

THE RECORD

DISASTER PREP

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J.I.T.

Every few days we make a trip to the local grocery store. Under normal circumstances we make our purchases and fill our shopping lists with nary a thought about how all those items came to be so plentifully available for our needs.

We want them and there they are! Simple as that. Unbeknownst to most of us, our grocer's shelves are filled using a technology known as "Just In Time" inventory management. Commonly referred to in the business as, "J.I.T."

Excess inventory is a waste of company resources, (translated: costs go up), while too little inventory is damaging to customer confidence. "They NEVER have what I want!"

To maintain that delicate balance of inventory, J.I.T. is maintained with a set of precise and delicate shipping schedules from a variety of vendors to keep our stores stocked so we consumers always get what we want. At the same time, the razor-thin profit margin is protected by this oh-so-fragile system we have taken for granted.

So let's pretend for a moment there is a glitch in the system. A major cataclysmic event notwithstanding, say an ice storm in a major city which serves our area.

Highways are closed, trucks can't

get to the distribution points and our stores don't get their inventory. Most retailers know if their J.I.T. schedule is interrupted, their shelves would empty in 3 to 5 days.

Just pretend you go to the store and notice some bare shelves. Your curiosity kicks in and you ask an employee what's going on.

"Oh our trucks can't get here out of Portland due to the ice storm and we don't know when we'll get more supplies! It may be two weeks or more."

You, being a rational person decide stocking up right now would be a very good idea. That is *if* there's anything left to stock up on. As soon as word gets around, panic buying would soon follow!

Past experiences show during imminent hurricanes, or major snowstorms, the stores clear out within 3 to 4 hours. Now factor in an earthquake in your region and let your imagination run.

In case you were wondering, there are no local, government warehouses stocked with emergency supplies set aside for our use during such an event. Even the food banks are dependent on donations from various sources, both public and private, but they are not equipped to provide for the needs of the general populace in an emergency.

The only sure source of feeding your family is what you have on hand.

If the J.I.T. infrastructure failed, how long before you are in deep trouble?

The best thing you can do is begin now by setting aside some of the items your family uses anyway. Watch the sales. "Buy one get one" or BOGO sales are great for setting aside extra groceries.

One "coupon" person emailed me several months ago and let me know she had saved over \$8,000 on their grocery bill over a year's time by "coupon-ing," and a by-product of that was she had accumulated a significant amount of groceries to be used in an emergency.

Whichever method you choose to build your food supply, just do it. Before long you will have enough extra that if there indeed is an interruption in the supply chain, it will have minimal effect on you and your family.

As always send your questions and comments to disasterprep.dave@gmail.com.

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BIRTHS

BRIGGS-STEMMERMAN—BraeLynn RoseMarie Briggs-Stemmerman, a girl weighing 8 lbs., 6.5 ozs., was born to Trinity Micah Briggs and Dillon Cole Stemmerman of Reedsport on May 8, 2017, at 11:05 a.m., at PeaceHealth

Peace Harbor Medical Center. **PRECHT**—James Alan Precht, a boy weighing 7 lbs., 10.5 ozs., was born to Annmarie Lee Precht of Florence on May 8, 2017, at 11:05 a.m., at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
May 2	60	50	0.06
May 3	67	52	0.00
May 4	59	51	0.10
May 5	55	42	0.61
May 6	55	38	0.03
May 7	57	33	0.00
May 8	63	36	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.80"
Month: 0.83" **Year:** 62.83"

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In loving memory of
Jean Marlene Saubert
1 May 1942—14 May 2007

75 years ago Planet Earth was presented an exceptional gift when Jean Marlene Saubert was born to Jack and Lila Mae "Bobbie" Saubert in Roseburg, Oregon.

Jean graduated from Lakeview OR high school in 1960 and Oregon State University in 1967, after presenting the U.S. with two Olympic medals for skiing slalom and giant slalom in Innsbruck, Austria in 1964. Her 30-year teaching career started as Vale, CO's first elementary school teacher, followed by 10 years in Salt Lake City and BYU, Utah, before positively influencing middle school children and parents in Hillsboro, OR for 20 years. After retirement, she carried the Olympic torch to open the 2002 Olympic Games in Utah before moving to Bigfork, MT where she passed from breast cancer in 2007 and is buried



in Florence, OR with her parents, grandparents and great grandparents. Anyone Jean touched during her too-short life on Earth received positive support and energy; and she has been missed dearly these past ten years. Rest in Peace in God's Arms

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES,
Terry and Joan Cummings, Rio Verde AZ & Bigfork MT

WLCF continuing education scholarships being offered

Western Lane Community Foundation (WLCF) has announced its third-annual Continuing Education Scholarships program for 2017.

These scholarships are awarded annually and are designed for students who use permanent home addresses within the Florence, Dunes City, Mapleton and Deadwood

areas and have already graduated from high school, have their diploma, GED or were home schooled and are eligible to enter higher education or a trade school or graduate program.

This includes non-traditional students returning to a program after a career or family change or job loss.

Scholarships are available for traditional four year universities, colleges, community colleges and accredited trade schools. While academic achievement is one criteria used in determining recipients, other qualifying characteristics include financial need, outside activities, work history and volunteerism to name a few.

The application lists criteria specific to each scholarship.

Applications can be obtained at Lane Community College or on the WLCF website at www.wlcfonline.org.

Applications packets may be submitted online, or by mail at P.O. Box 1589, Florence, Ore., 97439.



REMODELING 101 WORKSHOP SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

Cascade Title Company

715 US Highway 101, Florence, OR 97439

Learn how you can improve the functionality of your home with smart design and elegant details. Enjoy refreshments, meet national award-winning Neil Kelly designer, Matt White and embark on a photo tour of recently completed Neil Kelly remodeling projects.



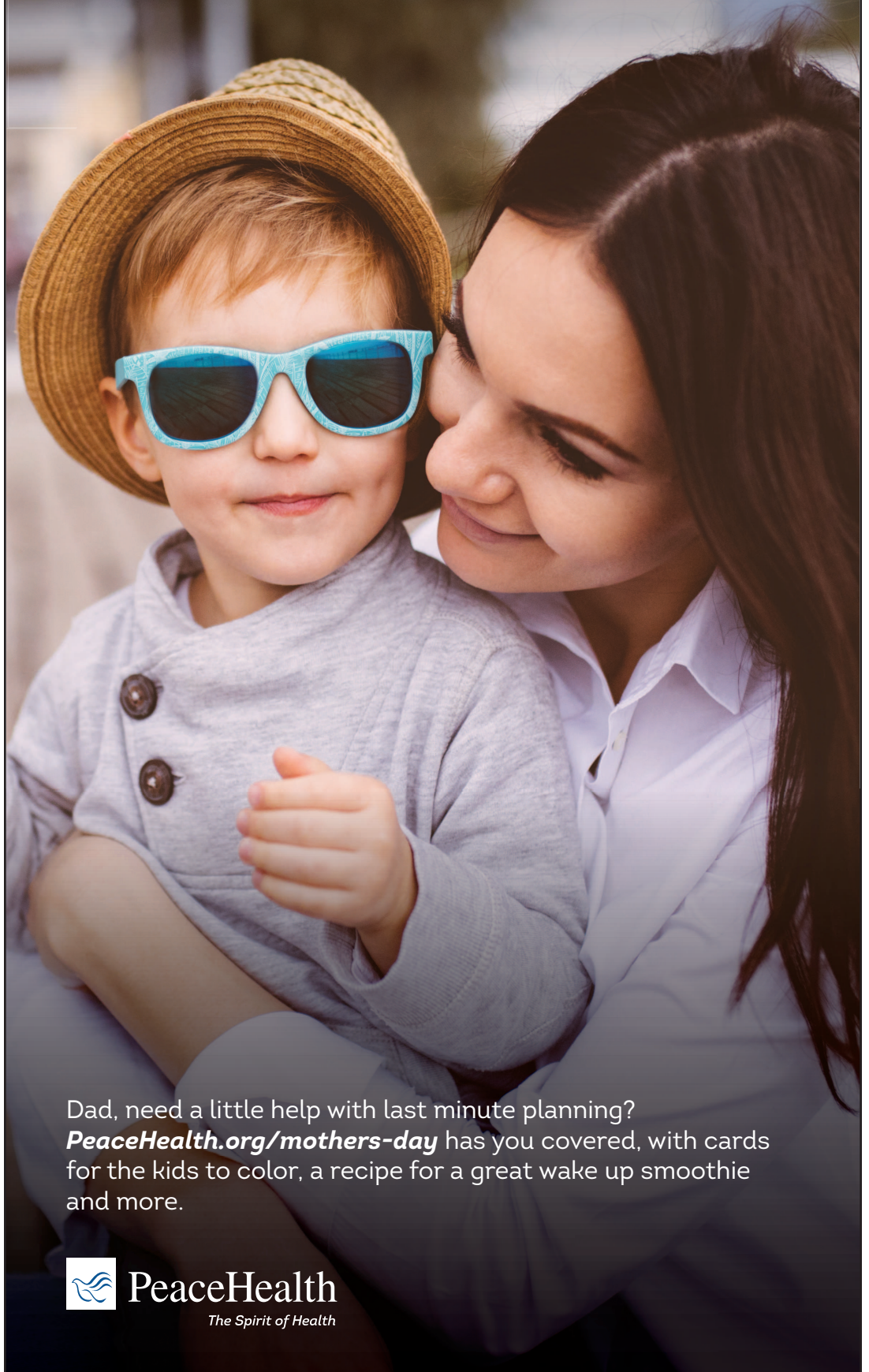
10:00AM.....Welcome & Refreshments
11:30AM.....Remodeling 101 Workshop: Reinventing Your Home

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Happy Mother's Day May 14th



Dad, need a little help with last minute planning?
PeaceHealth.org/mothers-day has you covered, with cards for the kids to color, a recipe for a great wake up smoothie and more.

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