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Member's son from Morrow County wins Union Plus scholarship

Jacob Gregory, Welsh, the AFSCME advantage Coordinator for the SCME member, is one of 121 recipients nationwide of a Union Plus Education Foundation Scholarship.



Jacob Gregory hopes to be a heavy equipment and crane operator. -Contributed Photo

Jacob Gregory is the son of Local 2479 (Morrow County) member Alan Gregory. He graduated from Heppner High School this past June.

Susan

Gregory's application was evaluated according to academic ability, character, letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay. Overall, the 121 scholarship winners represented 42 different AFL-CIO unions. Gregory's scholarship was worth \$500.

Ladies Play Day Results

Ladies Play Day was held on Tuesday, August 10, at the Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

August 10

Low gross of the field was Nancy Propeter. Low net of the field was Pat Dougherty. Least Putts of the Field was Virginia Grant.

Flight A winners: low gross was Jan Paustian.

Flight C winners: low gross was Luvilla Sonstegard.

Former HHS grad spending summer break volunteering in Guatemalan clinics, classrooms

For many college students, summer break is a time for flipping burgers at a part-time job or lounging by an outdoor pool. Heppner resident and Seattle Pacific University freshman Sarah Ballard's experience is currently a bit different as she is spending part of her summer break on a short-term mission project

in Guatemala. Ballard is spending August 9 through September 6 working with America Latina, an organization focused on health care, education, and community outreach in Guatemala. Along with eight other students, she is volunteering in a number of different programs, including

medical clinics and school classrooms. Ballard's trip is part of SPRINT (Seattle Pacific Reachout International), a short-term missions program for students. SPRINT has been organizing student short-term mission trips all over the world for the past 24 years. Students must raise their own money for

airfare, training, room and board, and team expenses. Founded in 1891, Seattle Pacific University is a premiere Christian university that equips people to engage the culture and change the world. Its comprehensive academic program serves 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

Safety corridor between Irrigon and Umatilla to receive safety improvements

A six-mile section of the Columbia River Highway (US 730) between Irrigon and Umatilla was designated a traffic safety corridor in 2003. The safety corridor signage along the route helps raise awareness of the area's high crash rate and is a reminder for motorists to use extra caution. Since the route received the designation, the Oregon Department of Transportation and other

transportation stakeholders have been working to secure funding for safety improvement along the route. ODOT also met with local residents to define proposed improvements, which include more turn lanes, shoulder upgrades and some frontage roads to consolidate accesses that connect to the highway. These highway safety enhancements are scheduled for construction in the next

couple years. More project information will be relayed later this year. "Because it takes time to design and secure funding for long term improvements, labeling the highway section as a safety corridor was a first step in helping to improve traffic safety," said ODOT Public Information Officer Tom Strandberg.

"The 'safety corridor' and 'lights on for safety' signs are meant to encourage motorists to pay closer attention to traffic laws and drive more cautiously," Strandberg said. Safety corridors are stretches of state and local highways with an incidence of traffic crashes higher than the statewide average for that type of roadway.

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Obituaries

Neita Lucile McGhee

Neita Lucile McGhee died August 9, 2010 in her home in Clarkes, Oregon of pancreatic cancer at the age of 92. Services will be held in the Canby Church of the Nazarene on August 19, at 1 p.m.



Neita Lucile McGhee

McGhee was the wife of Rev. Austin L. McGhee who served as pastor of the Heppner United Methodist Church from 1960 to 1962. While in Heppner, She played the organ at the church, taught Sunday School, helped with youth group functions and was active in the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS).

Neita was born as Neita Lucile Foiles on December 12, 1917 in a Methodist parsonage in Fulton, KS. She was the daughter of Rev. Earl Raymond Foiles and his wife Esther Rachel (Whitwam). Her father was also a minister of the Methodist Church.

She married Austin Leonard McGhee on December 12, 1935 (her 18th birthday). They were married for over 50 years. Their first pastorate was in a small church in Parker, CO which they served while he attended Iliff School of Theology in Denver. Because this was the midst of the depression the church was hard pressed to pay them - so they also ran the local Parker News newspaper, setting the type by hand on a linotype from their basement. The current 2010 Parker News is printed in a modern building across the street from the old parsonage.

Mrs. McGhee and her husband also ran a newspaper in LaMorfe, MO for a few years before begin-

ning full-time ministry in Toronto, KS. After serving faithfully together in four to five churches in the Kansas Conference of the church they moved to Oregon in 1957 where they served churches in Yoncalla, Heppner, Cave Junction and Wilderville, and Molalla and Clarkes. Both Austin and Neita fell in love with the beauty and the people of the Clarkes area, and retired there together on three acres with a beautiful view of Mt. Hood. Mr. McGhee died on June 17, 1989 after a long struggle with Parkinson's disease.

Neita was an excellent pianist and known for her love of poetry and the many quotes that were a part of her daily life. She often wrote poems for her family on their birthdays and special occasions and wrote very well. She did the daily crossword everyday over the last 20 years and had an amazing knowledge of the modern world because of it.

Mrs. McGhee was preceded in death by: her husband; her only son, Larry A. McGhee; her parents; and brother, Charles Foiles.

She is survived by: her sister Earline Foiles of Iola, KS; four daughters and their spouses, Melba and Harold Hauser of Gresham, Cheryl and Rodney Ayers of Lynchberg, VA, Dana and Don Reynolds of Woodburn, and Kerry and John Rietmann of Ione; 14 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Oregon Parkinson Foundation or the Providence Willamette Falls Hospice Program.

Valetta Jo Burt

A memorial gathering for Valetta Jo Burt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 21, 2010 at the Heppner City Park. Mrs. Burt, 65, died Thursday, July 1, 2010 at Heppner.



Valetta Jo Burt

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.

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

Britt completes ABA financial course

Shellie Britt, accounting assistant at Bank of Eastern Oregon, recently received an American Institute of Banking & Finance Diploma, which was awarded by The American Bankers Association. To receive the diploma, Britt completed, over a two-year on-line study program, 11 courses to include principles of banking, analyzing financial statements, financial accounting, economics for bankers, law and banking applications, consumer lending, general accounting, accounting I, business communications, business law, and teller update.



Shellie Britt

"The bank would like to acknowledge Shellie's dedication and perseverance in completing the rigorous coursework and obtaining her diploma through the

ABA program. I congratulate her on this accomplishment," said Jeff Bailey, president and CEO of the bank.

"I appreciate the organization's willingness to continue investing in my career. I am looking forward to putting into practice new skills I've learned to provide the best service and continued commitment to the bank," said Britt.

Britt started her banking career in 1992 as a teller in the Heppner branch. She also provided services as vault teller, operations supervisor, and loan processing, until she transferred to the operations center in her current accounts payable position.

Shellie and her husband, Rick, live in Heppner and they have two sons.

Community Lunch Menu

Christian Life Center members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, August 25, at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The menu will include beef enchiladas, rice and beans, green salad, fruit juice, hot rolls, and flan.