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Engagements

Kilkenny, Gerlach announce engagement



Rory Kilkenny and Sara Gerlach

John and Diane Kilkenny of Heppner, and Greg and Peg Gerlach of Highlands Ranch, CO, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Rory Kilkenny and Sara Gerlach, both of Seattle, WA.

Rory is a graduate of Heppner High School, and received an engineering degree from Gonzaga University in 2010. He is currently employed as a geotechnical engineer by Arcadis Engineering in Seattle.

Sara received her biology and nursing degree from Gonzaga University. She later received her doctorate degree as a nurse practitioner from the University of Washington. Sara is employed as a nurse practitioner for Harbor View Hospital in Seattle.

Rory is the grandson of Vesta Kilkenny of Portland, and the late Robert Kilkenny of Heppner.

The couple plans a July wedding in Seattle.

Obituaries

Dennis Edward Swanson

Dennis Edward Swanson, 79, a retired Northwest Airlines captain, "flew west" for a final check on April 19, 2017. At his request, a private family funeral Mass was held on April 25, his birthday. A military graveside service will be held May 2 at Tahoma National Cemetery. There will be a Celebration of Life at Denny's sawmill on May 13 beginning at 2 p.m. All are welcome.

Born in Lone in 1937, he grew up on the family wheat ranch. His love of flying was born at an early age. As a kid, Dennis would design and construct model airplanes, then employ various barn cats as pilots, a

story which may be truer in our imaginations than in reality. He attended the University of Portland, joined the Air Force ROTC cadet program and, upon graduation in 1959, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, making his childhood dream of piloting aircraft a reality.

After his discharge from the Air Force in 1966, Dennis flew for Northwest Orient Airlines and retired as a 747 captain in 1997. He spent his retirement doing good for his community and his family. From using his

sawmill to cut historically accurate lumber for the repair of the Mary Olson barn, to longtime Kiwanis member, to substitute teaching at the Muckle-shoot Tribal School, to many years of Saturdays delivering food with his grandchildren for the Auburn Food Bank, Dennis never

turned down an opportunity to say, "Yes, I can help."

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joann; their four children, Mike (Jackie) Swanson, Toni Swanson, Kellie (Pat) Kutkey and Erin (Rob) Dickinson; brothers, John (Kathy)

and Jim (Monica); eight grandchildren, Dan, Logan (Tasia), Corrie (David), Zach, McKenna, Anna, Colton and Pearl; six great-grandchildren, Morgan, Kahlin, Kamdyn, Braxton, Lily and Marley; and a whole fan club of beloved nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his brother, Ron; sister, Jean Ann; and parents, Irene and Gar.

In honor of Dennis, the family encourages everyone to make saying, "Yes, I can help" a part of your lives too. Perform an act of kindness, give time to a volunteer cause, or donate to a charity of your choice.



Dennis Edward Swanson

2017 EO Walk MS a success

Fifty-eight walkers/rollers turned out last weekend for the 19th annual Eastern Oregon Walk MS. Despite what seemed to be a lower-than-normal turnout, walk committee co-chair Barb Orwick reported that the event raised a record amount of \$8,085 so far, with money continuing to come in. She also mentioned that there is still time to donate; just contact Orwick at 541-256-0455 or go online at www.walkms.org or call toll-free 1-855-372-1331.

The event was also attended by Lisa Roth, Oregon Walk MS chapter president. Lisa told the walkers about a new drug, ocrelizumab, which is the first drug to be approved for Secondary Progressive MS on March 28th of this year. She also congratulated



Fifty-eight people turned out for this year's Eastern Oregon Walk MS, which organizers hailed as a success. Pictured are (L-R) walk participants Heath Colvin, Joyce Colvin, Mary Connor-Morehouse, Zaleta Masterson and Betty Jo Colvin. -Photo by David Sykes

everyone on the continued success of the EO walk in Heppner.

Committee member Nancy Gochner and volunteers made sure the walkers were well-fed with

sandwiches, fruit and beverages. The NMSS Oregon chapter donated apples, oranges, bananas, Kind bars, donuts, bread and bagels. Sandwich meat was donated by Route 74 and

Bucknum's. Other food and condiments were donated by Tillamook Cheese, Heppner Market Fresh, Cash & Carry, United Methodist Church and Ruby Crosthwaite of Head-To-Toes.

Local sponsors for the walk this year were Community Bank, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Gregory Smith & Company, and Devin Oil, Inc.; All Saints' Episcopal Church always donates the use of their facility. The event organizers say they were pleased with the turnout and enthusiasm of this year's event.

"Without the support of our committee, volunteers, those who donated and all the participants of the walk, we could not have this special event," commented co-chair Merilee McDowell. "It was a good year."

Lindsay to speak at grief support group

The Heppner area grief support group will meet at St. Patrick's Catholic parish hall on Thursday, May 4, at 12 p.m.

The group consists of a wide variety of people who have experienced an assortment of grief. The group meets together in an attempt to help one another and others with their journeys. Each month they invite speakers who make it easier for them to be of service to others.

This month the group will hear from Kimberly

Lindsay, who has been working at Community Counseling Solutions for 20 years. During that time, she has had an array of positions. She will speak on the grief that follows suicide and how to support individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide.

Lunch will be provided at noon with the presentation to follow.

Questions, please call Mary Ann Elguézabal, 541-676-5774, or Jean Adams, 541-676-5841.

Lexington Grange to hold Sunset 5K Walk/Run

The Lexington Grange will host a Sunset 5K Walk/Run on Friday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. The walk/run will begin and end at the Grange building (66296 Marquardt Rd., Lexington). An ice cream social will take place immediately following the walk/run.

Pre-registration can be done online at <https://goo.gl/forms/H8h7KJy3CXTf15IX2>, or registration will start at 6 p.m. before the run. The cost for the run is \$12 or \$20 with an event shirt.

Proceeds from this event will go to Asher's Army to help with Asher Schonbachler's fight with Leukoystrophy 4H Syndrome.

Community lunch menu

Hope and Valby Lutheran and All Saints Episcopal volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, May 3, at St. Patrick's Senior Center.

Lunch will include build-your-own tacos, Mexican rice, seven-layer salad, Pico de Gallo, tortillas and ice cream.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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