

Stirring the pot at the bazaar



Jeremy Schultz stirs popcorn Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Hermiston's Spring Bazaar. The annual event at the Hermiston Community Center drew dozens of vendors and plenty of locals.
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Work in the spirit of service



SARAH HAUG

LIGHT OF UNITY

ies the Baha'i teaching that says, "Work done in the spirit of service is the highest form of worship."

Work often means having a trade, a craft or employment of some kind, whether in an office, as an educator, a homemaker, a tradesman or any of a thousand occupations. It isn't restricted.

Any way we occupy ourselves that can be of service to others is considered work. To be of service, each of us, no matter our starting point, difficulties or natural abilities, must pursue some form of work. In turn, society has the responsibility to provide opportunity for every individual to develop and utilize her or his talents. We all have capacity to be of service to others through work of some kind, whatever that work is. And when we serve others, we worship God.

What, then, is worship? Merriam-Webster defines it as, "to honor or show reverence" to a divine being. How we do that as human beings varies across peoples and religions. Prayer and meditation are two forms of worship. They also prepare

us for service. Though prayer and meditation are predominantly private in the Baha'i faith, Baha'is do gather for communal worship. Service to others is the social act, and the one that embodies another admonition, "Let deeds, not words, be your adorning."

It isn't that we need to work all the time. It's rather that when we do work, we should think about it as worshipping God — and see it as "the highest form" of worship. Besides its utilitarian value, work "draws us nearer to God."

What's more, Baha'u'llah promises that any occupation, "is as an act of worship." This is true, even for the rest of us who don't always feel the "worship" part, whose minds sometimes wander during prayers or find going to work every day a slog — or run out of steam so much sooner than my brother-in-law.

Sarah Haug is a member of the Baha'i Faith and has called Pendleton home since 2002. You can find her most days walking on the Pendleton River Parkway with her husband, Dan.

"I was so happy to see so many people show up to help the guy who lives and breathes helping others." "He's one of the best!" "He has a servant's heart. We couldn't get along without him."

These remarks capture why some 30 friends and family gathered recently at my brother-in-law's farm outside Colfax, Washington. It was like an old-fashioned barn-raising, except we were there to build fence. We were there, too, because my brother-in-law, described in those comments, spends his life helping others. This was a chance to return the favors.

Some people really know how to work. My brother-in-law stops working only to sleep and eat. He has a servant's heart — he lives to serve others. I think most of us know someone like him, someone who embod-



Good Shepherd Outreach & Events

May is Older American's Month

Good Shepherd's Community Health & Outreach offers free health screenings for community members of all ages!

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COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Events raise money, awareness for cystic fibrosis

HERMISTON — The Bearded Villain East Oregon Chapter is hosting a fundraiser in support of Jessica Brown-Grooms' annual cystic fibrosis fundraising event.

Those in attendance are in for an evening of fun while raising awareness and money to help find a cure for cystic fibrosis. The beard contest is Friday, May 20, beginning at 6 p.m. at The Bridge Bistro & Brews, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla. Beard competitors must register by 5:45 p.m. — or in advance at www.eventbrite.com. The cost is \$25.

The beard competition will feature multiple categories for beard types, and no experience is necessary. For additional details, search www.facebook.com/rachelle.reed.73113.

The Breath of Life fundraiser is Saturday, May 21, 5:30 p.m. at the Maxwell Pavillion, 255 S. First Place, Hermiston. Tickets, \$20 each, will be sold at the door. Children 8 and under are free.

The May 21 evening event includes a baked potato chili bar for dinner and dessert from Sweet E's cupcakes. A live auction begins at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment starts around 7:45 p.m. It features live music with Soul Patch, featuring local musicians Luke Basile and Frazer Wambeke as well as Brewer's Grade, a regional band that is fronted by Zac Grooms, husband of the event organizer.

Brown-Grooms of Hermiston was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis when she was 18 months old. A genetic disease, it causes the lungs to produce a thick, sticky mucus, resulting in a shorter life expectancy. However, because of advances made through research, the life expectancy, which used to be age 5, now surpasses 40.

Continued funding of research helps people with the disease continue to breathe. For more about the disease, visit www.cff.org; and for more about the upcoming fundraiser, go to www.facebook.com/events/5094466047264289.

PFLAG hosts educational forum

PENDLETON — PFLAG Pendleton is hosting an educational event entitled "Knowing Nancy, A Lesson in Self-Defining Growth." Nancy Peterson,



Peterson

a speaker, organizer and writer, will share Sunday, May 22, 4 p.m. at Pendleton Center For The Arts,

214 N. Main St. Admission is free and appetizers and drinks will be available.

Born and raised in Alaska, Peterson had plans to join the military but because of a progressive movement disorder decided instead to focus on a career as an educator and advocate for others. As a non-binary person with disabilities, Peterson has personal experiences with

discrimination. Peterson learned skills as a self-advocate and educator to help others.

Peterson is a member of the Hermiston City Council and has participated in local groups, such as Pride, Disability Day of Mourning, "Celebrate! Faith and Cultures," and the Women's March. Peterson works as a disability services accessibility specialist at Columbia Basin College.

PFLAG believes in meeting people where they are and collaborating with others. It realizes its vision through support, education and advocacy. For more information, search www.facebook.com/PFLAG.Pendleton. For questions, contact Vickie Read at vickie_read@hotmail.com.

— *Editor's Note: Nancy Peterson is the wife of the Hermiston Herald editor/senior reporter Erick Peterson.*

EOTEC hosts shopping extravaganza

HERMISTON — The Spring Fling Shopping Extravaganza features a variety of home-based businesses and handcrafted products all in one place.

Nearly 20 local vendors will be on hand Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. Vendors plan to sell furniture, crocheted goods, home decor, jewelry and more.

For more information, contact Lynne Hamblin at 541-571-5691 or lhamblin@eotnet.net.

— *EO Media Group*

Shirley Ann (West) Donovan

September 14, 1935 – May 9, 2022

Shirley Ann Donovan, 86, a resident of Boardman, Oregon, died Monday afternoon, May 9, 2022, with family by her side after a brief stay at Regency Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Hermiston, Oregon.

Shirley Ann Donovan was born Sept. 14, 1935, in Pendleton, Oregon, the daughter of Dewey Walter West and Althea Delworth (Wetherell) West. Shirley was raised in the Arlington, Oregon, area, along with her three siblings — brother, Dewey West Jr., and sisters, Evelyn and Lois. Shirley attended Rock Creek School and later graduated from Arlington High School in 1953.

Shirley was united in marriage to Carroll Jack Donovan at the First Methodist Church in Arlington on June 13, 1954, after purchasing a marriage license for \$3 from the Gilliam County Clerk. Shirley and Carroll soon relocated to The Dalles, Oregon, where they started their family of three children — sons, Jerry and Jack, and daughter, Carol Ann. Old family movies and photographs reveal that Shirley and Carroll made many lifelong friends while in The Dalles. Apparently, the couple would host BYOM BBQ parties, BYOB parties, New Year's Eve parties, and on at least one occasion, a "Come as You Are Party."

Shirley also joined Carroll and his hunting buddies with their wives on hunting trips. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, trips to hunt the Imnaha area and the breaks of the Snake River required an adventurous spirit. The vehicles were often jeeps, and the camps were primitive compared to the typical camp today (a green canvas army surplus tent and a Coleman lantern), but it is obvious from the movies that Shirley had fun on these excursions. She would have a big smile as she is seen riding Carroll's Tohatsu motorcycle and target practicing with both pistol and rifle. Carroll credited Shirley with him taking his largest ever buck deer — "she spotted it," he would say.

On one of the hunting trips, Shirley asked sister, Evelyn, to watch a couple of daytime soap operas for her (likely "As the World Turns" and "Guiding Light") so her sister could update Shirley when she returned. Evelyn would later blame Shirley for "getting her hooked-on soap operas."

In 1965, Shirley and Carroll moved to Boardman, Oregon, where they would spend the rest of their lives (Carroll passing away in 1996 after a long battle with cancer). Soon, Shirley and Carroll made even more friends in the Boardman area, and they formed a partnership with Shirley's brother, Dewey, and wife, Jeanne. The partnership included purchases and development of several tracts of land in the Boardman area and several businesses, including the C&D Drive In, Union 76 Station and Tire Center, and the Arco Station property.

Shirley continued with bookkeeping for the family businesses and was also co-owner/operator of the C&D, along with sister-in-law, Jeanne. Later, Shirley worked as an



assistant cook at Sam Boardman Elementary and Riverside High School, where she loved being with her friends and co-workers and seeing the kids each day. During her days operating the C&D Drive In and working as a cook in the schools, Shirley had the opportunity to meet and have a positive influence on the Boardman youth. This is also evident when reviewing the countless thank you cards and letters, quinceanera celebration announcements, and high school graduation announcements (Shirley seems to have kept them all).

Shirley was active in the Boardman community, including as a longtime member of the Tillicum Club and involvement in other civic organizations and fundraisers. One of Shirley's proudest moments was when she received the "Boardman Pioneer Award." She also loved pinchle card parties, bowling in the women's league, playing golf at Willow Run Golf Course, being with her family, and going to the Oregon beaches with her friends and family.

Later in life, Shirley enjoyed eating lunch at the Sunrise Café where nobody was a stranger to her, and you might hear her say as she was leaving, "I love you and I like you." She liked to take short drives around Boardman, including west past the golf course on Wilson Road, east past the family home on Kunze Road, or down around "the loop" where she might call out where her friends or family lived. She also liked to drive down to the Boardman Marina to see how many boats were out fishing and to see the baby geese.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll; her parents, Dewey Sr., and Althea West; and her siblings, Dewey West Jr., and Evelyn Russell Locy and her partner, Troy McGowan.

Survivors include her sister, Lois Hutson Gill; her children and their spouses, Jerry and Susan Donovan of Columbia City, Oregon; Jack and Anita Donovan of Boardman, Oregon; and Carol Ann and Curtis Viall, of Mountain Home, Idaho. Shirley is also survived by her 10 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service being held on Saturday, June 11, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Riverside Cemetery, Boardman, Oregon. Following the burial service, all friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend the gathering at Boardman Marina Park Pavilion. Dress comfortably, bring a chair and stay awhile to visit.

Please share memories of Shirley with her family at www.burnsmortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon, is in care of arrangements.