

The 12 days of post-op, my true love asked of me ...

After many years of marriage, sometimes you don't recognize all the things your spouse does in contributing to the management of the household.



Tammy Malgesini
INSIDE MY SHOES

Well, I got a recent reminder as John was laid up after having foot surgery. Overall, he was a good patient, focusing on his recovery and staying down.

However, at times he'd feel bad that he was asking me to do too much

and I'd catch him hobbling around. To further complicate matters, we have a split-level house, which isn't very conducive to someone who is non-weight bearing with a surgically repaired foot.

A couple of times, I swear John's dog, Lucifer, knew his papa shouldn't be pattering around and would trot upstairs to get my attention.

I had to start anticipating what things John might do before I got a chance, like the night he told me we

were low on toilet paper. I figured I could get some from downstairs in the morning — nope, too late. And then there was the time the garbage was "over-flowing." From that point forward, I took the garbage out when it was three-quarters full.

One thing that posed a slight problem is that I'm not a morning person and John is. I like to wake up and melt into the morning. As soon as John would hear me stirring, he'd call out for assistance — usually with his morning cup of coffee.

Also, neither of us are big break-

fast eaters. However, because John doesn't do well with pain medication, I became a short-order breakfast cook. This enabled him to take his medication, which was a good thing because I don't really like cleaning up barf.

Prior to this past month, I can't remember the last time I made a cup of coffee for John. Also, I did more dishes in November than in the entire year and the multiple trips to Wal-Mart have resulted in Post Traumatic Shopping Disorder.

To summarize the experience,

I've written this ditty (feel free to sing it to the tune of "The 12 Days of Christmas"):

On the long days of post-op, my husband asked of me:

12 Loads of dishes; 11 Leftover foods; 10 Check the mailbox; 9 Jugs of water; 8 Library books; 7 Trips to Wal-Mart; 6 Scoop the dog poop; 5 Take-out meals; 4 Bags of ice; 3 Pancakes; 2 Vicodins;

And a big cup of black coffee.

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CHAMBER NEWS

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Tonight (Wednesday, December 9) at 6 p.m. Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone Street. Singing, entertainment, refreshments, and a visit from a very special guest!

BOARDMAN CHAMBER ON THE KOHU (1360 AM) RADIO SHOW

Monday, December 14 between 8:30 to 9 a.m.

CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Next Wednesday, December 16 at noon at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive NE
Newcomer Welcome Luncheon

If you are a new member, or new in your position with a Chamber member, or just new to the Boardman area, please join us for this special event dedicated to you! We invite all our members to join us in welcoming them to our community! Lunch is \$12. Please call 481-3014 to RSVP by this Friday, December 11!

"SHOP AT HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND ALWAYS"

November 25 to December 28

The Chamber is sponsoring this "Shop at Home" campaign. Bring your receipts dated from Nov. 25-Dec. 28 to the Chamber office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and receive chances to win prizes! Receipts must show a Boardman business name and address, and must be turned in by 5 p.m. December 28. The drawings will take place Tuesday, December 29.

COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET FRIDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 12, 2016

for Amoré with a French romantic theme! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

BIG THANKS TO...

...all who attended the Morrow County Historical Society Tour.

...all who participated in the Boardman Community Enhancement Meeting, especially the BCDA for organizing it!

...all who supported the Kiwanis Club's Harvest Fundraiser!

...all who were involved in making the Community Thanksgiving Dinner a success!

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAM BOARDMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tomorrow (Thursday, December 10) at 6 p.m. in the gym

Free and open to the public, but please bring a non-perishable food product for food baskets for families in our community. If you can't attend at 6 p.m., come for the final rehearsal at 1 that afternoon. For more information, email Louise.Kienzle@morrow.k12.or.us

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

This Saturday, December 12 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone Street

\$3 per person includes pancake & sausage breakfast, crafts for kids, and horse drawn wagon rides (brought to you by Equine Elegance), AND a visit from SANTA with photo opportunities! Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Boardman. For more information call 314-2127.

SAGE SATURDAY!

This Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. FREE Admission and activities for children and parents at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road

GREENFIELD GRANGE BREAKFAST

Next Saturday, December 19 from 7- 10 a.m. 209 NW 1st Street in Boardman. Adults \$5, children under 10 are \$2.50. Call 720-7267 for more information

HAVE COMPANY COMING FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Remember that the Chamber has a variety of tourism and travel brochures and magazines from all over the state of Oregon, as well as from our neighbors in Idaho and Washington.

SENIOR CENTER FIRST SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 2 from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center at 100 Tatone Street. Breakfast is \$5 and includes eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice, and milk. Call 786-8006 or 481-3257 for more information.

COAT DRIVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 29

Bring your coats, sweaters, gloves, and hats to Columbia River Community Health Services, 450 Tatone Street. Call 481-7212 x 214 for details.

BE A PIRATE MENTOR!

Last year Riverside Junior/Senior High School started a program called Pirate Pursuits. The basic idea behind this program is to have community members volunteer to mentor seniors throughout the school year, helping them with college scholarship and college applications. The volunteers would mainly be meeting with students to talk about what scholarships and colleges they are applying for, reviewing applications, letters, etc. This is a great way for community members to be involved with our students. Right now we have about 40 seniors signed up that would like to work with a mentor. If you are interested in being a part of Pirate Pursuits, please contact David Norton, Vice Principal, at 481-2525 x2113 or david.norton@morrow.k12.or.us.

Merry Christmas!

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