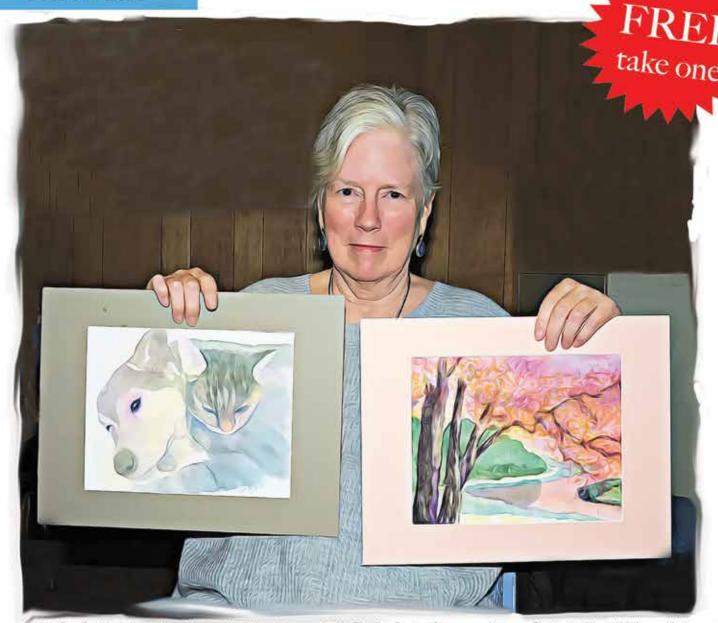
# Active Seniors

October 2022



Kat Benford has been teaching watercolor classes at the Senior Center for several years. Photo by Mary Williams Hyde

The Klamath Basin Senior Center is celebrating

## **National Arts & Humanities Month**

This month our focus is on our community and its artists.

Join us at the Senior Center for a watercolor or a writing class.

The official monthly publication of the Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center

## **ALL ARE** WELCOME.



Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center

### **ABOUT US**

The Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center provides activities and services that meet the changing needs of older adults, their caregivers, and families. The Center offers low and no-cost opportunities to promote healthy aging, independence and the well-being of older adults. We are a place to gather, to learn, to grow. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you soon.



To build and maintain a supportive community for seniors.



For more information: (541)-883-7171 klamathseniorcenter.com

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**Exercise Classes** 



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To the Center

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To Grocery Store



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**AARP** Foundation Tax Help

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**BINGO** 

Creative Writing & Art Classes

Movies

and more!

### **Directors Greeting**

### **Our Success Lies In Close Collaborations**

This month's **Active Seniors** features the activities at the senior center and the new Alley Beautification Project now showing in the alley between the 1000 block of Main Street and Klamath Ave.

We have strived to expand opportunities at the senior center for our patrons to engage in various arts. Healthy Klamath-A Blue Zones Certified Community and the Klamath Falls Downtown Association were recently awarded a 2022 AARP Community Challenge Grant for an Alley Beautification Project in downtown Klamath Falls. Both organizations understand the importance of public art in a healthy and vibrant community. This project includes commissioned art pieces scattered throughout

a downtown alley way as an attraction and vandalism deterrent. Patrons at the senior center were pleased to be invited to produce a mosaic for this project which was completed last month and now hangs in the alley with several other pieces from local artists including one from one of own employees, Anne Davenport. See project pictures and notes on page 16.

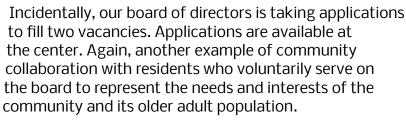
There are three arts projects currently underway at the senior center. Kat Benford featured on the front cover, has been offering on going watercolor classes. Maurine Loprete has been teaching creative writing classes for several years (note article on page 14), and now we are initiating a Memories In The Making project which applies watercolor arts in a support environment for those challenged with dementia (see article on page 5)

During the last school year two arts projects, the What I Know for Sure Project directed by Carol Imani, and a monthly class offering samples of various types of art mediums taught by Christie Righins, brought us in close collaboration with the schools. We hope to see these kind of joint projects continue this year as well. The Klamath County Cultural Coalition has funded, in part, our arts efforts and now has applications open to fund new projects. Want to collaborate with us?

All of the activities at the senior center depend on close collaborations and our venture into the arts has been no exception. In addition, everything we do relies heavily on a sound foundation of volunteers, nearly a hundred and twenty in all, producing over \$300,000 in donated services.

Another close collaboration we have involves the Klamath County Health Department. Note the announcement of page 12 for the upcoming vaccination clinic for Flu and Covid shorts. All provided without cost by our local health department. In addition Jennifer Little, the department director services on the Senior

Center Board of Directors



Well, you can see our success stems from many throughout the community coming together to bring us their time and talents. And many others provide financial support. We publish a donor's report every month for your

review. (See page 18).

arts

Marc Kane, Center Director

All are welcome here to participate, to help serve, or both.

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**AARP Magazine** 

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## National Arts & Humanities Month was established in 1993 and is celebrated every October in the United States.

It was initiated to encourage Americans to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives.

This month we would like to focus on our community and its artists. Starting with the artists at the Senior Center whose focus is on watercolor.



**Kat Benford** (right) instructs her students at the center to paint with feeling and see beyond what's hidden in the shadows. See that a mountain is not just brown or green. Feel the eagle's wings in flight. Smell the cold, windy snow and taste the warmth of the hot chocolate by the fireplace. She brings it all to life

through the brush, the canvas and the colors.



Maurine Loprete is the Writing instructor at the Senior Center. She has inspired many to put their life and imagination on paper. She is a teacher from within. Her students learn how to give their imagery life from sharing what is within their souls and minds, creating stories that bring a real life experience to the readers' mind.



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## Memories in the Making Watercolor Class Starts October 13!

By Anne Davenport, PT, DPT

"For Bill, an increasingly confusing and overwhelming world has been replaced by a blank piece of paper, a brush and a palette of watercolors. He puts his brush to the paper and creates a landscape reminiscent of a past vacation. For Molly, she found that her artistic sensibilities from her younger days are still accessible."

With Memories in the Making, the focus isn't on the paintings but what they unlock within each person with dementia. It allows participants to go beyond their diagnosis to get in touch with part of who they once were and, most important, who they still are. The main goal of Memories in the Making is to create an emotionally safe and non-judgmental environment for expressing oneself. The program does not try to teach new skills, but facilitate a fun activity that also serves as a communication tool between participants and their families and/or caregivers.

Memories in the Making helps build self-esteem and reduce isolation through the art-making process. Individuals with dementia are often able to paint memories or emotions about which they are longer able to speak or remember. Painting may convey memories that can be recognized by family. Alzheimer's disease and other dementias can bring constant reminders of failure and loss, but Memories in the Making is not about failure. It is about the creative process of making the art and expressing feelings and emotions inside each individual.

If you have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or dementia, join Anne Davenport on Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 am for a safe and nurturing watercolor class. Weekly sign up is required as there are only 8 available spots. Family, friends, or caregivers may attend as an observer or helper for the participant. Due to a generous grant from the Klamath Community Foundation designated Circle of Hearts fund, there is no cost to participants. *Photo credit: Alzheimer's Association* 

## WHAT'S NEW?

## MUFFIN MONDAYS OCTOBER SPEAKERS

10/3: Speaker pending from the Potato Festival
10/10: Brannon Kaefring - Medicare Open Enrollment (Guest Host,
Emily Feldberg - KHI's Bereavement Coordinator &
Camp Evergreen Director)
10/17: Steven Baker - First-Hand Presentation on Honor Flight



Save the Date Klamath Basin Senior Center

### Christmas Bazaar

When: Saturday, December 3rd
Time: 8:30 am - 3 pm
ONE DAY ONLY. Doors open for sellers 7am to set up tables. Tables
must be cleared by 3:30 pm. \$25 per table. Call Kathy for more info.
541-883-7171 ext. 124

## MEMORIES IN THE MAKING WATERCOLOR CLASS

Begins Monday 10/13 10 am to 11:30 am call 541-883-7171 to enroll

BOOST YOUR BRAIN AND MEMORY CLASS

Begins 10/19 call 541-883-7171 to enroll

### **SHIP TALK**

(Senior Health Insurance Program)

#### **OPEN ENROLLMENT IS ALMOST HERE!**

Mark your calendar: the dates for Open Enrollment (sometimes Mark your calendar: the dates for Open Enrollment (sometimes called Annual Enrollment) are October 15 through December 7, 2022. Open enrollment is the time to make two changes - (1) Changing your Part D drug plan and (2) Switching between an Advantage plan and original Medicare. That's basically it.

So, let's review some of the things you need to check out. Probably the most commonly changed plans are the Medicare Part D prescription drug plans. Every drug plan is different - and has a different price tag. And they all seem to change every year. And your needs may change. When you get your notice of 2023 pricing and formulary from your drug plan, be sure and check it out and make sure you want to keep it. When you make an appointment with SHIBA to check out drug plans, you'll need to bring in a complete list of the drugs and dosages you're taking. Changes made during the open enrollment period will become effective January 2023. (Please note that if you're receiving Extra Help, the Low Income Subsidy (LIS), you can change your drug plan at any time of the year.)

Another change that people can make only during open enrollment period is switching from regular Medicare to an Advantage plan or vice-versa. An Advantage plan covers the same benefits that regular Medicare offers but with a different price tags and co-pays. You can also include your prescription drug package in the Advantage plan. Conversely, if you are currently in an Advantage plan and would like to change into regular Medicare plus a supplement and a stand-alone drug plan, this is the time to do it. The change will take place January 1, 2023.

If you have original Medicare and a supplement (also called Medigap) that has raised its rates substantially or you're dissatisfied with it, and you're interested in changing into another plan, you can do this at <u>any time in the year</u>. Key thing to remember here is that Medicare supplemental plans can refuse to insure you if you have pre-existing health conditions. However, the" Birthday Rule" protects you with a <u>guaranteed issue</u> for the 30 day period after your birthday. That's when you should plan on making the change.

If you want to check prices and if you think you might need help with your Medicare options and decisions, be sure and call the Senior Center at 541-883-7171 and ask for an appointment with a certified SHIBA counselor. - Anne Hartnett, SHIBA Coordinator



Katy Scott, PharmD and Fernando Amaya, PharmD, Sky Lakes Medical Center PGY1 Pharmacy Residents providing valuable information about how medications can affect fall risk.

### 2022 Age Well Expo Recap

On Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center hosted the first annual Age Well Expo. There were over 200 participants in the event, including over 30 exhibitors, a handful of which traveled from Medford and Salem. This event was in observance of National Falls Prevention Awareness week that ran from September 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>. However, reducing ones' fall risk was only one part of this exciting event.

Attendees learned how to stay active and age well with the support of community organizations, received free functional and home environment assessments, completed Booth Bingo to win raffle prizes, and enjoyed a free lunch sponsored by the Klamath and Lake Counties Council on Aging. Before the event, participants grooved to classic rock during the Stay Active and Independent for Life exercise class and afterwards centered their minds during a Seated and Standing Qi Gong class.

"There is so much out there that I didn't know about. I am so glad I came to learn about what the community offers. The exhibitors provided excellent information and useful goodies. This was fun and enjoyable," Mona, an Expo attendee and longtime Klamath Falls resident, described. Mona went on to highlight upcoming community events she planned to attend, including Senior Center exercise classes and Doggie Swim Day at Ella Redkey Pool in October.

Kathy Crist, of Bliss Yoga & Wellness, a local yoga studio that offers classes, massage, workshops and more, was delighted to be an exhibitor this year. "The Age Well Expo was a great experience. I was able to connect with community members about wellness and the importance of balance in the prevention of falls, as well as network with other wellness providers in the community!"

We would like to thank all attendees, staff, and volunteers, as well as the exhibitors that made this year's Expo a success and look forward to 2023!

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Bliss Yoga & Wellness

Ella Redkey Municipal Pool

Foster Grandparent Program of Southern Oregon

Healthy Klamath

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Klamath Eye Center

Klamath County Library

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SHIBA Counselor

Sky Lakes Physical Therapy

Sky Lakes Occupational Therapy

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### **Expressions of Heart and Mind**

#### **RAGS AND MUFFIN**

By Sharon Hudson

Two happy cats were out

Playing together,

They were rolling in the leaves

And enjoying the weather.

Rags and Muffin lived on a

Quaint little farm.

They livened things up,

And they added some charm.

It's the middle of October, and

The season is changing.

It's getting cooler, and the

Scenery is re-arranging.

Leaves are falling from the trees,

And the wind swirls them around.

They form into little piles as

They gather on the ground.

The cats chase the leaves,

Entertaining themselves well.

Some people chuckle, and

Some people tell.

This is October, a wildly entertaining

Time for all.

People dress up in costumes, and

Get ready for fall.

The Pumpkin Patch was special,

And people came from all around.

It was a popular place, and the

Perfect one could always be found.

Rags and Muffin watch the

pumpkin Hunters from the top of

a tall tree.

Their eyes are wide open,

And they enjoy what they see.

They laid in the sun, and

They rolled in the grass.

Being noticed by customers

Who just happened to pass.

They had fresh milk in the morning,

And prowled the barn at night.

They kept down the rodents, and

Their future looks bright.

Happy Halloween to all of

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You spooks out there.

Enjoy your candy, and

Don't forget to share.

### KLAMATH SENIOR CENTER OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR OF DAILY EVENTS

### MONDAYS

- SAILing classes with Mary Noller at 9 am and 10:30 am
- MUFFIN MONDAYS 10:30 am
- COUNTY BRANCH LIBRARY 9:30 am to 1 pm
- Dementia Support Group with Kathleen Rutherford – 9:30 am to 10:30 am
   Preregistration required, Call Kathleen at 541-622-9562
- WATERCOLOR 10 am 11:30 am
- Buried In Treasure Support Group with K.
   Rutherford, KBBH 10:45 am Preregistration
   Required, Call Kathleen at 541- 622-9562
- GOLDEN AGE BINGO 12:30
- YOGA 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm with Kim Carson

### **TUESDAYS**

- SAIL Class with Anne Davenport 9:00 am
- CREATIVE WRITING CLASS call to register 541-883-7171
- WATERCOLOR 10 am 11:30 am
- Seated QiGONG with Rachel Stephens 1:30 pm
- QiGONG 2:30 pm with Rachel Stephens
- SHIBA (MEDICARE Counseling) by appointment

### WEDNESDAYS

- SAILing classes with Mary Noller at 9 am and 10:30 am
- Boost Your Brain and Memory Class 10:30 am– 12:00 pm with Kate Murphey starts on October 19, preregistration required 541-883-7171
- QiGONG 2:30 pm with Rachel Stephens
- Tai Chi 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm with Andrew Hyun

### **THURSDAYS**

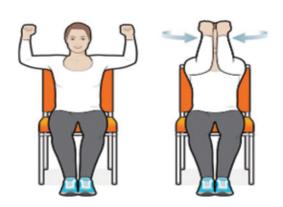
- SAIL Class with Anne Davenport at 9:00 am
- Memories in the Making Watercolor Class 10:30 –
   11:30 am, starts October 13, weekly signup required
   541-883-7171
- Golden Age Club BINGO and card games 12:30 pm
- COUNTY BRANCH LIBRARY 1:30 pm 4 pm
- · Movies on fourth Thursdays 1:30 pm
- BINGO Fundraiser open at 4:30 pm call at 6 pm
- SHIBA (MEDICARE Counseling) by appointment
- Individual Health Promotion Counseling by appointment

### **FRIDAYS**

- SAILing classes with Mary Noller at 9:00 am and 10:30 am
- Circle of Friends with K. Rutherford, KBBH 10:30 am to 12
- COUNTY BRANCH LIBRARY 9:30 am 1 pm
- · Line Dancing 7:00 pm

### SATURDAYS

- BINGO Nickel Bingo open at 10 am call at 11:30
- · BINGO Fundraiser open at 4:30 pm call at 6pm



### **OCTOBER 2022**

NOTE: Menu is subject to change, depending upon availability of supplies. Tea, Coffee, Juice and Milk are available with each meal Sugar free desserts and salad are available for diabetics.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	MEALSON	WHEELS	POLISH SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT	7 BELL PEPPER CASSEROLE
* AMERICA 2022 MEMBER			Veggie Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert
10	11	12	13	14
CLOSED FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	GOULASH W/GARLIC BREAD STICKS	MAC 'N' CHEESE WITH HAM	MEATLOAF W/MASHED POTATOES	CLAM CHOWDER
DAY	<b>Veggie</b> Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert
17		19	20	21
CHICKEN FRIED STEAK W/MASHED TATERS &	BROCCOLI CHEDDAR SOUP	BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH Hashbrowns, Biscuits &	SPLIT PEA SOUP W/HAM	MINESTRONE SOUP
GRAVY, Veggie Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert	Grawy, Scrambled Eggs Salad	Veggie Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert
24	25	26	27	28
MEXICAN LUNCH BEEF TACOS, RICE & BEANS	CHEESE RAVIOLI	BEANS & HAM CORNBREAD	SWEDISH MEATBALLS	ROAST PORK
Veggie Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert	Veggie Salad Dessert
31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4
MEATLOAF & MASHED	BREAKFAST BURRITOS	SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS	CHICKEN FRIED STEAK W/	CHICKEN STRIPS & FRENCH
POTATOES	DILEMINAST DOMINITOS	STAGILLITI & WEATBALLS	MASHED POTATOES &	FRIES
Veggie	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie	Veggie
Salad Dessert	Salad Dessert	Salad Dessert	Salad Dessert	Salad Dessert
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### **Watercolor For The Fun Of It**

Interview of Class Teacher **Kat Benson** by Stephanie Redfield

I've been painting for about twelve or thirteen years, and teaching for about ten," says Kat Benson. "The teaching part wasn't planned, I really don't have a background in it. I just had friends start requesting that I show them 'how I painted that', and I was working with a really good teacher who suggested I start teaching art myself.

"The class I teach at the Klamath Senior Center is called 'Watercolor For The Fun Of It,' and fun was the original point - but it seems to have blossomed into more than that. Some of my students have gone on to sell their paintings. Some use their work to give as gifts, gifts, or to donate - a way to contribute even though they no longer go out and earn a paycheck. Others tell me they benefit mentally and even physically from taking the class - having a creative outlet that's both active, and social.

"I do feel very strongly that active, creative social outlets are essential to our health. Both the mental, and the physical - even mainstream science is finally catching up to the fact that the two are not separate, they're very connected.

"The class is about the experience, and the benefits it brings. It's not about the product. If we get a salable product, that's icing on the cake. But the cake, is the experience. There are simply boundless benefits when people come together and create."

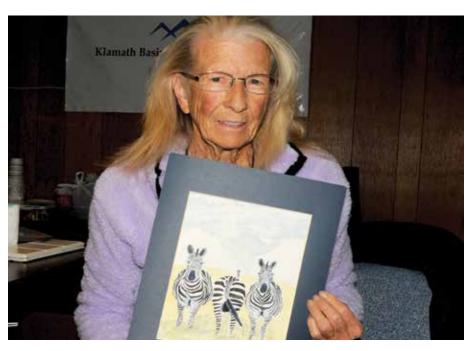
You are invited to come give watercolor art a try at the Klamath Senior Center. Classes are Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30

October 10 Closed for Indigenous People Day



### **Stephanie Redfield**

I have been taking classes for only a few weeks. I think learning to paint watercolors is keeping me off antidepressants. It is really benefiting me alot. I can take prozac or I can paint ...literally...I'm not joking!



### **Dawn Maupin**

In th 80's I took a class that took a different approach to watercolor. I have been taking classes with Kat for two years. It has been a great new learning experience. I love her lectures and the camaraderie of the class.



### **Marjorie Divine**

I had never painted before in my life. Four years ago, when they said they had watercolor classes, I said I'm going to try it.

I really enjoy being here!



### **Mary Kelly**

I have been taking classes for 10 years....I started at 70. I just absolutely love watercolors. The class has changed my life. I think of myself now as an artist. Its been a gift I never knew I had...almost a spiritual calling. I love being able to give my art to my friends.



### **Helen Cervantes**

After I retired from nursing, I had always wanted to do art, so I started classes here one year ago. I got instantly hooked! I love it!! I love it! I consider myself a beginner but I feel there is a whole new world of watercolor to learn and explore. I think everybody can be an artist, but many have not tapped into it or experienced it yet.



### **Chieko Holt**

I have been taking classes for maybe two years. I feel emotionally drawn to the subjects I paint. I really like the way Kat teaches.

## The month of October is the National Arts and Humanities Month.

Art has played such an important part in human history, so it should come as no surprise that art also plays a part when it comes to health. The World Health Organization has long studied art as a tool for communication and sharing information about health topics to people in different cultures. They currently have an arts and health initiative to explore this area even further.

Observing art in a hospital or doctor's office can benefit patients and staff. The presence in a home or office can also help boost moods. Being around art is generally a positive thing, but what about creating it yourself?

There have been many studies around how better health can be achieved through creating art. According to a study published in the American Journal of Public Health,



8 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesday, October 11



Adult flu shots COVID-19 boosters Free food boxes

## **FIGHT FLU**

Get your family vaccinated against flu this season. It's the best way to protect you and your loved ones from getting the flu.



Regular adult doses only www.cdc.gov/fightflu

"Engagement with creative activities has the potential to contribute toward reducing stress and depression and can serve as a vehicle for alleviating the burden of chronic disease."

Using your hands to create can help improve motor function and even help issues like arthritis, which is great on the physical side. On the mental side, working on drawing or painting can help take your mind off of things, which can help with stress, depression and even pain. It's a powerful tool to focus on the task at hand. Drawing and painting can also help bolster cognitive skills and critical thinking abilities, which is especially important as we age.

So in celebration of the arts and health this October, I want to share a unique challenge with you called InkTober. You can learn more about InkTober at inktober.com. The idea of InkTober is that you do an ink drawing every day of the month. There are prompts for each day:

1.	Gargoyle	12. Forget	23. Booger
2.	Scurry	13. Kind	24. Fairy
3.	Bat	14. Empty	25. Tempting
4.	Scallop	15. Armadillo	26. Ego
5.	Flame	16. Fowl	27. Snack
6.	Bouquet	17. Salty	28. Camping
7.	Trip	18. Scrape	29. Oh-oh
8.	Match	19. Ponytail	30.Gear
9.	Nest	20.Bluff	31. Farm
10.	. Crabby	21. Bad dog	
11.	Eagle	22. Heist	

It doesn't matter how good or bad you are at drawing or even whether or not you have drawn, it's never too late to start. It's more about the idea of putting pen to paper and going through this creative process and exercise.

I challenge you to participate in InkTober this year whether you're a seasoned artist, a novice or totally brand new. Try something different and see how you feel! If you're not ready to tackle a challenge like this, then please consider attending some art lessons at the Senior Center, there are watercolor classes from 10-11:30am on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Finally, please check out a brand new Alleyway Art exhibit at 1012 Main Street in downtown Klamath Falls. This exhibit contains a mosaic done by Senior Center art class members and three other original pieces including one from the Center's very own, Anne Davenport. Be sure to stop by and check it out, it just might brighten your day!

Jessie Wilkie, Blue Zone



## **Learn Strategies for Keeping Your Brain Healthy as You Age**

by Anne Davenport, PT, DPT

Research has confirmed that people of all ages - even those in their 80s - can improve cognitive function and reduce their risk of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias through certain lifestyle behaviors.

The Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center will be hosting a program called, Boost Your Brain and Memory. Boost Your Brain and Memory is a program developed by Mather Lifeways: Institute on Aging. This program uses a unique, whole-person approach to brain fitness, providing you with healthy practices that can help you remember things better, be more organized, pay closer attention, and reduce your stress - as well as reduce your risk of dementia

Boost Your Brain and Memory consists of eight, 90 minute sessions that will take place on Wednesdays from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm starting October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the downstairs conference room. The class will be taught by Kate Murphey. There are 12 spots available. This class has a \$10 fee to cover the cost of class materials and pre-registration is required. Please reach out to Anne Davenport at 541-883-7171

To learn more or to register for the workshop, please stop by the front desk or call at 541-883-7171. Please reach out to Anne Davenport at 541-883-7171 ext. 122 or <a href="mailto:stayactive@kbscc.org">stayactive@kbscc.org</a> if finances are a barrier to attendance.



Your Local Health & Medicare Agents Since 1980

Join us for an informational meeting to learn the exciting benefits coming in 2023.

**Meetings on** 

Tuesday, Oct 18th 10am

Thursday, Oct 20th 1pm

Tuesday, Oct 25th 10am

Thursday, Oct 27th 1pm

Tuesday, Nov 1st 10am

Thursday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1pm

### Call ahead as seating is limited!

We do not offer every plan available in your area. Any information we provide is limited to those plans we do offer in your area. Please contact Medicare.gov or 1-800 MEDICARE 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to get information on all of your options.

\$0 Premium \$0 Deductible \$10 PCP Includes Dental/Vision/Hearing/OTC/Fitness/Meals



AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 4509 S. 6th Street, #201 (meetings are held in suite 109) Klamath Falls, OR 97603 mickinsagency.com Please call (541) 882-6476 to make an appointment

ATRIO Health Plans has PPO and HMO D-SNP plans with a Medicare contract and a contract with Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid). Enrollment in ATRIO Health Plans depends on contract renewal. Y0084\_MKG\_NPS\_2020\_M

### **It's An Atrio Ice Cream Social**

Tuesday - October 18, 2022

Atrio Health Plans will have agents available at an information table from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm to provide information about available health insurance plans and services. Senior Center patrons are encouraged to attend.



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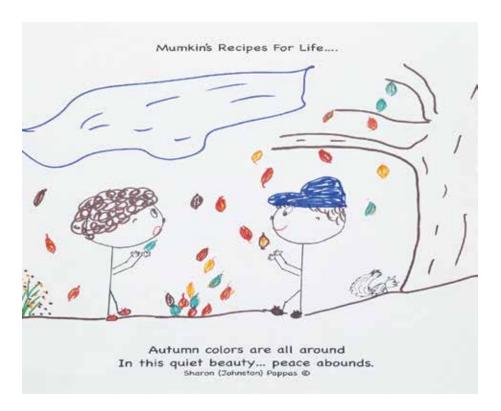
Left to right back row: Gary Harter, Tori Burciago, Stephanie Redfield, and instructor, Maurine Loprete. Front row: Roy Weissienger and Ann Woods. The class supports creative writing projects that include poetry, prose, life history books, and children's story books.

## Explore your inner muse in our Creative Writing Class Tuesday mornings 10 am. Call 541 883-7171 to register today!

It has been my pleasure to be the instructor for the senior center Creative Writing Class. Over the years I have met some prolific writers. Some of the students have been published. One gal in particular had a book signing at Barnes and Noble in Medford. Others continue to explore their heritage and documenting their family history in the hopes of getting their life stories on paper for their families. Some are just getting their writing wings together and document day to day activities or follow the assignments for each class. It's a fun class. Everyone comes each week excited to hear what each has written and to give critique in a very positive manner. One student is in the process of writing a children's book. They all had to take that initial step forward and sign up for the Creative Writing Class. I hope you do too!

### Maurine Loprete

Art is genuinely a gift to the world. It's what we crave in the human experience. Art gives meaning to our lives and helps us understand our world. It is an essential part of our culture because it allows us to have a deeper understanding of our emotions; it increases our self-awareness, and also allows us to be open to new ideas and experiences. Art therefore continues to open our minds and our hearts and shows us what could be possible in our world. –samanthakaplanart.com



### A Glimpse of Fall

Rooftops glisten and sparkle As the sun begins to rise Like diamonds in the light Of a young bride's eyes The colors awaken... Yellow, red and brown As the wind guides the leaves Gently to the ground Your breath lingers In a puff of white Then suddenly the miniature cloud Disappears from sight You hear the silence Early in the 'morn' As another beautiful Fall day is born. Sharon (Johnston) Pappas ©



Art helps you process your emotions and understand your surroundings. It allows you to see life from a different perspective and it makes you feel alive. Art has always been an important part of human society since the beginning of time. Art has been used as a tool for cultural exchange, education, and expression.

### Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Are you or a loved one diagnosed with Parkinson's disease? You are not alone!

Join us for a monthly support group to learn, share, and connect. This group is free and confidential.

Contact Ron or Kate to find out more. Ron: 541.591.0686 Kate: meyemurp@hotmail.com, 541.810.2134

If you are looking for more resources, contact Parkinson's Resources at 800-426-6806

#### Klamath Falls Parkinson's Support Group

3rd Tuesday of the month
1:00 pm meeting
12:00 pm lunch
Red Rooster
Grill and Pub
3608 S 6th St
(across from the Fairgrounds)
Contact Ron or Kate before your first meeting.



The art project committee of the Alley Beautification Project invited all seniors to participate in the creation of one of the first art pieces to be installed in the 1000 block of Main St. This involved the creation of mosaic pieces produced by seniors at the senior center that were then assembled to create an interesting art piece that is now on display for this semi-



permanent art installation. The mosaic portrays Mt. McLaughlin and its reflection in Klamath Lake.

Hanging a piece titled CONCERNING THE SPIRITUAL by Anne Davenport, inspired by the art of Wassily Kandinsky.



## THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS AT THE SENIOR CENTER 541-833-7171

- THURSDAY BINGO Fundraiser open at 4:30 pm call at 6 pm.
- SATURDAY BINGO Nickel Bingo open at 10 am call at 11:30
- SATURDAY BINGO Fundraiser open at 4:30 pm call at 6pm

### **NEW SENIOR ART NOW ON DISPLAY DOWNTOWN**



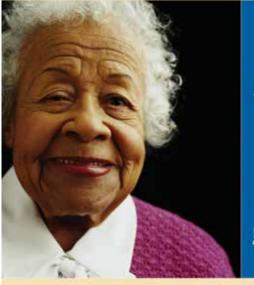
Mike McVay and Brycen Loder installing the Art Mosaic produced by patrons at the senior center for the Alley Beautification Project.



Marjorie Divine and other artists from the Klamath Basin Senior Center participated in producing this mosaic for the project.

### **OLDER ADULT PROGRAM**

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**Ghost of a Dog** 

By Gary Hartter

"It's true – when I come to you in your dreams, I'm really there. When you see me out of the corner of your eye, I'm really there. When you "sense" me around the place, I'm really there. I haven't left you, not really. My spirit is everywhere, – Unknown

There is a collection of songs by Edie Brickell and the New Bohemians that has cover art of a white sheet hanging on a clothesline next to a dilapidated dog house. The collection is titled "Ghost of a Dog."

This story is about a ghost of a dog, a schipperke dog that was part of my family for about thirteen years. Her name was Nickie, Nicoal really, because she was black as coal from the coal bin in my childhood home on Lusher Avenue. My ex, "The Cheetah", and I adopted Nickie and then later, her half-brother, Tristan. Nickie was to be Cheetah's dog and Tristan was to be mine. What ended up happening was, Tristan became Nickie's dog, while Cheetah and Nickie were inseparable.

Tristan was suffering with severe diabetes and I decided to put him down before we moved to Oregon. His ashes now reside in the woods around my Oregon home. Nickie made the trip with us and it didn't take long for her and Cheetah to fall into an every morning routine of walking through the pines down our 1/10 of a mile long driveway and back. Cheetah called it their "walkabout."

Nickie died on Super bowl Sunday, 2013. She was snuggled between us on the couch as we watched TV. She had been (continued on page 19)

## I have been at Crystal Terrace for seven years. It is wonderful! I've never regretted it one minute.

Pat Mulvey

When we first moved here, my husband and I were in a cottage. Then, he had prostate problems and blood clots. He wound up in the hospital, then Plum Ridge. When it was time for him to be released from Plum Ridge, we moved to assisted living from our cottage... his care was more than I could handle myself. He got wonderful help until he passed away. I could have moved back to independant care but I didn't because I loved my comfortable apartment in assisted living and didn't want to face another move... too many moves already. I knew I would have to move back to assisted living anyway.

To me, Crystal Terrace is home. The staff is friendly and caring! It's just like a great big family. I recommend it to everyone. There are all kinds of activities here every day... 2-3 special things, but I don't participate because I'm a little different ...I.still drive. I have three sons and go out and visit a lot with my family or they come in and see me. Here, I enjoy TV, puzzles and my friends. I drove a school bus for 30 years and remember thinking I would enjoy sitting and doing nothing, and I do!

They took wonderful care of us during the pandemic days. Very few residents got it. When the pandemic was first blowing up, they brought us our food everyday.....l felt very safe.

I like the food. They have specials for us each day, but if you don't care for it or can't eat it, you can choose from a menu.

Pat's words of wisdom, "Dont wait until you HAVE to be moved. Do it while you can still decide for yourself and participate in the moving process. Dont wait until something bad has happened, and you can't move yourself."

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### DONOR REPORT

### Klamath Defenders Pledges \$30,000 to Senior Center Submitted By Marc Kane

Recently the Klamath Defenders, a non profit organization of local attorneys, closed and dissolved their corporation. Remaining assets were substantial and have been distributed to several local charitable purposes. The senior center is pleased to announce a pledge from their dissolution fund in the amount of \$30,000.

The senior center is currently engaged in a campaign to raise \$120,000 in general operating funds, and an additional campaign to raise general operating dollars we continue to appeal for funds for a capital improvement program valued at more than \$738,000. The capital campaign has more than \$250,000 yet to raise. New grantors and contributors continue to be sought. Projects include a generator for the building, a lift to the second floor, bathroom remodels, new tables and chairs, new entrance doors, a new seven passenger van with lift, and a general makeover of the building appearance. All our gifts are valued the same no matter how large or how small. They all add up to making our community a better place and to our ability to honor our senior residents.

August donations of \$ 12,106 were received from the following organizations and individuals:

Ernie Palmer Klamath County, Oregon Howard McGee Valerie Howard Burl Parrish Woodworkers Local Lodge W12 Rose Chapman Community Foundation Connie Lemieux Dorothy Winters Chervl Gibbs Marilyn Howell Wilma Petrik Marta Stephens Patricia Henderson Geraldine Schindler Elizabeth Western Refuge City Church Donna Maloney Jon Schnebly Charlotte Moseley Mildred Miller Golden Age

Unidentified contributions in August for Meals, Transportation and Other Services amounted to \$ 3,358.00

The Senior Center would like to especially recognize the following individuals for their regular and/or recurring gifts during 2021 amounting to at least \$600 for the year. They were the following:

First Presbyterian Church Patricia Henderson Dorothy Winters Donna Maloney Refuge City Church Ernie Palmer Cheryl Gibbs (1) Marta Stephens Jon Schnebly Albert & Delores Errecart Howard McGee Wilma Petrik Burl Parrish Mildred Miller Geraldine Schindler Mary Reta Rose Chapman Joe Primm.

The Center continues to encourage you to be a recurring giver. These types of gifts are so important to the Center because they add stability to our funding. They also send a clear message to everyone that you have trust in the Center, its future and its importance to our senior neighbors. You can become an on-going or recurrent giver by authorizing the Center to charge to your card periodically, such as monthly. You can also contribute by mail, personal visit or with a single telephone call to the Center. There is a giving form on page 3 of this publication.

The IRS has determined that we are a tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. Our Federal Tax ID # is 46-0716639.

**(Ghost** continued from page 17) deathly sick the whole day and I was checking on her routinely. The last time I checked her, she was unresponsive, her eyes were glazed over and her tongue, now the color blue, was hanging out of her mouth. I told Cheetah that I thought she was gone. Cheetah scooped up Nickie in her arms, hugged her as close as possible and sobbed into her fur. We wrapped Nickie in a blanket, put her in a cardboard box and interned her in the pump house in the winter cold. We planned to have her cremated later.

The next morning, I found Cheetah, bundled up on the deck, slowly sipping coffee and looking out at the valley below. I sat down beside her and asked, "How are you doing?" "I saw Nickie this morning," Cheetah responded. "She was sitting on my chest when I woke up. She was all young again. The white fur on her muzzle was gone and her coat shown like onyx or a black diamond. She could talk and she said, 'Momma, it's dark.' I told her, 'You need to go find Tristan.' But Nickie said, 'No, we need to go for a walkabout.' So, I got up and took her for our normal walk and about halfway through it, she disappeared. Somewhere, during that dark morning walk, as the sun was rising, Nickie found Tristan."

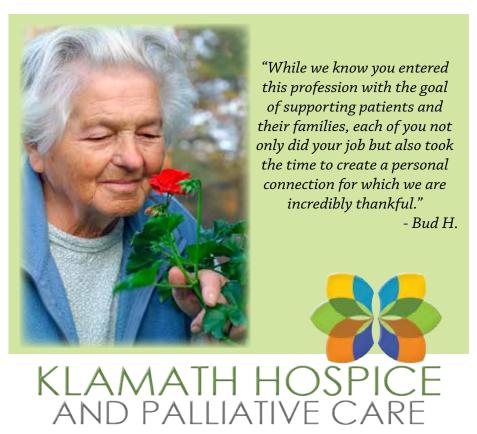
Many people have stories of seeing and/or sensing ghosts. I was once walking on Main Street in downtown Elkhart, when I glanced across the street and saw my deceased father in the crowd. A double take made me realize it was just my own reflection in a storefront window. But maybe, in the split second when I first saw him, it really was my father.

We always have a choice to believe or not. We can debunk these stories, saying that the sighting was only a sheet on a clothesline blowing in the wind, a reflection in a window. Perhaps, in an X-Files sort of way, it is more safe and sane to play pragmatic Scully to someone's spooky Mulder, who wants to believe, who does believe.

In my mind, it just doesn't matter. To me, all the stories seem natural, much like being surprised by a fleeting rainbow in a sunny blue sky. Because, there are times when I do sense Nickie and Tristan about the house (as I will my three girls when they have passed.) I do see glimpses of them out of the corner of my eye. I do dream of them. It's not always, their spirits are everywhere. But it's the best times, when they are especially with me.

Dedicated to all dogs, here and gone and to the people who love them.





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### **Enjoy these arts events in Klamath Falls!**

### The Favell Museum Art Show and

**Sale**September 24th through November 5th, 2022. Tuesday through Saturday from 10AM to 5PM, Closed Sunday and Monday. Adults \$10. Seniors, veterans \$9. The Favell Museum Art Show and Sale is an annual exhibition featuring original, contemporary, representational art by 30 artists from across the West. Landscape, plein-air, western, figure, still life, and more in a variety of mediums including oil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, and bronze sculpture will be included in the show.

### Mania! A Beatles Tribute Concert 10/16 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

The Beatles band Mania! is preparing to hit the Ross Ragland Theatre like the Beatles hit the Ed Sullivan Show in 1964! The original band was formed in 2004 and was named Because. Since then the band

has been playing to packed theatres and screaming crowds.

### "Anything's Possible!" by Artists Greg Beckman and Debbie Beckman at the Klamath Art Association

10/2 - 10/30 Joint photographic excursions to local wildlife refuges and places of beauty give inspiration to both of these artists. Visit the Gallery Thursdays through Sundays, noon to 4 pm. The gallery is closed the last week of the month (Monday-Saturday) for exhibit changes. Free to the public.

### Pipes, Pops & Classics Noon Concert Series

10/20 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Every Third Thursday of the month fromnow through December 15th join us for a free concert downtown Klamath Falls at the First Presbyterian Church, 601 Pine Street. The music is excellent. You won't believe it's a free concert. And if you are working downtown, why not enjoy your lunch while listening to excellent music!

### Retro Room Records presents Ragland Comedy Night ft. Victoria Jackson

10/21 7:30 PM - 10:30 PM Victoria Jackson is an American actress, comedian, and singer who was a cast member of the NBC television sketch comedy series Saturday Night Live (SNL) from 1986 to 1992. Tickets: Adults \$35 Upper Section, \$45 Lower Section, \$75

### **ARTrageous** 11/2 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

ARTrageous, an American touring performance art company that began doing street theater in the 80's before growing into an internationally renowned touring band, as well as performance painters in1998. In 2014 they combined their diverse artistic backgrounds into one show called ARTrageous.

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### **LAKEVIEW SENIOR CENTER**



### **OCTOBER 2022 Events**

We will be having a special Hauntingly delicious lunch on Halloween, October 31st. A special treat for those who come with a tricky disguise.

ALL rides require reservations.

We request a 24 hour notice for transportation to ride the LUNCH BUS to the center for meals on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays @ 12:00. 541-947-4966-X106.

Home delivered meals are provided weekly. Congregate Meals are being served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the dining room @ 12:00 - 1:00.

Lakeview Local operates 8-5 on Thursdays of the month. The service is FREE, so call to schedule a ride. We require 24 hours advance notice.

First & third Tuesday, Klamath Falls Trips for Medical Appointments between 10:00 & 1:00.

Second Tuesday Klamath Falls Shopping Trip.

Free weekly shopping trips from Christmas Valley to La Pine on Wednesdays. Will Meet At The C.V. Community Center.

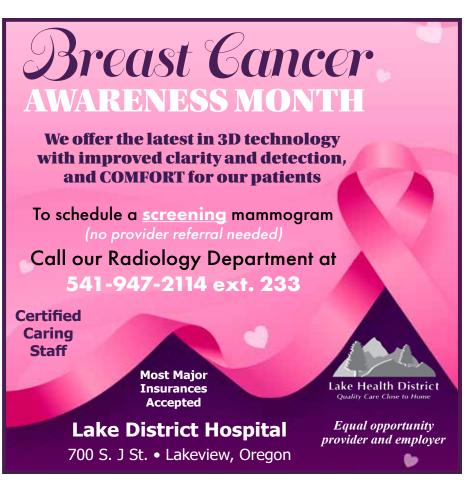
Tuesdays & Thursdays stop in for a puzzle swap. (Bring some to trade/share and take something new for you!)

Outback Thrift Shop days are on Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00 - 2:00 so our shoppers can join us for lunch. Donations accepted during store hours.

Watch for updates to our basement space & new classes to follow.

Happiness seems made to be shared.







### Get Comfortable Talking to Your Doctor

Doctors want their patients to feel safe, healthy and comfortable, especially seniors. As you get older and mature in age, new health challenges may arise. It's crucial to have regular conversations about your health and well-being. Your doctor is there to guide you and help you get the answers and care you need, so don't

be afraid to speak up.





Doctor visits can feel overwhelming, so think about the questions you want to ask your doctor before you arrive at your appointment.

Everything you share with your doctor remains confidential. They have your best interests in mind. Ask your doctor about everything from nutrition to depression by asking the right questions. If you have any new aches, pains, or unexplained physical changes, go to your next appointment prepared to share your concerns. This not only helps you get answers but also helps you not feel overwhelmed. Remember that your doctor is there for you and wants to help you live a healthy and active life!

October, 2022



### You Are Now Entering the Twilight Zone

By Gary Hartter

"Cause the moon shines bright and everything's alright, when the Wolfman, he creeps into town."
Todd Rundgren - Wolfman Jack

Picture a place, if you will - Central Park on Halloween Night.

Zoom in - An oak tree in the park, next to a hiking trail. Dead leaves rustle in the breeze.

Zoom in - My shadowy figure hides in the creaky old branches. My glowing yellow werewolf eyes are watching. The full moon illuminates the trail, but I don't need the light. I see exceptionally well in the dark. My furry ears can hear acutely too.

I hear the sound of footsteps coming down the trail. Maybe my next victims'? Perhaps a defenseless drunk or a vulnerable homeless person. This part of the trail is overgrown, providing lots of places to hide in wait for an ambush. Tsk, tsk, the Parks Department isn't doing their job. All the better for me.

The footsteps are closer, closer. My muscles prepare to pounce!

Ruh Roh, it's three of New York's finest, accompanied by Dr. Van Helsing. I can smell the silver bullets they carry in their guns. I check my watch. Time to go!





## **Savory Herb and Cheese Bread**

Yuummmm!

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 2 (16-ounce) cans of jumbo refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
- Herbs and cheeses: chopped parsley, chopped dill, chopped almonds, grated Parmesan, and shredded Cheddar

### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Heat oven to 350°F. Generously grease a 9- to 10inch Bundt pan with butter or spray with nonstick cooking spray
- 2. Stir garlic salt into melted butter. Cut each biscuit in half and roll into a ball. Dip each biscuit ball in butter, then roll in desired coating. Arrange biscuits in pan.
- 3. Bake 30 to 35 minutes until biscuits are done and surface is golden brown.
- 4. Cool in pan 5 minutes. Run a thin, soft rubber spatula around the edge and down the sides of the pan to loosen cheese. Invert onto plate.

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