

Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice to host 16th annual Living with Grief[®] teleconference

Each year the Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) presents a nationally recognized distance learning program, live via satellite and webcast. This year's Living with Grief broadcast is focusing on "Diversity and End-of-Life Care".

For more than a decade, this annual educational program has been instrumental in educating health care professionals and families on issues affecting end-of-life care. The program provides an opportunity for a wide variety of professionals and laypersons to share and exchange ideas.

This year HFA's 16th Annual National Bereavement Teleconference focuses on "Diversity and End-of-Life Care." The teleconference will examine how diversity influences end-of-life decision making and the impact that culture has at the time of death and during bereavement. One of the goals of the teleconference is to increase sensitiv-

ity by helping professionals acknowledge how their own cultural values and assumptions influence the delivery of care. The program will also discuss the challenges that may occur when culture considerations may cause ethical concerns or moral distress. Moderated by Frank Sesno, Professor of Media and Public Affairs at The George Washington University and Special Correspondent with CNN, the program will be broadcast Wednesday, April 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The panel of noted authorities includes: Samira K. Beckwith, President and CEO of Hope Health-Care Services; Sandy Chen Stokes, Executive Director, Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care; Kenneth J. Doka, Professor of Gerontology, Graduate School of the College of New Rochelle; Wanda H. Jenkins, Manager of Bereavement Services at VITAS Innovative Hos-

pice Care; Richard Payne, Director, Institute on Care at the End of Life, Duke University; Paul Rosenblatt, Professor, College of Education & Human Development, University of Minnesota; and Carlos Sandoval-Cros, Rev., St. Simon's Episcopal Church, and psychiatrist, private practice. This panel of ethicists, educators and hospice experts will examine how diversity influences end-of-life decision making and the impact that culture may have at the time of death and during bereavement.

"The Hospice Foundation's telecasts are always enlightening and promote good discussion with all in attendance," states Molly Rhea, director of Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice. "We have attended most of the annual viewings and have always come away with good information." Rhea went on to encourage any and all interested to contact the agency office for

more details, and if possible, plan to attend.

Each year this award-winning, televised broadcast is seen in more than 2,000 communities across North America, reaching an estimated live audience of 150,000 people. The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America, a not-for-profit organization, which acts as an advocate for the hospice concept of care through ongoing programs of professional education, public information and research on issues relating to illness, loss, grief and bereavement.

Heppner's Seventh Day Adventist Church, located at 560 N. Minor Street, has invited the agency to utilize their satellite viewing system. The broadcast will be on Wednesday, April 29 from 10:30 am-1:30pm. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Kathy Skinner at 541-676-2946.

An in-depth look at the Mobile Dental Clinic

We've all seen the sparkling clean, white, RV like, Mobile Dental Van parked on the edge of the parking lot of Columbia River Community Health Services, every now and then. You have probably thought to yourself, whose is that? How does it work? What services do they offer? Who pays for it all? In one question, who's behind it all?

The Mobile Dental Clinic is operated by Medical Teams International, a non-denominational, non-profit organization based out of Portland. There are currently 10 mobile dental clinics throughout Oregon and Washington who utilize volunteer dental professionals to treat patients. Currently the unit based in Walla Walla, WA covers all of Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington. Everyone who qualifies is treated regardless of ability to pay.

Currently, there are over 500 people in the local area who receive services from this dental van, where 100 clinics were held in 2008. During that time, 1,233 patients were seen free of charge, with an estimated value of those services at over \$505,000 and volunteers offered 1,100 hours of their time. It costs about \$1,000 to fund each mobile dental clinic, per day, and the average clinic provides \$6,000 worth of services.

The driving force behind all of the volunteer hours and services, for 2008, was Dr. Ted Flaiz. Over his nine years, with Medical Teams International, he has offered 2,000 hours and \$1.5 million worth of services, to over 4,000 patients in the local area. However, as many can tell you, Dr. Flaiz's spirit of service is a long standing commitment. He served in two wars, has

performed dentistry in over 25 countries, and currently volunteers one week per month with the dental van. All of this, while being a husband, father of three, and building a thriving local practice.

However, due to increased demand and decreased donations to Medical Teams International, the future of the dental van is in jeopardy. While dental vans in larger cities have the aid of local dollars, the van based out of Walla Walla is funded exclusively out of the Medical Teams International general fund which is shrinking at an alarming rate. Of the 100 clinics held in the local area, 59 of them had no funding at all, and only 41 had at least partial funding of \$300 or more. If you would like to donate, to help keep the mobile dental clinics coming to Boardman, contact Mindy at Columbia River Community Health Services at (541) 481-7212, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

In addition to hosting the mobile dental clinic, Columbia River Community Health Services accepts Oregon Health Plan, Medicare, most insurance plans, and offers a sliding scale fee program. The clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some of the services they offer include: comprehensive exams, DOT physicals, occupational services, school sports physicals, chronic illness management, well child exams, as well as adult and childhood immunizations.

For more information on services, or to schedule an appointment call 541/481-7212. For information on the clinic's fundraising efforts, to build a new clinic facility, contact Mindy Binder, also at 541/481-7212.

4th annual Youth Track and Field Day to be held in Ione

The Ione High School National Honor Society and the Ione track team will hold its 4th annual Youth Track and Field Day on Sunday, April 26.

Events will begin at 1 p.m. (rain or shine) on the Ione Community School football field.

Children ages 0-5 years old and students K-3 will compete in the 25, 50 and 100 meter dash, tennis ball throw, one lap run, the safety javelin and standing broad jump. Children in grades 4-5 will compete in the 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, the tennis ball throw, one lap run, the safety javelin, and standing broad jump.

Admission is free, but donations are welcome. All proceeds will benefit the Creative Care Preschool.

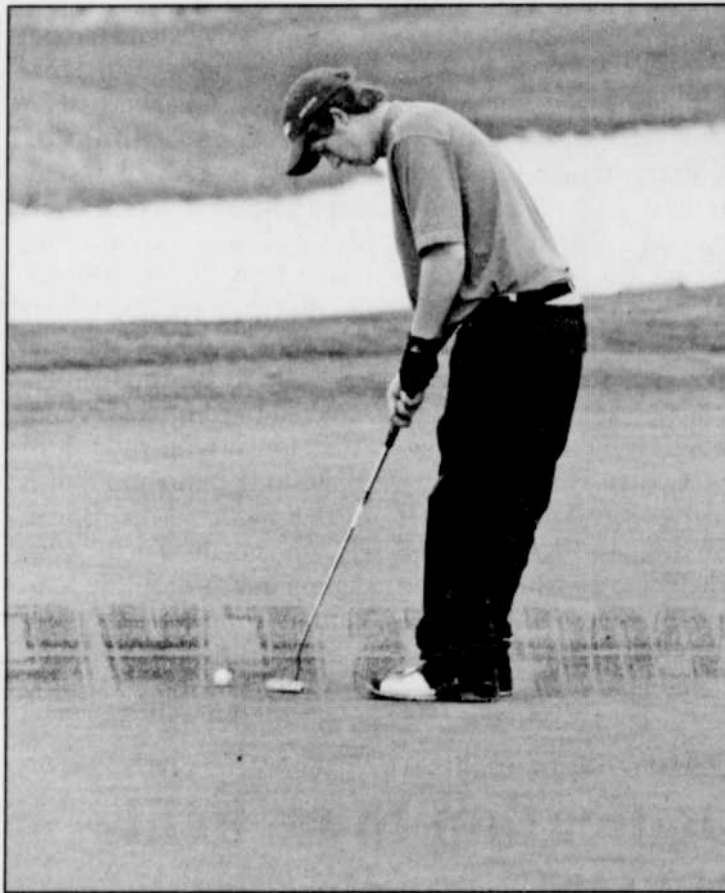
For more information please contact Ryan or Allison Rudolf at (541) 422-7401 or rrudolf@ione.k12.or.us.

Mustang Varsity Baseball Schedule

Following is the Heppner High School varsity baseball schedule for the 2009 season:

- Apr. 25: BYE
- Apr. 29: Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.
- May 2: at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m.
- May 5: at Weston McEwen, 4:30 p.m.
- May 9: Stanfield, 11 a.m.
- May 12: Cross-Over (#3 vs. #2)
- May 16: District Tournament in The Dalles

Golf team still swinging



Heppner Mustang Taylor Disque gets ready to line up for a putt during the golf meet held at the Wildhorse. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Sheep Rock auto tour offered

A John Day Fossil Beds National Monument park ranger will lead a fossil beds auto tour on Saturday, May 2. This two-hour tour will travel along some of the back roads of the national monument and feature the geologic landscape and fossil history of the area.

The tour will begin at 2 p.m. at the Sheep Rock Unit's Thomas Condon visitor center, located near Dayville. Participants will need to bring their own vehicle, and good tires are recommended.

Reservations are not needed for this free tour. For more information contact the monument at 541-987-2333.

Mr. Bill's Traveling Trivia returns to Heppner this weekend

Mr. Bill will be arriving in Heppner for another night of great fun and laughter at the Elks Lodge at 7 p.m. on April 25.

The no-host bar will be open and dinner is also available prior to 7 p.m.

The cost for each team is \$120 with each team consisting of up to six

members. Sign-up sheets are available at the Heppner Daycare and Preschool or call Cari Scrivner at 541-676-8001.

Checks can be made payable to Heppner Daycare and Preschool. You do not have to be a member of the Heppner Elks Lodge to play.

Mustang JV Baseball Schedule

Following is the Heppner High School JV baseball schedule for the 2009 season:

- Apr. 23: at Stanfield, 5 p.m.
- Apr. 24: at Umatilla, 2 p.m.
- Apr. 27: Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.

Mustang Track Schedule

Following is the Heppner High School track team schedule for the 2009 season:

- April 24: River's Edge meet at Umatilla (3/4 p.m.)
- April 25: Kiwanis Invitational at Hermiston (10/11 a.m.)

Gutierrez honored for work with Little League



The Heppner Township Little League dedicated this season to Craig Gutierrez for his hard work and dedication to the Little League. Gutierrez was the backbone behind the completion of snack shacks at every field in Heppner. He also coached Little League for several years, helped to get the irrigation system in at the George Waterland Field and umpires when there is a need. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Farmer's market meeting to be held

A farmer's market meeting will be held on Thursday, June 23 at 5 p.m. at city hall. Important insurance issues will be discussed at this meeting.

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