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New dates set for Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes

The Powerful Tools for Caregivers® class series has been rescheduled to begin on Thursday, March 3, and continue through April 14, with no class on March 31.

If you are providing physical or emotional support for a loved one dealing with an ongoing health condition or decline due to aging, regardless of where they live, you meet the definition of family caregiver for this program.

This educational series can help family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate

feelings better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions, and locate helpful resources.

The series of six weekly 1½ hour sessions meets from 2:30-4 p.m. in the dining room at St. Patrick's Senior Center, 190 N Main St., Heppner. Participants must sign up before the first class by contacting Helena Wolfe, Health Promotion Coordinator at the Area Agency on Aging at CAPECO, at 541-561-5443 or hwolfe@capeco-works.org.

Widows, widowers invited to open support meeting

An open meeting is planned for all widows and widowers who would like to inspire, share, heal and grow.

The first meeting, which is intended to help decide the group's path and needs, will be held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

One of the event co-ordinator's, Mary Ann Elguézabal, shared, "Sixteen years ago, I had many, many people who gave me a helping hand when I became a widow. Irene Swanson and Eleanor Gonty invited me

to lunch and we even went on picnics up to Penland Lake. One of my favorite memories is when Bob Van Schoiack would take me riding. These special people helped ease my grief."

Elguézabal adds that without friends, family and faith, losing a spouse can be unbearable, but that research has proven that having a connection to someone who has "been there" helps recovery.

If you have any questions, please call Jean Adams, 541-676-5841, or Mary Ann Elguézabal, 541-676-5774.

Obituaries

Charlene E. Davis

Charlene E. Davis, 72, of Meacham, OR passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, June 11, at 11 a.m. at the Emigrant Springs Community Building at Emigrant Springs State Park near Meacham. Following the service, scattering will be held at the Chipmunk Ranch, along with a potluck luncheon at Emigrant Springs Community Building.

Charlene was born April 15, 1943, to Ed and Joyce E. (Bonnell) Parham in Tacoma, WA. She was raised and attended schools in Bethel, WA, and graduated from Bethel High School.



Charlene E. Davis

She married Earl Papineau in Sumner, WA, in November of 1962; they made their home in Lexington. The couple had two sons, Dale and Dennis Papineau. Dale preceded her in death at the age of three. She and Earl later divorced. She later married Walter Davis on April 1, 1995. They made their home in Meacham.

Charlene had worked a multitude of jobs, from ranching to construction to secretarial; she also worked as a professional race horse trainer. She also worked for the Pendleton Underground Tours as a tour guide, and for KUMA Radio in advertising.

She was a member of the Lexington Grange, and

later the Meacham Mountain Ladies Club. She was a member of the Spout Springs Repeater Association, and was very active in Ham Radio and Emergency Communication. Her call sign was KC7RQF, "Real Quiet Female." She enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as photography. She loved nature and being in the mountains. She really enjoyed the deer and turkeys that visited her yard year round.

Charlene is survived by her husband, Walt Davis of Meacham, OR; her son, Dennis Papineau and wife Tanya of Athena, OR; grandchildren, Kari Papineau of Pilot Rock, OR, and Gregory, Levi, Curtis and Calvin Papineau of Athena, OR; step-children, Sam Westover of Pendleton, OR, Jack and Cheryl Davis of

Pendleton, Dale Davis of Elgin, OR, Susan Langley of Springfield, OR, and Patty Whitteker of Lakeside, OR; step-grandchildren, Kyra and Keenan Davis of Pendleton, Jennifer Westover of Las Vegas, NV, Wyatt and Jennifer Davis of Pilot Rock; Sonny Vickroy, Adrian Cooley, Bobby Sue Stecht and Tracy Heinz; and many nieces and nephews as well as several aunts and uncles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Joyce Parham; her sisters, Bethina Delmas of Roy, WA, and Nancy Whisnant of Oroville, WA; and her son, Dale Papineau.

Sign the online condolence book at www.Burns-Mortuary.com. Burns Mortuary of Pendleton handled arrangements.

Michael A. 'Mike' Ferguson

Michael A. "Mike" Ferguson died on February 12, 2016 at his home in Stanfield, OR at the age of 33 years. A celebration of life potluck gathering was held on Friday, February 19, at 1 p.m. at the Oregon National Guard Armory, 900 SE Columbia Dr., Hermiston.

He was born on July 8, 1982 in Boise, ID to parents Phillip and Robbin Reed Ferguson. Mike was raised in Boise and Ione. He graduated from Ione

High School in the class of 2000. Mike went to work for Union Pacific Railroad in 2006 and was currently working as a Yardmaster at Hinkle. Mike was united in marriage to Sara Fisher on June 27, 2015 at Fort Stevens State Park on the North Oregon Coast. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and, most of all, cherished time with his boys.

He is survived by

his wife, Sara Ferguson, Stanfield, OR; sons, Zachary A. and Trevor P. Ferguson both of Heppner; parents, Phillip and Chris Ferguson, Lexington, and Robbin Ferguson and Curtis Potter, Pendleton, OR; brother, John Ferguson, Lexington; sister, Trisha Deakins, Missouri; grandparents,



Michael A. "Mike" Ferguson

Leon and Dorene Reed Leedeey, OK; and several nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by a sister, Pamela Ferguson.

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REMEMBRANCE RUN

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people are trying to stay fit around here, and they're starting to train a little earlier," she says.

The run is moderately challenging, the 5k distance equaling 3.1 miles. Runners begin at the Heppner United Methodist Church and run an out-and-back on Riverside before taking the same loop as the walkers, only in the opposite direction—the runners cut over to the Heppner Elementary School and then pass the Morrow County Courthouse and head toward Hager Park, where they cross in front of the Willow Creek Dam. On the downhill stretch, runners pass through the neighborhood of Sweeney Mortuary toward the Forest Service office and finish out the run on Main Street, returning to the Methodist church.

"About halfway through the walk and the run, we are going against each other—and we get to pass each other, which is kind of fun," says Ellis.

Ellis says Friends Helping Friends committee member Susan Hisler recruited her to head up

the run because Ellis was already an active runner.

"I fought fire for 10 years, and it was easier for me to stay in shape all year around than to try to get in shape every year," Ellis explains. "When Susie found out I was doing that, she thought I would be someone good to do the race here."

Ellis adds that she still tries to get the firefighters to join in, as well as putting up flyers at the high school, where they get a lot of participation from the high school and junior high track teams.

Ellis does say that, although the 5k is a good part of staying fit, it's also meant to be fun. The race isn't timed, and she says it's not about who crosses the finish line first, though she does encourage everyone to finish.

"Some are discouraged when they're just starting out. If you need to walk, just walk," she says.

For that reason, strollers and dogs (on leashes) are also welcome in the run.

And the most important part, she says, is that the funds raised go to help the

community—that's what has kept Ellis going the last seven years.

"I enjoy volunteering in the community I think that it's fun to see all the people come out and take part in something that's healthy and it's for a good cause. Everything we've raised in the walk and the run is put toward something that stays here in the community," says Ellis.

This year the funds will go to Morrow County Health District to purchase a blood warmer for the hospital and a glidescope for the ambulance.

The annual Remembrance Walk/5K Run is planned for Saturday, March 19. The event will begin with a social hour and registration at 8:30 a.m.; the walk/run will begin at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to wear green or pink.

Friends Helping Friends is again asking for

a \$5 donation per walker or runner, as well as a \$5 donation per shamrock, though children accompanied by adults are free. The committee is also asking people to register early to make things run more smoothly the morning of the walk. As an incentive to register early, the committee will offer door prizes for those who pre-register.

Due to limited supplies, Feb. 29 will be the last day to order shamrocks. For more information on the walk or shamrocks, contact Susan Hisler at 541-676-5878 or Kathi Dickenson at Kathidickenson@hotmail.com. For information on the run, email Janelle Ellis at origanelle@hotmail.com. Anyone wanting a photo shamrock needs to mail photos to Hisler at 56504 Little Butter Cr. Rd. Heppner or drop them off at Heppner Windwave in care of Sandy Matthews.

Neighborhood Center Bag Sale March 2

The Neighborhood Center's monthly \$10 bag sale will be on Wednesday, March 2. The sale includes all clothing, shoes and books. Items on the tables are 50 percent off. The Neighborhood Center is open Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The food pantry closes at 4 p.m.

The Neighborhood Center has also announced it would appreciate donations of paper or plastic grocery bags for the food pantry.

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