

# Governor Kate Brown signs bills to improve mental health

On Tuesday, June 30, Governor Brown had a ceremonial signing for two bills that will help families and caregivers play a larger role in a loved one's mental health care.

House Bill 2023 directs hospitals and acute care facilities to develop and implement comprehensive discharge planning for patients suffering from a mental health crisis. To prevent the "emergency room revolving door," discharge planning must include a "warm hand-off" to community care and should include the patient's support network whenever possible.

2948 clarifies conditions for disclosure under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This bill clarifies when health care providers may share information about patients who are experiencing a mental health crisis. It protects health care providers from civil liability for disclosing protected health information within the parameters allowed by HIPAA. Providers are often unclear about HIPAA and err on the side of extreme caution, withholding information that could be critical.

House Bill 2948 is named the Susanna Blake Gabay Act, in honor of Jerry and

Susan Gabay's only child, who took her life within one month of being released from the hospital in 2010. Despite Susanna's having signed a release, the hospital did not notify or engage her parents upon her release. "Even where the patient has signed a release, many providers are just not accustomed to communicating with families," said Jerry, who brought both legislative concepts to his state representative, Alissa Keny-Guyer (D, Portland).

After his daughter's suicide, Jerry joined the NAMI Oregon State Board of Directors and co-authored a nationally recognized suicide

prevention checklist. "At a minimum, providers must be encouraged to seek authorizations to communicate with appropriate supporters of the patient and then actually communicate," said Jerry. "There is ample literature indicating that extensive communication is a best practice for therapy and suicide prevention."

Julie Magers, a staff member of NAMI Multnomah, testified in support of the legislation with her 20 year old daughter, Riley. Four years after Riley was hospitalized, both women say that their positive outcome was the result of discharge plans that included giving Julie

the tools she needed to help her daughter.

Rep. Keny-Guyer, chief sponsor of both bills, worked closely with Jerry Gabay, Julie Magers, NAMI, and other mental health advocates and providers to shape the legislation. "Suicide is a major issue in our State; we have the second highest suicide rate in the country, and it is the second leading cause of death among Oregonians aged 10 to 24," said Rep. Keny-Guyer when carrying the bill on the House floor.

"In 2011, Oregonians killed themselves at twice the number who died in vehicle crashes and six times

the homicide rate. And the number of suicides has climbed since then," continued Rep. Keny-Guyer. "There are many challenges in filling the gaps of the fragmented mental health system. One of them is the fear that providers have in disclosing information to those closest to patients, when it is often critical to their care."

House Bill 2023 and 2948 received passionate testimony from several families and passed with unanimous support in both the House and Senate.

Jerry and Susan Gabay and Julie Magers were among the advocates at the ceremonial signing.

# Grave Matters discussion series: funerary practices and green burials

Join in the discussion of funerary rituals and modes of remembering at the Hood River Library on Wednesday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Learn about new "green" trends in funerary practices and take a virtual tour of a local natural burial ground with Jodie Buller and Denise Urban from White Eagle Memorial Preserve Cemetery at Ekone



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**FREE DISCUSSION** of Funerary Practices and Green Burials at the Hood River Library on Wednesday, July 15, 5:30 p.m.

Ranch (one of only a few wilderness cemeteries in the country).

This event is being organized as part of a new monthly discussion series

## PUBLIC RECORDS — MARRIAGE PERMITS

June 3 to July 1

Joseph Saifeddin Ihmoda, 31, of Underwood, and Natali Reyes Alcantar, 30, of Hood River, on June 3.

Kevin Anthony Clark, 24, of Parkdale, and Angela Marie Engle, 20, of Hood River, on June 4.

Joseph Jon Lanier, 55, and Carrie Louise Keeley, 64, both of Hood River, on June 4.

Rachel Ann Petit, 25, and Thomas Kevin Patrick Neher, 26, both of Oklahoma City, Okla., on June 4.

William Robert Aman, 39, of Bremerton, Wash., and Lora Catherine Weatherly, 34, of Hood River, on June 8.

25, and Andy Gehrig Kennedy, 25, both of Hood River, on June 9.

Ryan Keith Brusco, 33, and William Daniel Clark, 37, both of Hood River, on June 10.

Veronica Lopez Lomeli, 21, of Hood River, and Manuel Rodrigo Sandoval Puga, 20, of Parkdale, on June 10.

Martha Alicia Bolanos-Flores, 20, and Luis Ernesto Anguiano Arrenquin, 28, both of Hood River, on June 12.

Jennifer Dawn Lucas, 35, of Hood River, and Jose Abelardo Calderilla Hurtado, 25, of White Salmon, on June 15.

Britney Lee Ballah, 29, and Bradley Donald Breusike, 35, both of Bingen, on June 16.

Sunnie Sandra Turek, 30, and Preston Hunter Brown, 31, both of Hood River, on June 16.

Thomas Wesley Oswald, 25, of Hood River, and Kayla Christina Young, 26, of Mosier, on June 18.

Ashley Lauren Camhi, 32, and Christian Richard Ammon, 34, both of Tempe, Ariz., on June 19.

Jonathan Andrew Munk, 30, and Claudia Maria Lucia Katharina Von Floto, 25, both of Portland, on June 19.

Trent Leon Gutierrez, 23, and Sarah Leann Whipple,

on death, dying and end-of-life issues sponsored by the Hood River Library. Check the Hood River Library website for future events.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact the Hood River County Library District at 541-386-2535, info@hoodriverlibrary.org, or visit their website at hoodriverlibrary.org.

## Service Announcement

### Barbara Buchheit

Barbara Ellen Buchheit died on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Providence Brookside Manor in Hood River, Ore., at the age of 88. She was born July 17, 1926, in Mount Hood, Ore., to Ivan Martheny and Goldia Martha Matheny.

A public service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, at Hood River Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road. Following a

luncheon, a burial will take place at the Idlewild Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Hospice of the Gorge, 1630 Woods Court, Hood River, OR 97031.

Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson's Tribute Center (Funerals • Receptions • Cremations), 1401 Belmont Ave., Hood River, OR 97031; 541-386-1000. Please visit andersonstrutecenter.com to leave a note of condolence for family.

## Death Notice

### Wayne Jones

Wayne Jones, 94, passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at his home in Parkdale, Ore. Wayne was born June 19, 1921.

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## PUBLIC RECORDS — BUILDING PERMITS

City of Hood River  
June 2015

Samuel Finnigan, 1534 Columbia Street, Residential/Replacement single family dwelling

Jim West, 1714 Sherman Avenue, Residential/deck

Julie Burton, 105 4th Street, Commercial/sign attachment

Jeff Hammer, 1020 Wasco Street, Commercial/TI

Mark Frost, 602 Nina Lane, Residential/solar

Samuel Finnigan, 1534 Columbia Street, Residential/mechanical

Logsdon Farmhouse, 101 4th Street, Commercial/TI

Blair Simpson, 1335 Lincoln Street, Residential/addition

Shari Schiebel, 2880 May Street, Residential/sunroom addition

Mike Kitts, 504 Oak Street, Commercial/Covered porch

Brad Perron — HR Dis-

tillers, 304 Oak Street, Commercial/sign attachment

Sinclair Kinsey, 209 Prospect Avenue, Residential/replacement single family dwelling

Carola Stepper, 811 Sieverkropp Drive, Residential/solar

HR County, 601 State Street, Commercial/Communication equip

Erin Thompson, 1705 Eugene Street, Residential/alterations

Erin Thompson, 1705 Eugene Street, Residential/mechanical

Russell Gibbs, 1804 Wasco Street, Residential/interior renovation

Blair Simpson, 1335 Lincoln Street, Residential/mechanical

Steve McLennon, 1010 Columbia Street, Residential/basement remodel

Sinclair Kinsey, 209

Prospect Avenue, Residential/mechanical

Russ Paddock, 1802 12th Street, Commercial/re-roof

Barb Beardsley, 205 Oak Street, Commercial/sign attachment

Michael Craig, 1116 Sherman Avenue, Residential/remodel

Michael Craig, 1116 Sherman Avenue, Residential/mechanical

Michelle Harvey, 714 Columbia Street, Residential/replace deck

Puerto de los Angeles, 1306 12th Street, Commercial/ pergola

Samuel Finnigan, 1534 Columbia Street, Residential/renovation

Samuel Finnigan, 1534 Columbia Street, Residential/mechanical

Steve McLennon, 1010 Columbia Street, Residential/mechanical

## PUBLIC RECORDS — CIRCUIT COURT

June 2015

■ **Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:**

Jose Flores Gonzalez, 29 — Harassment (Class B Misdemeanor): \$317 in court costs and fees.

■ **Controlled substance violations (non-DUI):**

Aryan Wolf Belander, 45 — Delivery of methamphetamine (Class B Felony): Jail for 15 days; post-prison supervision for two years; \$200 in court costs and fees.

Aryan Wolf Belander, 45 — Unlawful manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance in Schedule II (Class B Felony): Jail for 90 days; statutory provisions apply.

■ **Disorderly conduct, mischief, trespass and vandalism:**

None reported

■ **Driving under the in-**

fluence of intoxicants:

None reported

■ **Identity theft or bank/credit card fraud:**

None reported

■ **Motor vehicle crashes, offenses and impounds:**

Rodney Joseph Knepper, 58 — Criminal driving while suspended or revoked (Class A Misdemeanor): Jail for 15 days; \$2,200 in court costs and fees.

■ **Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:**

None reported

■ **Theft or burglary:**

Jose Flores-Gonzalez, no age given — Theft in the second degree (Class A Misdemeanor): Bench probation for 12 months; 20 days in jail; \$400 in court costs and fees.

■ **Sex offenses:**

None reported

■ **Other:**

Aryan Wolf Belander, 45 —

Contempt of court (Unclassified Violation): Jail for 30 days.

Aryan Wolf Belander, 45 — Felon in possession of a firearm (Class C Felony): Supervised probation for 36 months; \$700 in court costs and fees; special conditions of probation apply.

Aryan Wolf Belander, 45 — Contempt of court (Unclassified Violation): Jail for 30 days.

Jose Flores-Gonzalez, no age given — Giving false information to a peace officer for issuance or service of a citation or for an arrest on a warrant (Class A Misdemeanor): Bench probation for 12 months; 20 days in jail; \$200 in court costs and fees; special conditions of probation apply.

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