

## Sam F. Cannon 1937 - 2015

Sam F. Cannon, 78, died at his home in Richland on Monday, Aug. 17, 2015. Sam was interred on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015 with Military Honors at Eagle Valley Cemetery.

Sam was born in Fresno, Calif., and raised in Kingsburg and Dunlap, Calif. He was the third born of eight children. He went into the Army at the age of 17 and served from 1954 to 1957 during the Korean War.

His life's work was as a heavy equipment operator. He was in Operating Engineer Local #701. Then he went to the North Slope in Alaska when the pipeline was built, and was in Local #302.

Sam loved to fish, hunt and look for gold. He loved summer, the hotter the better, so he could grow a garden and be busy. Sitting around the house was not one of his favorite things. Sherry and Sam had their 46th Wedding Anniversary a few days before his death.

Sam is survived by his wife Sherry of Richland; daughters Tacy Bowers and husband Mark of Preston, Wash. Christy Hand and her husband Tom of Klamath Falls, Ore.; sons Ross Anderson and Travis Cannon of Richland; 13 grandchildren; four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister.

Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Sam, the family suggests the American Heart Association through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).



## Archaeologists to Return to Lake County Site of Oldest Known Sandals in the World

Archaeologists from the University of Oregon (UO) will be returning to the site of the 1938 discovery of the oldest known footwear in the world.

Fort Rock Cave in northern Lake County is famous for dozens of approximately 10,000-year-old sagebrush bark woven sandals that were found there by the "Father of Oregon Archaeology" Luther S. Cressman, who was on the UO faculty from 1929 until his retirement in 1963.

Scheduled for Aug. 31-Sept. 4, archaeologists will follow up on Cressman's investigations.

Cressman discovered the sandals beneath a layer of volcanic ash produced by the 7600-year-old eruption of Mt. Mazama - the same eruption that created Crater Lake. The age of the sandals was confirmed in the 1950s through radiocarbon dating. In 1966, Cressman returned to the site with graduate student Stephen Bedwell who uncovered a hearth in Pleistocene (Ice Age) gravels. Charcoal from the fire pit was radiocarbon dated to roughly 15,800 years before present, the oldest reputed hearth in Oregon.

"As important as the site is to the human story of North America, the archaeological work there was done more than half a century ago. We still have important questions about the site that might be answered with recovery methods and analytical techniques that were not available to Cressman and his students," said Tom Connolly, project leader and director of archaeological research for the UO Museum of Natural and Cultural History. "Our excavation will not be extensive, but will focus on the chronology and dating of the site deposits, and drawing critical samples for later analysis."

Limited public access to the site will be provided by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) in partnership with UO. If interested in visiting Fort Rock Cave during the archaeological excavation, please contact OPRD staff at 541-923-7551 x21 to make arrangements. Fort Rock Cave became part of the OPRD system in 2000 and is accessible only by guided tour.

## Medicare 101 Classes Planned This affects everyone

The Oregon Insurance Division's SHIBA program - Senior Health Insurance Benefits Association - will have a free class in Baker City on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2015 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Baker County Community Connection, 2810 Cedar St.

A Medicare 101 presentation by the Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) program, is an unbiased resource for understanding your Medicare benefits, analyzing your insurance choices and assistance with insurance issues.

The class will cover topics such as Part D drug coverage, supplemental coverage, Part A and B, and enrollment periods. What you do not know can cost you and with Medicare changes happening each year it's important to stay up to date. You are held responsible to know about Medicare deadlines and requirements for coverage of medical services by your policies.

This event is hosted by the Baker County Long Term Care Coordination Team. Come and learn so you can make better decisions for you and your loved ones.

## Eastern Oregon Community Wide Concert for All Ages

Submitted by Elissa Morrison

Kick off your Labor Day Weekend and the new school year with a live, outdoor concert featuring three bands on Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium in Baker City. Join sponsor KTSY Radio for this free concert for Eastern Oregon residents. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone who would enjoy a family-friendly, fun night out!

The concert features the duo of Desirae Bronson and Julie Turner, The Middle Eight, and Ryan Stevenson, who tours with TobyMac. Doors open at 6 p.m. and concert starts at 6:30 p.m. Support local youth through food concessions and fundraising, from 6-7:30 PM, followed by headliner Ryan Stevenson. Door prizes and an opportunity for a backstage pass all part of an evening of fun for all ages! Stadium and handicapped seating available, or bring your blanket or lawn chair and be up close to the bands.

The bands will offer musical variety to appeal to all ages.

## Help Stonecroft Ministries Celebrate 50 Years

On Thursday, Sept. 10, from 11:20 a.m.- 1 p.m., you are invited to attend a "Let's Celebrate 50" luncheon and talk by Michele Snyder from Rupert, Idaho. She is a retired teacher who loves to travel to visit her children and grandchildren who are scattered around the globe. She is an avid reader and hopes to one day write and publish her life story. She will share how she has been able to stand strong and through heartaches and trials.

Stephanie Tweit and Betty Spooner will also share quick tips for easy party planning.

The cost is \$12 and is sponsored by the Baker City Christian Women's Connection and Stonecroft Ministries.

## Sidewalk Grant Funds Available for Baker City Residents

There is approximately \$8900 currently available through the Baker City Sidewalk Construction Grant. This is a reimbursable grant designed to improve Baker City's existing public sidewalk system and also, under certain circumstances, construct missing links of the sidewalk system.

Grant information and application forms are available in the Baker City Public Works Department in City Hall or online at [www.bakercity.com](http://www.bakercity.com).

## Melvin Wood 1944 - 2015

Melvin Wood, 71, of Halfway, died at his home on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015. He was known most as Dan and by some as Mountain Man. He was a wonderful husband, father and friend who will be dearly missed.

He leaves behind his wife of 46 years, Dawn; five children: Daniel Wood, William Wood, Pamela Haney, Traci Wood and Sandi Cardoza; 21 grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

Dan enjoyed life at Pine Creek for 14 years, hunting, fishing and hiking the mountains. The fourth of seven children, he is survived by his brothers Mickey and Ron, and baby sister Kathy. He was preceded in death by Barbara, Christine and Charles.

There will not be a service, but a family gathering at a later date. Those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Dan, the family suggests Heart n Home Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).



## Neal M. Bork

Feb. 1937 - Aug. 2015

Neal M. Bork, 78, of Sumpter, died Aug. 20, 2015 at his residence surrounded by his family. A memorial service was held for Neal on Aug. 24, 2015 at the McEwen Bible Fellowship in Sumpter. Pastor Dan Martin officiated.

Neal was born Feb. 2, 1937 at Day Ridge, North of Enterprise, to Ira H. Bork and Lora Mae Moyes Bork. Neal went through the 8th grade and always said he graduated from the college of hard knocks. Neal joined the National Guard and served his country for ten years, retiring at the rank of PFC-1.

Neal married Georgene Wirth in 1961. Georgene and Neal had two boys, Mike and Mark. Though Georgene and Neal did not stay together, they were always connected through their children. Neal later married Marlene Hutton on June 8, 1973. Marlene had a son, Everett and Neal adopted and raised Everett as his own. Marlene and Neal had 42 wonderful years together.

Neal was a mechanic and contractor and worked for Ford Garage and Chet Smith Motors until he decided to step out on his own. He worked as a mechanic for 46 years and a contractor for 14 years, retiring in 2001.

Neal was a very loving husband and though he was not as gentle with his sons as he was with his wife, he was a very loving father. Neal and Marlene didn't have daughters of their own but Neal doted on his grand daughters, daughters-in-law and nieces. Neal could be rough with the guys but he never swore in front of the ladies.

Neal was a man of quiet concern for others. He sometimes seemed gruff to people who did not know him well, but he had a kind and gentle heart. During the time he was very ill, he could not bear to watch the news. The ugliness of our present world was just too much. Neal loved to tease everyone. He was well known for giving waitresses a hard time and his standard response

when asked about a car problem was, "Sounds like a loose nut behind the wheel." He loved keeping his own vehicles in tip top shape. When he retired Neal and Marlene moved to Sumpter to run their RV park full time. He bought a cat, a backhoe, a loader and a couple of dump trucks and worked just as hard at being retired as he ever did at being a mechanic. Although his wife knew he was just playing with his giant Tonka toys.

Neal loved snowmobiling and served as president of the local snowmobile club for two or three terms. He was a huge supporter for other snowmobilers as well. He enjoyed hunting, four wheeling, tinkering in his shop and blue grass music. Neal could fix just about anything and made many handy inventions. Even after he became ill, he couldn't resist improving on the design of the medical devices. There was never a dull moment when Neal was around, he always kept the conversation lively. Neal also enjoyed serving with the Sumpter Volunteer Fire Department and was affiliated with the McEwen Bible Fellowship church. His larger than life presence will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Neal is survived by his wife, Marlene of Sumpter sons Mike Bork, Everett Bork of Baker City, and Mark Bork of Spokane, Wash., all his sons spouses and nieces and nephews. He has twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ira and Lora Bork, three brothers; Ivan, Everett and Raymond, two sisters; Alma Giribling and Rita Bork.

Memorial contributions in memory of Neal may be made to the Sumpter Valley Snowmobile Club, the McEwen Bible Fellowship or the Sumpter Fire Department. This may be done through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Baker City, OR 97814

## Death Notice

**Stephen R. Hindman**, 60, of Baker City passed away on Aug. 20, 2015 while at the Saint Alphonsus Medical Center. Arrangements are being handled through Gray's West & Company Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave. Baker City, OR 97814



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