

In Memory of...

Bryan Lexis McLeod



Bryan Lexis McLeod, 79, of Vernonia, Oregon passed away at St. Vincent's Hospital on April 2, 2018.

Bryan worked in the timber industry, one way or another, for 35 years. He especially loved being a timber faller. He was in his element outdoors whether it be golfing, camping, tending the garden, yard work, or most importantly, feeding his 'critters.' He was a Lions Club member for several years.

Bryan loved to reminisce about wrestling and football during the time he attended Yamhill-Carlton High School. He was the 1957 state wrestling champion in his weight class.

Family and friends

would say Bryan's greatest accomplishment in life would be the example he set, how he lived up to the McLeod motto "Hold Fast."

For the past 25 years Bryan overcame and conquered numerous physical challenges starting in 1992 when he became paralyzed due to a spinal injury. By inner strength, perseverance, and the grace of God, Bryan learned to walk again. There was more to come, but Bryan was a tough guy and continued to fight the hard fight. Through it all he made us laugh with his unique sense of humor.

He is now whole again

and at peace. He will be greatly missed.

Bryan is survived by his wife Darlene; his son Tim, daughter-in-law Allison, and grandson Cannon. Also his daughter Teresa, son-in-law Patrick, and grandson Bryan; as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held. A Celebration of Life will follow at a later date. Donations may be made in Bryan's memory to the Lions Club of Vernonia, P.O. Box 43, Vernonia, Oregon 97064.



Craig Edward Grau

Craig Edward Grau, age 58, passed away at Meadow Park in St. Helens on March 25, 2018.

Craig was a Vernonia High School graduate of the Class of 1977 and a long time resident of Clatskanie.

Services were held at St. Frederic Catholic Church, 175 S. 13th Street, St. Helens on April 12, with mass at 11:00 am followed by a Celebration of Life and potluck at 12:00 pm.

Craig will be missed by all who knew him.



Bridge Street Bits

By Karen Miller

Hello and Happy Spring to the Vernonia's Voice Bridge Street Bits Readers and thank you for watching out for your senior neighbors! And, a note here for you seniors, be sure you have a trusted contact you can give your emergency numbers to. Put them in a place visible at your house too, like on your fridge. I also keep a list on my cell phone under ICE (In Case of Emergency), and also a card behind my driver's license.

Some years back, I made it a point to call the local hospital up in Washington State where my Dad lived, asking them to call me if he ever landed in there. I was asked to send them my power of attorney papers which I did for their files. Then one day the phone call came. At that moment I was very glad I had that in place. I made it a point to make some personal contact with two trusted neighbors, giving them my numbers as well, which also came in handy. So, just a reminder to take time to have things in place before you wish you had.

Seniors, don't forget to take advantage of senior meals around town at Black Iron Grill, Subway, Mario's, and Blue House. Thank you to them for helping serve our seniors at a special discount price.

Remember to call the local Vernonia Health Center to make your foot care appointment. That is a very needed and appreciated service.

Our new building is still progressing and groundbreaking will be in the near future. Connect with us on Facebook, Vernonia Senior Center Page, and the Bargains on Bridge Street Thrift Store page. We will be putting photos of items for sale on the Thrift Store Page.

YOU CAN MAKE A CHANGE FOR LIFE is the title of a Diabetes Prevention workshop to be held on Wednesday, May 16, 12:30 to 1:30 at Community Action Team Building, 125 N 17th Street, Saint Helens. Call Claire Catt at (503) 397-4651 Ext. 2016 to sign up.

The Senior Center Board wishes to extend our sincere condolences to Maureen Marr on the passing of her husband Wayne, one of our long term Board members. We appreciated his dedicated service to the seniors of the Vernonia area, and he will be missed.

Lastly we wish to say THANK YOU to Pat Ray, who has served on our Senior Board for many years as our Treasurer, a big job. The torch has been passed to Tobie Finzel. Pat, will be staying on as Treasurer Advisor and a member of our Board. We have appreciated Pat's dedication and knowledge in this financial field, learning all the rules and forever changing regulations is a position not easily filled. Thank you, Pat.

Any senior news or concerns call me at (503) 429-0273. Next Board meeting: May 11, 10:00 am, all are welcomed.

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CPAC elections will be held from April 24 - 26 at 7:00 pm, in the following locations:

Scappoose-Spitzenberg
April 26, 2018, 7:00 pm
County Courthouse, Rm 351

St. Helens-Columbia City
April 26, 2018, 7:00 pm
County Courthouse, RM 351

Rainier-Fernhill
April 24, 2018, 7:00 pm
Clatskanie PUD, Community Mtg. Rm.

Tide Creek
April 26, 2018, 7:00 pm
County Courthouse, Rm 351

Upper Nehalem
April 24, 2018, 7:00 pm
Clatskanie PUD, Community Mtg. Rm.

Clatskanie-Quincy
April 24, 2018, 7:00 pm
Clatskanie PUD, Community Mtg. Rm.

For more information about the boundaries of the CPAC or the elections process, email county Planning Manager Glen Higgins at or call him at (503) 397-1501.

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