

Want to join Sheriff's Explorers?

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sisted rescue techniques, radio communications, and helicopter operations. Adult members of the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team provide the training.

The Sheriff's Office Explorer program is a dual interest Explorer Post. Members also receive training in law enforcement and have the opportunity to ride along with patrol and marine deputies, work in crime prevention, and support several of the Sheriff's Offices special teams. This is a great chance for young people to study law enforcement as a career while providing a critical public service.

Explorer Post #877 will hold informational meetings for applicants at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30, or Thursday, April 2, in the Sheriff's Office, Training Room, 215 SW Adams, Hillsboro.

There is a one-time fee of

\$140 to help defer the cost of food, equipment and uniforms. Candidates must bring their own boots, thermal winter clothing, a jacket, and their own personal items. Uniforms, packs and all other equipment will be provided.

Applications will be accepted until April 4. Applicants may apply online. For additional information, call Sgt. Tygh Thompson at 503-846-2744.

Unemployed, cont.

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to implement lean manufacturing, increase technological skills of workers, or implement training for internal career advancement. For more information call Shawna Sykes at 503-397-4995, ext. 232, or visit www.mtcworks.com and click on Business Solutions for information on Employer Workforce Training Funds.

Raising grandkids? This day is for you

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and Veteran Services. Letourneau also announced the agency's first annual day-long event for grandparents, "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: A Day for You."

The activities will be held Thursday, April 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Beaverton Foursquare Church, 13565 SW Walker Road in Beaverton.

"We wanted to provide a relaxed event," Letourneau said, "we'll have free chair massages while providing top-rate speakers and a resource fair. And the event, including lunch, is free!"

Speakers will include Mark Kramer, a family law attorney, who will address legal trends for grandparent rights; John Bennett, from the Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center, on how to advocate for your grandchild in school; Gary Gitner, from the Social Security Administration, on Social Security

benefits for grandparents who are raising grandchildren; and Virginia Sponsler, MSW, LCSW, on taking good care of yourself as a caregiver.

Twenty agencies will be represented at the Resource Fair. They will provide information on a range of topics from child

care to youth activities. There will also be breaks to allow grandparents to "network" with each other.

While the event is free, pre-registration is required. Call 503-615-4676 for information or to pre-register.

50 Years Ago This Month

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"Richard Burns, general chairman, and Mrs. Burns, gave up many hours from their businesses as did many others in the community," stated Thomas.

In speaking for the chamber of commerce he also wanted to thank the many wives of members of the chamber and other interested people in the community for their donations of time and food for the smorgasbord.

The auction could not have been held if it were not for the

generous contributions of material by local and outside people. Contributions came from as far away as Forest Grove.

Profits from "Town and Country Day" will be used to publicize Vernonia and the Upper Nehalem Valley.

Thomas stated that it is impossible to write thank you letters to the many that helped and he would like each one individually to know that the chamber appreciates the job that was done.

Obituary

PHYLLIS ANNETTE BRECKENRIDGE

Phyllis Annette Breckenridge, 84, Vernonia, died March 15, 2009. A private graveside service will be held March 20 at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. A celebration of life will be held March 21, at 11:00 a.m., at Brookwood Baptist Church in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Breckenridge was born May 7, 1924, to Howard and Myra Beatrice (Varney) House. She graduated from Fresno High School

In 1948, she married Walter Breckenridge. They made their home in Los Angeles, Calif. for two years then moved to Fresno, Calif. In 1994, they moved to Hillsboro, then to Vernonia in 1995. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include two sons, Walter A. Daleene Breckenridge of Fresno, Calif. and Robert L. Breckenridge of Vernonia; a daughter, Carol Vanderhoof of Hillsboro; a step-brother, Howard House of Garden Grove, Calif.; a sister, Lorraine Hamblen of Calimesa, Calif.; two step-sisters, Jean Williams of Portland and Betty Baker of Fullerton, Calif.; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Remembrances are suggested to Brookwood Baptist Church.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives of Hillsboro is in charge of arrangements.

JOHANNA ANNA FEAZLE

Johanna Anna Feazle, 88, Hillsboro, died March 5, 2009. A funeral service was held March 10 at Fir Lawn Mortuary. Interment was at Valley Memorial Park in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Feazle was born July 30, 1920, in Alpha, North Dakota, to George and Agnes Hess. The family later moved to Helena, Montana, and then to Roy. She attended Banks High School.

In 1945, she married Thomas C.

Feazle. After his service in the U.S. Navy, they moved to Hillsboro in 1964.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include her children, Sharon and Marcia Feazle, Colleen Hughes, Joyce White, Lois Feazle and Thomas P. Feazle; a sister, Leona Smith; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Fir Lawn Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

MICHAEL LEE "MIKE" JOHNSON



Michael Lee "Mike" Johnson, 55, Vernonia, died March 7, 2009. A celebration of life was held March 14 in Vernonia. Interment will be held at a later date.

Mr. Johnson was born April 6, 1953, in Long Beach, California, to Lee and Frances (Thompson) Johnson. The family lived in several places while his father was in the U.S. Navy. He attended high school in Grants Pass, then served in the U.S. Navy.

In 1982, he married Nancy J. Hill. They made their home in Hillsboro until moving to Vernonia in 2005. He worked as a supervisor for Verboort Sausage for several years before going to work for Carnation Co. in Hillsboro. He also worked for Trus Joist in Hillsboro before becoming disabled.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Chandra Karel of Washington, Brandi Fennell and Stefanie Johnson, both of Vernonia; his mother of Beaverton; two brothers, his twin, Matt of Molalla, and Mitch of Auburn, Wash.; one sister, Melissa Glad of Salem; nine grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested as contributions through Wauna Federal Credit Union.

Tualatin Valley Funeral Alternatives in Hillsboro was in charge of arrangements.

MICHAEL W. McCANN

Michael W. McCann, 52, St. Helens, died February 25, 2009. A celebration of life was held March 5 at Grace Baptist Church.

Mr. McCann was born July 20, 1956, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Marvin and Linda (Schuh) McCann. When he was six, the family moved to Banks, then to St. Helens when he was 13. He graduated from St. Helens High School in 1974.

In 1977, he married Teresa Gunn. He worked for Boise for 20 years, and at the rock quarry as a heavy equipment operator for five years.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Jason of Portland; two daughters, Heidi Green and Jennifer McCann, both of St. Helens; his mother of Absarkee, Montana; his step-mother, Ann Walters; nine siblings, Kathy Abercrombie of Absarkee, Mont., Tammy Strader of Portland, Jack McCann, Donna Woods, and Sheryl Williams, all of St. Helens, don Melcher of Scappoose, Kevin Mc-

Cann and Rick McCann, both of Portland, and Jamie Marks of Columbia City; six grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Remembrances are suggested to National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI).

PHYLLIS SHIRLEY WOODS



Phyllis Shirley Woods, 75, Vernonia, died March 1, 2009. At her request,

no services will be held.

Ms. Woods was born December 15, 1933, in Santa Rosa, California, to Clyde and Bertha (Cox) Woods. She was raised in Santa Rosa and San Francisco. She moved to Vernonia in 1971, though her grandparents, Will and Leona Woods homesteaded 160 acres in the Pebble Creek area before moving to The Dalles in 1906. Her great-great grandfather, D. L. Babcock, is buried in Vernonia Pioneer Cemetery. She worked as the first female Recorder for the City of Vernonia, from 1974-1979, then worked for Southern Pacific Railroad until she retired.

She was preceded in death by four siblings.

Survivors include three brothers, Frank Woods of Oakland, Bobby Woods and Clyde Woods of Calif.; her "adopted" sister, Lorraine Sherman of Vernonia; nieces; nephews and other relatives.

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