

# State announces extension of grant to help adults return to college

On August 16, the State of Oregon announced that it has received a third year extension on a federal grant to help adults in Oregon start or return to college, and to also help traditional-aged students learn more about how to access and afford a college education.

Funded by a \$1.4 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education received by Oregon in 2008, the College Access Challenge Grant Program (CACGP) aims to increase the number of Oregonians who access and succeed in higher education, in either a community college or a 4-year college or university. A key component of Oregon's program is a focus on getting more adult learners — over the age of 25 — to either start or return to college to upgrade their skills and ensure greater education and employment opportunities. The state

launched its "College is Possible" campaign in the spring of 2009, with two main components being a toll-free Adult Learner College Line (1-877-848-4669) and website (www.OregonOpportunities.gov) for Oregonians interested in returning to college, or enrolling for the first time. College Line counselors provide help and direction on how to enroll in college, locate academic programs, seek financial aid, and generally start the process. While the College Line targets primarily adult learners, prospective students of any age can call the line for help and speak with a counselor to help navigate the college-going process.

"In a time when we're seeing increased demand for higher education, the Adult Learner College Line and website are great resources for Oregonians

interested in going to college, but who aren't quite sure how to get started," said Joe Holliday, assistance vice chancellor for student success initiatives for the Oregon University System, and director of CACGP. "The College Line counselors are all very knowledgeable and caring people who spend the time it takes with callers to help them get started on the path to college. This is a great resource to help Oregonians meet their education and training goals, and we're thankful to the U.S. Department of Education for making resources available for a third year that directly help people in our state during a time of limited resources."

Oregonians can access the College Line Monday-Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., at 1-877-848-4669 to get information on enrolling in a 2- or 4-year college or university

in Oregon, how to get financial aid, transfer credits, or get specific information on programs for returning or first-time students, childcare options, and other areas. The telephone resource line is supplemented by on-line help at www.OregonOpportunities.gov. Several agencies in Oregon are involved in developing and implementing the various components of the CACGP, including the Govern-

nor's Office, the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC), the Oregon University System, and the Oregon Independent Colleges Association. Individuals representing each of these constituencies serve in an advisory capacity, leading several key initiatives of the grant.

## Children focus of safety belt Blitz

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correctly.

"The greatest danger to vehicle occupants who are not properly restrained is ejection from the vehicle," said Sheriff Jeff Dickerson. "Unbelted or improperly restrained occupants are five times more likely to be ejected than someone who is properly restrained."

"Proper use" of restraints is

required by Oregon law and means the use of the entire belt system or child restraint as intended by the manufacturer. For child restraints, it means using the type of child seat or booster required by law for the child's size and age, and using that restraint according to the seat manufacturer and vehicle manufacturer's instructions.

## Obituary

### JAMES PARKER HARMON SR.

James Parker Harmon, Sr., 74, Banks, died August 26, 2010. A celebration of life service will be held today at 3:00 p.m. at the Forest Grove Assembly of God Church.

Mr. Harmon was born February 27, 1936, in Mt. Vernon, Washington, to Richard L. and Mable P. (Parker) Harmon. The family moved to Sand Springs, Oklahoma, before moving to Granite Falls, Wash., in 1941. In 1946, the family moved to Tigard. He graduated from Scappoose High School in 1952. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves.

In 1959, he married Christina Blackburn. They made their home in California for a short time before moving to Portland. They moved to Banks in 1973. He was a fireman and engineer for the Portland Fire Dept. for over 30 years.

He enjoyed his family and friends, the outdoors, hunting and fishing. He had a passion for Hudsons and liked working on cars.

Survivors include his wife; one son, James Harmon, Jr. of Hillsboro; three daughters, Rebekah Dirk of Dundee, LaNae Davidson of Vancouver, Wash., and Kimberly Harmon-Johnson of Aurora; three brothers, Jerry of Las Vegas, Nevada, Allen of Tighe Valley, and Iral of Clackamas; one sister, Dixie Gardner of

Prineville; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### PATSY GALE MACDONALD



Patsy Gale MacDonald, 58, Vernonia, died August 14, 2010. A celebration of life will be held at the Cedar Side Inn, Vernonia, on Sunday, September 5, at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. MacDonald was born September 30, 1951, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Kenneth and Evelyn (Swagger) Croy. When she was five, the family moved to Golden, Colorado, where she was raised.

In 1968, she married David Applehans. They later divorced. She married Kevin MacDonald in 1992. The made their home in Minnesota before moving to Ver-

nonia in 1995.

She loved animals and the outdoors and enjoyed arts and crafts, cooking, fishing, camping and life. She worked as an office manager, a siding contractor, in retail, and in food services.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Survivors include her husband; her son, David Brooks of Phoenix, Arizona; her mother of Croy, Col.; two brothers, Gary and Allen, both of Croy, Col.; a sister, Lois Croy of Sweetman, Col.; two granddaughter; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the American Cancer Society, OHSU, or Hospice of Washington County.

### GLEND A F. MARCHANT



Glenda Frances Marchant,

72, St. Helens, died August 17, 2010. A celebration of life was held August 21 in St. Helens with Bishop Jesse Johnstun officiating. Private interment was held at Buxton Cemetery.

Mrs. Marchant was born August 30, 1937, in Brigham City, Utah, to Isaac Charles and Margaret Susanna (Lowe) Long. At an early age, the family moved to Tophill. She attended Banks Union High School.

In 1953, she married Edward H. Marchant. They made their home in Tillamook, then Deer Island and Forest Grove before moving to St. Helens. Their union was sealed for time and eternity in Logan Temple on July 3, 1980. She worked for Kaiser Permanente in medical records and food service, and did child care in her home.

She enjoyed playing pinochle, crafts, canning, cooking, baking, and her involvement with Young Women's Girls Camp through her church.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include her son, Todd Marchant of St. Helens; her daughter, Shay Davis of St. Helens; five brothers, Melvin Long on Conroe, Texas, Delbert Long of Scappoose, Raymond Long of Aurora, Howard Long and Harold Long, both of Gaston; three sisters, Reva Marchant of Aloha, Jeannie Parkin-Lewis of Hillsboro, and Wilma Minor of

Sweet Home; seven grandchildren; her special little friend, MyLisa; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to the Glenda Marchant Memorial Fund, c/o Wauna, 500 N. Columbia River Hwy, St. Helens, OR 97051, or Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home, 2308 Pacific Ave., Forest Grove, OR 97116.

Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home of Forest Grove was in charge of arrangements.

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