VOLUNTEER of the Week

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MICHELE ROLAND-SCHWARTZ

Where and how do you volunteer?

"I volunteer for The Pride Foundation, Keizer Public Arts Commission, Cherriots Citizen Advisory Board, Cummings Elementary PTA, and a local dance program. I knock on doors and phone-bank to get out the vote, and participate in community-based mutual aid opportunities that come up each year — from helping neighbors to delivering holiday gift baskets."

Why do you volunteer?

"I enjoy volunteering quietly in the background, with a willingness to take the lead when needed. I generally prefer it when folks are unaware that I've even done anything. I believe we have a responsibility for each other, and volunteering gives me a sense of purpose and tethers me to my community."

What does volunteering do for you?

"It's 100% a mental health boost — and sometimes good exercise! I love the synergy that comes from working with others, and I always feel connected to people and the community I care about. It's a win-win, always."

How would you get others to volunteer in their community?

"Where we choose to invest our time and talent is so very personal and speaks to our deeply held beliefs and values. It must come from a place of interest, ability, capacity, and good spirit. Find out what works for you and then own it - you won't regret it!"

obituaries

Elias Nichols Ortiz

February 4, 2021 - October 1, 2021

On Thursday, February 4, 2021, at 9:44 a.m., weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz. and being 20 inches long, you blessed parents Tony Timothy Nichols and Marisol Lopez Ortiz with your life.

On Friday, October 1, 2021, weighing 21 lbs. 10 oz. and being 28 inches long, you gained a spot up in heaven next to our merciful lord and our savior, Jesus Christ.

The loss of Elias has been deeply felt in our hearts, as he was fortunate enough to touch so many lives. Although we longed to be with you, we were unable to fulfill the hope to see you grow up. We will always cherish the time and moments we had with you. We will always carry you in our hearts. We will love you forever, my sweet angel, Elias.



ELIAS NICHOLS ORTIZ

Wayne Lawrence Tschauner August 29, 1950 - August 14, 2021

Wayne passed away peacefully on Saturday at Providence St. Vincent Hospital in Portland of Cancer and COVID-19

He graduated from South Salem High School and was inducted into the US Navy the day he received his Army



WAYNE LAWRENCE TSCHAUNER

draft papers. He spent a tour of duty in Vietnam in the SeaBees.

On his return he attended Phagan's School of Hair Design and was an outstanding hair dresser and barber. He had the gift of gab which his clients loved. He also loved making floral displays for the various family events and enjoyed his short stint as a long-haul truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his older sister Terry Ann Unrein, his mother Mary and father Ray Tschauner.

He is survived by his sister Debbie Napier and her husband Joe of Keizer and numerous cousins from California to Florida.

He is interred at Willamette National Cemetery. A Celebration of Life is to be held at Center 50+ in Salem, on October 23, 2021 from 2 to 4 p.m. If you are so moved, the family wishes for donations to the Gary Sinise Foundation or the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers

death notice

Bonnie Jean Thompson

May 10, 1938 - October 2, 2021

Bonnie Jean Thompson of Keizer passed away Oct. 2, 2021.

Oleta Seaton

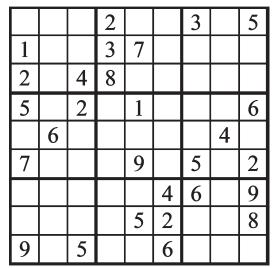
March 24, 1933 - Sept. 1, 2021

Oleta Seaton passed away on Sept. 1, 2021. A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16 at Salem Heights Church, 375 Madrona Ave S, Salem.

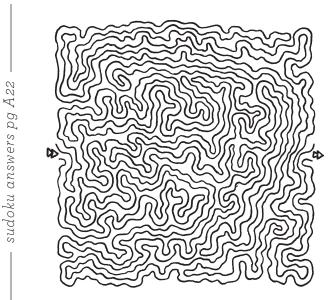
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