miller Timber Services in Philomath. Brian also logs for them in the off season.

The couple met in Heppner in 2001 and will exchange vows September 18, 2010, at First Baptist Church in Eugene.

"The Palace" Play DVDs for Sale!



DVDs of the recent Dinner-at-the-Cemetery production "The Palace" are now for sale. Proceeds of sales will be donated to the Heppner Day Care.

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Music in the Parks to be held July 12



Skweez the Weezel & Celtic Dancers will perform on July 12 at the Boardman Marina Park. -Contributed Photo

The Music in the Parks series will continue on Monday, July 12, at Boardman Marina Park at 7 p.m. Musical guests will be Skweez the Weezel & Celtic Dancers.

Music in the Parks is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and PGE. The event is sponsored by North Morrow Community Foundation and Irrigon Watermelon Festival and is presented each year by MP5+.

2010 Athena Caledonian Games to be held

The 2010 Athena Caledonian Games will be held Friday, July 9, through Sunday, July 11.

Many events will be spread out over the three days including parades, competitions, stories, food and music. Events begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and will go through Sunday afternoon.

McDaniel family reunion to be held

The McDaniel family reunion will be held on Sunday, July 18 at noon by the fireplace at Anson-Wright Park.

A potluck will be held. Those planning to attend are asked to bring beverages, table service, and chairs.

For more information call Maryetta Baker at 541-676-5276.

Obituaries

Valetta "Jo" Burt

Valetta "Jo" Burt, 65, of Heppner died Thursday, July 1, 2010 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. A graveside memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2010 at Beulah Cemetery in Troy, ID. A memorial service will be held in Heppner at a later date.



Valetta "Jo" Burt

She was born on December 16, 1944 in Pendleton, the daughter of Charles and Ruby Humphreys Umbarger. At age three she moved with her family to from Pilot Rock, to Troy, ID where she was raised and attended school graduating in 1963. She then attended Links Business School in Boise, ID. After graduation from Links she worked for the R.O.T.C. at the University of Idaho. In 1970 she went to work for First Security Bank in St. Marys, ID.

On June 20, 1970 she married Alfred B. Burt at Moscow, ID. The couple moved to Montana in 1974 where she collected fire weather data for the United States Forest Service. In 1978 they moved to Gold Beach, and then to Heppner in 1979.

In 1980 she started a day care business which continued until 1984 when she began working for Spicer-Kuhn Law Offices.

Her employment with the Morrow County School District began at the district office and later she worked in the Special Education system. She retired in 2007.

She enjoyed volunteering at the Morrow County Museum, gardening, being in the mountains and spending time with her friends, and especially time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Burt was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner, Big Meadow Club and White Pine Riders, both in Troy, ID.

She is survived by: her husband Al Burt of Heppner; sons, Alfred C. Burt and his wife Jeannie of Chapel Hill, TN, Tony Burt of Portland, and Andy Burt and his partner Larissa of Heppner; sister Janet O'Connor and her husband Jim of Moscow, ID; brother, Lael Umbarger and his wife Kris of Reno, NV; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister Carolyn Kay.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Long Term Care Unit, PO Box 9, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

"Vaccine does not cause autism"

Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Sheree Smith of the Morrow County Health Department.

Let's set the record straight, once and for all; Vaccine does not cause autism. Period. And now, England's General Medical Council has found that the English doctor who formulated this dangerous theory acted "dishonestly and irresponsibly" — so much so that they stripped him of his medical license.

Back in 1998, Andrew Wakefield wrote a paper theorizing a link between the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine (MMR) and autism, based on blood samples he took of eight children with autism at his son's birthday party. "The Lancet", a British medical journal, published that paper, and it took 12 years for the journal to retract it as pure bunk.

But the damage had already been done. In 1998, 90 percent of children in England received the MMR vaccine. After "The Lancet" published Wakefield's article, immunization rates across Europe plummeted while disease outbreaks increased. Since then, at least two dozen scientific

studies involving hundreds of thousands of children have refuted the postulated connection between vaccines and autism. One study included all 537,303 children born in Denmark between January 1991 and December 1998. Another report studied the recipients of 3 million doses of MMR vaccine. No study corroborated Wakefield's claim.

But the fear persists; some parents still hesitate to vaccinate their children. Sadly, delaying or withholding vaccines will not lessen the risk of autism; it will only increase the amount of time during which children are at risk for vaccine-preventable diseases. And all the time and money spent on defending the false connection between vaccine and autism could have been used for real research on autism.

In Oregon, most parents vaccinate their children on time. But for those who are concerned that vaccine may cause autism in their children, that simply

will not happen. Not vaccinating, however, leaves a child vulnerable to diseases that can cause permanent damage, even death. Immunization may have eradicated smallpox, but there are other diseases out there—some just a plane ride away, others right in our own communities.

In 2009, there were 284 cases of whooping cough reported in Oregon, but future outbreaks can be avoided when people make the choice to immunize. It's important for concerned parents to ask many questions about vaccine so they can make the decision that is best for their child and their community. As public health officials and scientists, we also ask questions. We want all Oregon residents to be safe and healthy. This is what we've learned:

-The MMR vaccine does not cause autism.

-Thimerosal, a preservative once used regularly in vaccine, does not cause autism.

-Having multiple vaccines is safe, even for newborns.

-Vaccine doesn't weaken or overwhelm the immune system, but diseases can make children more susceptible to illness.

-Natural infection of a disease like chicken pox may lead to immunity, but not without significantly more risk than getting vaccinated. Chicken pox could lead to pneumonia; measles could lead to death.

Parents must decide for themselves whether to vaccinate their children. Who will you trust — the Andrew Wakefields of the world, or the quiet but dedicated medical researchers whose names most of us will never know? The scourges of childhood didn't go away on their own. They went away because of the patient work of forgotten heroes, laboring in laboratories and conducting clinical trials, who foresaw the day when people like us wouldn't worry whether our child was next.

EOU foundation scholarship applications available online

College students seeking financial assistance from the Eastern Oregon University Foundation will apply for scholarships completely online beginning in September.

There are 69 differ-

ent scholarships administered by the EOU Foundation. Utilizing a new online portal, students will create an account enabling them to apply for all EOU Foundation Scholarships with one convenient application. The

process will be very accessible and easy to complete, said Melanie Noell, financial aid counselor at EOU.

"Students will be able to submit their transcripts and resumes online, and there are built-in fail-safes to make sure all the necessary documents are included," Noell said. "We expect to see the number of complete applications increase and the process will be more competitive."

Making the transition from paper to electronic applications is something the Financial Aid Office at EOU is planning to implement for other university scholarships in the future.

The annual deadline for EOU Foundation scholarship applications is February 1. Online applications will be accessible via the main Financial Aid website at www.eou.edu/fao/. For more information contact Melanie Noell at 541-962-3551.

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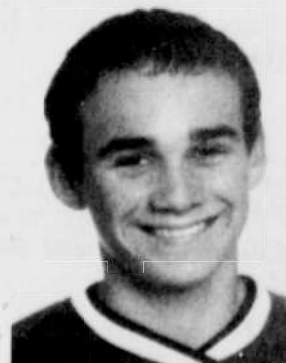
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