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

# **JANUARY 2024**

"A new year ... a fresh, clean start! It's like having a big white sheet of paper to draw on! A day full of possibilities! It's a magical world, Hobbes, ol' buddy ... let's go exploring!" — Bill Watterson, Cartoonist, Author of 'Calvin & Hobbes'

# ALL ARE WELCOME.

## 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.

## **OUR MISSION**

To build and maintain a supportive community for seniors.

• For more information: 541-883-7171 klamathseniorcenter.com

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Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center



WE ARE LOCATED AT: 2045 Arthur Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603 \*See map below Mailing Address: PO Box JE, Klamath Falls, OR 97602

## OUR SERVICES



Congregate Meals

Meals on Wheels



Durable Medical Equipment Loans

Exercise Classes



To the Center

**To Medical Appointments** 

To Employment

To Grocery Store



Creative Writing & Art Classes

Movies



and more!

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## **Director's Greeting**

As we step into 2024, we stand on the brink of new beginnings and transitions. January ushers in a sense of renewal and the promise of unfolding opportunities, a spirit we warmly embrace at the Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center. To our patrons, volunteers, and community partners, we extend a heartfelt welcome, grateful for your contributions to the KBSCC milieu. We eagerly anticipate continuing to forge lasting connections with all members of our community, both new and longstanding.

At the core of our community lie the bonds we form, encouraging everyone to engage in the diverse array of activities and events planned for the upcoming months. Recognizing the natural ebb and flow of life, we understand that transitions are intrinsic to the human experience. While change may present challenges, it also opens doors to growth and discovery.

In the coming year, physical changes to the building and its interior layout are planned to

Matthew Pich-Maxon optimize our space for the benefit of all. Your patience and understanding are appreciated as we make these adjustments, including a significant construction project in 2024 to improve building access. Another notable change is the introduction of the KBSCC Member's Council, providing patrons a platform to regularly share their ideas and experiences. Details will follow, and those interested in participating are encouraged to connect with me.

January is globally recognized as International Quality of Life Month—a time for reflection on factors contributing to a fulfilling life. At KBSCC, we are dedicated to promoting the well-being of

## Come one, come all to our public reading of "Life's Journey of Remembrance"

This session of the Klamath Basin Senior Center Creative Writing Class has been exciting and interesting! The group has worked diligently and this is the result of their hard work.



**2045 Arthur Street Call with questions** 541-883-7171

our members, fostering an environment that enriches their overall quality of life. Our calendar this month offers activities promoting physical health, mental well-being, and social connectedness, ranging from fitness classes and social gatherings to art courses and bingo.

Your participation in these activities is sincerely appreciated. In celebration of International Quality of Life Month, we encourage

> everyone to reflect on what contributes to their own well-being and happiness. Share your stories, insights, and experiences to foster a supportive community where each individual's journey is valued. For more information on how to become more involved in all that KBSCC has to offer, please, take some time to read about What's New, the many articles in this edition, and as always, our Calendar of Daily Events.

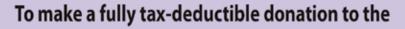
As we embark on this New Year, we anticipate positive changes and growth at KBSCC-a community where beginnings are celebrated, transitions are navigated with grace, and the quality of life is continually enriched.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community.

Together, let's make 2024 a year of embracing new opportunities, fostering positive transitions, and celebrating the richness of life.

#### Wishing you all a joyous and fulfilling New Year!!

Sincerely, Matthew Pich-Maxon Director, Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center





### Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center

Call 541-883-7171 In person at 2045 Arthur St, Klamath Falls, OR Online at klamathseniorcenter.com

Or mail this form to: Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center P.O. Box JE Klamath Falls, OR 97602

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## **Volunteer Spotlight**

Name: Cheryl Gibbs (pictured on right) & Kristi (on left)

**Position / Duties at the Center:** Cheryl is a Meals on Wheels Driver and Kristi is her helper / runner.

How long have you been a volunteer at the Senior Center? Cheryl has been volunteering for 11 years. Kristi is pictured here on her first day in December 2023!

Why do you volunteer? I want to help others and care for others while I am still able.

**What's your favorite thing about volunteering?** Volunteering at the Senior Center gives me direction, humility, & joy!



## Volunteer to be a Meals On Wheels Driver

Image by pikisuperstar on Freepik

Our community relies on compassionate volunteers for Meals on Wheels, delivering essential nourishment and human connection to those in need. Joining as a volunteer driver means more than delivering meals; it's about offering companionship and care to our elderly and homebound neighbors. Your commitment for just a few hours a week can brighten someone's day and make a significant impact. Step up, become a Meals on Wheels driver, and be the lifeline that our community members depend on.

## *Please call 541-883-7171, email Erica Dow at volunteercoord@kbscc.org or stop by the front desk for an application today!*

Did you know that the Senior Center can provide transportation to your pharmacy of choice for a vaccination? Call 541-850-7315 today and set up a ride!



#### **New Weekly Class Offerings!** Art Workshop, Game Day, Qi Gong Meet Up Walk Your Way to Wellness with Chris McPherson See page 18 for more details

Special Learn'n'Lunch Topic on Tues, Jan 9, 10:30 – 11:30 am See page 18 for more details

> Senior Center closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr Day on Mon, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>

Story & Poetry Reading Tues, Jan 16, see page 3

Phone Photo Editing Workshop with Gregg Waterman Tues, Jan 23 from 10:30 – 11:30 am, see page 11

> SAVE THE DATE! A Special Valentine's Family Day Bingo, Sunday, February 11!



SATURDAY BINGO Nickel Bingo open at 10 am call at 11:30 am

## SATURDAY BINGO Fundraiser open at 4:30 pm call at 6 pm

# Retire Resolutions and Set New Year's Intentions Instead

By Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center Staff

January is International Quality of Life Month. "Quality of Life" is feeling that we are living at the highest possible physical, mental, emotional, and social level as we age.

This first month of the year symbolizes a new beginning and is a great time to reflect on the quality of our lives and its purpose.

The concept of enhancing one's quality of life has existed for decades. However, the perception of "quality of life" differs from person to person and from region to region. In terms of clinical practice and research, "quality of life" revolves around being provided optimum health care. It is due to this concept that medical fields have begun to focus on not just the QUANTITY of one's life, but also the QUALITY. So essentially addressing not only how long we live, but how well we live.

#### How to Celebrate Quality of Life Month with Intentions

#### **Review Your Current Quality of Life**

While evaluating our quality of life, we may think about our relationships, community, work, school, finances, health, fitness, spirituality or other segments of our lives. For example, as we age relationships may disappear or weaken due to changing lifestyles. It is essential, especially during these times, to have social interaction. A circle of healthy and strong relationships has been shown to reduce stress, improve healing, offer a heightened sense of purpose and extend one's lifespan. Take time to reflect on who is important in your life and set intentions to preserve those relationships. An intention is a guiding principle that you want to live by, a broader idea that directs your energy into the journey as opposed to an inflexible goal (resolution). A resolution is something you either achieve or you don't. An intention is a framework, a mental state that commits to an action, but allows for flexibility in the path taken.

#### Improve Your Quality of Life

After a reflection on the various aspects of our lives, address the areas that require intention and strengthening. Change the conversation from an end point (resolution) to a journey (intention) and then choose actions that align with the intention. For example, if your intention is to "Spark Joy," depending on what area of your life would like to address, this could include a daily walk, reading a few pages of a book every day, or joining friends for coffee on a Saturday.

#### **Help Others**

Commit to including your family and friends in on the intentions you have set and supporting them in their journey. Life is a journey, filled with changes, challenges, and incredible moments. Offer guidance and compassion. Create awareness about the importance of quality of life.

At the Senior Center, we are committed to you. To enriching your quality of life and supporting your independence and vitality. Please check out What's New and the Calendar of Events for opportunities to connect. Please call 541-883-7171 if you have any questions.





A large group of Hooded Mergansers are spending their winter in the Moore Park/ Putnam's Point area this year. These cute little fish -eating, diving ducks are in full mating display mode. The males swim around throwing their heads back trying to make a favorable impression...and generally the females ignore them. - Mary Williams Hyde

#### "Klamath Basin Genealogical Society

will be offering help in Ohio and Indiana research. Class is Thursday January 11th from 6-8 p.m. at the Klamath County Library meeting room. The class will be led by Karen Kunz. She has several years of experience in Genealogical research. She has recently retired from the O.I.T. Library. Our DNA Group meets January 3rd at the Klamath County Library meeting room from 1-3pm. The class is led by Richard Oelkers and is a round table type discussion group. Hope to see you soon."

#### 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.



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

## **My Cup**

#### by Sybil Fulk

I never thought it would mean so much To hold a cup that you once touched One you had chosen just for me With careful thought, so lovingly

I did not put much thought in to The meaning of this gift from you It seemed a small but thoughtful thing But now this gift means everything

I place my lips upon it's rim And think of memories now dim Of moments that we'd often share While you sat in your favorite chair

I hold the cup close to my chest The warmth of it can brind me rest Knowing now your loving plan To give a gift I'd understand

It's funny how something so small Can be a comfort when I fall Can wrap around my weary mind And with it's warmth, help me unwind

The mighty winds can blow apart My tattered soul and broken heart But I sit down and drink my tea And hold the cup you gave to me

It offers not a hand to hold Nor is it made of gleeming gold But when I'm close to giving up I think of you, and hold my cup



Medium Acrylic, Circa 2005. By Dot Diedrich

## **New Year's Resolution**

By Debbie Plummer

Put down the sword, and pull out the pen. Look not at the "didn'ts", but look toward the "when". Don't hold the clipboard, instead, grab a towel Use your words wisely, eliminate "foul".

Seek others first, and the "you" falls in place Think more on clean body, and less on your face. Every morn get up and get on your way But first, thank the Lord, that He gave you this day.

Try to right wrongs, and make God your true light. Then the upcoming year will shine ever so bright!

## **Sharon Hudson**

#### By Jeremy Hudson

Our lives are the total of the things we live, Plus the things that we learn minus the things that we give. From my Mom, I have learned to live positive with hope That goodness exists if you see good in your scope.

Always to look at the bright side of life, And the brightness will shine with the brightest of light. From it I will spread good to all that I meet, Except those creeps out in traffic, "Outta my way!" Beep Beep!

She lives her life for good and from it goodness has come For the goodness now lives in her granddaughters and son. REACH is seeking an Art Teacher to offer a painting class a few times a week. Extensive knowledge of art skills not required, but a passion for teaching people who experience disabilities is a must. Please contact

REACH

**Executive Director**,

Jessie Oates,

for more information at 541-887-8660, Email: joates@reachkfalls.com

Do you have a short creative writing piece or artwork you would like to submit and share? Please contact stayactive@kbscc.org or 541-883-7171 ext 122.



## **Deepen Connections in the New Year**

By Jennifer Patterson, KBSCC Board Member and Patron

Right before Christmas, my friend Pat and I got together to make lefse. I had been making lefse for my family and friends for over thirty years. Lefse is a traditional soft, thin potato-dough Norwegian flatbread. Pat had eaten lefse and it was a part of her family culture but she'd never made it. In December, before Christmas, I taught Pat how to make it. Pat and I are friends because of the Senior Center. We see each other and socialize multiple times per week when we attend activities there. We met a year or so ago and have become friends. We are also neighbors.

One fall day when I was at the senior center for exercise class, I shared with my friends that I was getting ready to start my yearly lefse making marathon. I make lefse for my family like my grandmother did when I was a child. Turns out Pat's grandmother made lefse for their family as well. Pat and I shared memories about our lefse experiences. My grandmother sent our lefse in the mail, in a repurposed card box from Newberrys or Woolworths. The lefse inside was folded into quarters and wrapped in waxed paper. The box was tied with crochet thread, then sent to us in the mail. I was the coolest kid in school when I brought lefse in my lunch. My mom used to joke that lefse couldn't possibly taste right unless it was sent in a Woolworth's card box, tied with crochet thread through the mail.

When I was asked if I'd teach Pat how to make lefse, I was doubtful about how to go about it because lefse is a bit art and a bit science. My parents had gathered recipes from relatives, years ago, while in Minnesota on vacation. These recipes I'd learned from called for a little bit of this and a handful of that. My nephew, who is a chef in Portland, showed an interest several years ago in learning the art of lefse so I gifted him all my recipe cards. He experimented and converted them to one recipe. Having this recipe helped me decide that I could use it to teach Pat.

We gathered at my house on a Sunday morning and proceeded to make lefse. Pat has many kitchen skills and is a gifted cook in her own right so she took to the tools and the recipe with no difficulty. After the first few were baked on the lefse grill, Pat said she was ready to do it herself. I watched and made suggestions. She finished the rest of the lefse and took it home. Pat has since made lefse in her own home and been successful! 2024 is a great time to deepen a relationship with a casual friend. It's an opportunity to share skills and memories. I am also a sourdough baker and will teach another friend to become a sourdough baker in 2024. Teaching someone a new skill is a great way to share of yourself and improve relationships with others.





Story & Poetry Reading Tues, Jan 16, see page 3



Card Making Workshop with the Girl Scouts Service Unit 65. We made over 130 cards for our annual Christmas Baskets! Thank you for your time and talent!



## Valentine's Card Making Class

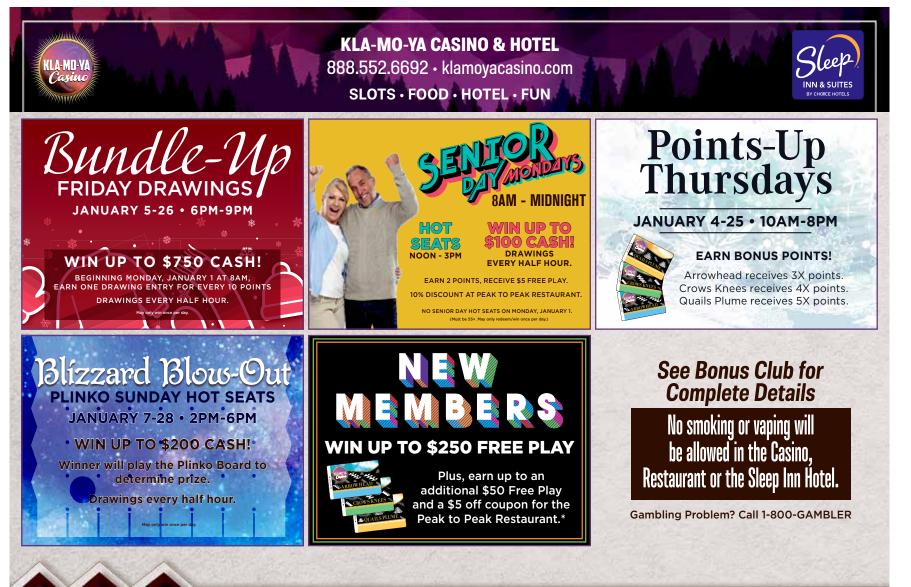
We are grateful to Ruth Wilhite, a Gift Shop and Lunch Check in Desk volunteer at the Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center, for offering her time and talent for such a fun event and we are looking forward to her offering her expertise in creating Valentine's Day Cards this month!

When Ruth is not at the Senior Center volunteering, she is at home making her own greeting cards for all occasions – Birthday, Wedding, Sympathy, Christmas, Thanksgiving, just to name a few.



Join Ruth on Thursday, January 11th and 25th in the lunchroom from 9 - 11:00a, and "let's make cards!"

Please stop by the Front Desk or call 541-883-7171 to sign up! You can expect to make 2 cards per session. A donation of \$3/card is suggested.



# **BURIED IN** TREASURES

Self-Help and Empowerment for Finders and Keepers

#### ABOUT

For some, managing possessions can be extremely difficult. If resisting the urge to acquire more while finding your home cluttered and full is a challenge, you might be suffering from a condition known as hoarding disorder.

This class will help you dig your way out of the clutter and chaos. Join us for a program that includes skill-building, learning to think about possessions in a different way, and gradual challenges to help you manage the clutter. Families and friends of people who hoard will also find useful information as they struggle to understand and help. This class offers easy-tounderstand strategies and techniques.

WEDNESDAYS, STARTING JANUARY 10, 2024 DAY: 1 PM - 3 PM EVENING: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

#### 16 WEEK CLASS

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#### CAPACITY: 8

#### FACILITATOR(S)

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Patty Card, QMHA, PSS Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist Register via email: pcard@kbbh.org

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Virtual - Register Online https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/9hm6mp3





Dr. Holly Montjoy Klamath Hospice &

For more information: 541-882-2902 **Care Partners** ONHA



Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** February 9, 2024

Night to Shine requires the help of volunteers to make the event happen. It is a wonderful way to connect with and serve your community of people with special needs! healthyklamath.com/NightToShine

Email: jessica.kostick@healthyklamath.org or visit bit.ly/NightToShineKFalls to sign up!



**Medicare Basics** Workshops

with Brannon Kaefring

- What is Medicare?
- When can I enroll?
- What are my coverage options?
- 4 Stages of Rx Coverage
- Medicare's "Extra Help" Program
- Where to get more help Learn about ATRIO's 2024
- Medicare Advantage Plans **January Workshop** January 17 / 10 AM to 11 AM



4509 So. 6th Street, Suite 109

541-882-6476 One-on-One appointments also available



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Thank you to the Girl Scouts Service Unit 65 for making the beautiful Christmas Dinner for Lunch Centerpieces!

ACTIVE SENIORS - HERALD AND NEWS

#### **Carrot Soup Recipe with Ginger**

Prep Time: 10minutes mins Cook Time: 46minutes mins Serves 3 to 4

This easy 7-ingredient carrot ginger soup is great for warming up on cold nights. Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 3 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 pound carrots, roughly chopped
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 3 cups vegetable broth freshly ground black pepper

1 teaspoon maple syrup, optional coconut milk for garnish, optional Instructions

Heat the oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onions, salt and pepper and cook until softened, stirring occasionally, about 8 minutes. Add the smashed garlic cloves (they'll get blended later) and carrots to the pot and cook 8 minutes more, stirring occasionally.

Stir in the ginger, apple cider vinegar, and broth. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 30 minutes.

Let cool slightly and transfer to a blender. Blend until smooth. If your soup is too thick, add a little water. If you would like your soup a little sweeter, add the maple syrup. Serve with a drizzle of coconut milk, if desired.

Linda Woodard Yates has roots in the Klamath Basin that go back to the early 1920's. Her dad was a rancher who summered cattle in the Sprague River area and trailed them back to home in the Lost River area seasonally. He also founded the Junior Rodeo held here for years. She moved into Pelican Pointe last February and loves it here!!!



"I feel so safe," she says. "The other residents and staff are so pleasant and helpful. I eat three meals a day in the dining room.

They keep track of my prescriptions, clean my studio apartment, and help me do laundry. I also love all the activities...there is no need to bored. Their bus takes us to doctors appointments, shopping, and even to a friends house ...free! Linda Woodard Yates Tours daily even walk-ins welcome!





Look no further than Pelican Pointe... call me for a tour TODAY!

Amber Anderson

615 Washburn Way, Klamath Falls, OR 97603 541-882-8900, Amber's cell: 541-205-2018

## Join the Winter Networking Luncheon to Help Improve Latino Health

By Katherine Duarte, Healthy Klamath Network's Hispanic Health Committee

The Hispanic Health Committee cordially invites community members to join our Winter Networking Luncheon on Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Klamath Community College's (KCC) Building 7.

Admission is free and open to anyone interested in creating better



## Improve Your Cell Phone Photographs!

Many of the best photos you see on social media, at web sites, or in magazines have been "tweaked" some, to bring out the best in the subject. In this class you will learn how to edit your phone photos in ways that make them more visually compelling. No experience is necessary – just a cell phone with a touch screen and a camera. You will be surprised at how easy and fun it is to edit your photos! Join Gregg Waterman on Tuesday, January 23 from 10:30 - 11:30 am for this photo editing workshop.

Gregg Waterman retired from Oregon Tech, where he taught mathematics, in 2018. Since then he has enjoyed traveling and exploring Klamath County on skis and bicycles, and also takes pleasure in photographing the wonderful area we live in. You can see his photographs at his web page, www.greggwaterman.com

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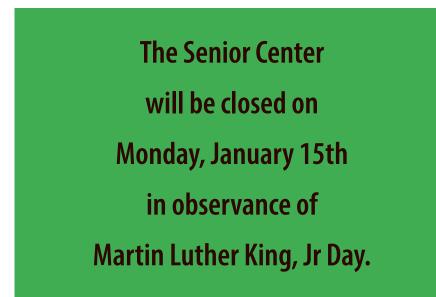
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1229 E. Main Street Klamath Falls, OR 97601 (541) 887-2919 cascadecremations.com health and wellbeing for Klamath's Latino community. The event will be generously co-sponsored by KCC and the Klamath & Lake Counties Council on Aging. We will review our progress to date, discuss plans for the future and do some fun networking. Bring your business cards and a plus-one! RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/HHCWNL.

Devoted to improving health and wellbeing for Klamath's Latino community, the Hispanic Health Committee is a coalition of organizations and individuals from areas such as health, human services, education, and more. In addition to our twice yearly in-person networking luncheons, we meet virtually on the second Monday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to learn more about the committee's goals and activities, join our email distribution list, receive the Zoom invite, or if you have questions about the networking luncheon, contact Katherine Duarte at (541) 882-8846 Ext. 3465 or kduarte@klamathcounty.org.



## **OLDER ADULT PROGRAM**

Are you struggling to connect with others? Are you feeling lonely, sad, or worried? Are you feeling hopeless about your life?



#### SHIP TALK (Senior Health Insurance Program)

## GETTING HELP WITH YOUR MEDICARE COSTS

There are several ways you may be able to get government help paying for your Medicare premiums. Let's look at them. Most of you reading this column will likely not have need of subsidy, but it's good to be informed and pass on information to friends who might qualify.

1. The Medicare Savings Program (MSP) can help with monthly Medicare Part B premiums. This program is administered by the local Aging and People with Disabilities office. Currently your monthly income must be less than \$1,660 (single) or \$2,239 (couple). If your monthly income is even much lower, (\$1,235 single and \$1,663 (couple) you may even qualify for Medicaid as a secondary to Medicare. It's important to note that there are no resource or asset limits to qualify for MSP. No matter how much you have in savings, or investment property, etc. you can still qualify for this program. All they look at is your income. AND, if you qualify for MSP, you automatically qualify for Extra Help with drug insurance as described below.

2. The Low Income Subsidy program (LIS) is commonly known as Extra Help and is administered by Social Security. It helps with Part D prescription drug premiums and co-pays. The income limits for this program are higher. Income must be below \$1,843/ mo. (single) and \$2,485/mo. (couple}. If you are able to qualify for this program but are not low enough to qualify for MSP as described above, your resources, such as stocks, bonds, savings in the bank, etc. will be counted. Certain things you own, like your house, car, life insurance and up to \$1,500 in burial expenses do not count as resources. And remember, if you qualify for the MSP program described above, you automatically qualify for Extra Help, no matter what your resources are.

These numbers increase annually, so if you're close and think you might qualify, come in and check.

Finally, anyone can get the Oregon Prescription Drug Program (OPDP) card which provides discounts on drugs that may not be covered by your plan. This program is now administered by a private company called ArrayRx. Just go to ArrayRx.com and sign up for a card. Other drug discounts are available and we especially recommend you check out GoodRx.com. These discount cards cannot be used in conjunction with Medicare Part D – only if you have drugs that are not covered by your insurance, or if you have no Rx insurance. Sometimes they even pay more than your insurance does.

If you have questions or need help or guidance with any of these options, make an appointment for SHIBA assistance at the Klamath Basin Senior Citizens Center – 541-883-7171.

Anne Hartnett, SHIBA Coordinator DONOR REPORT

#### We Need Your Support

With rising inflation and economic uncertainty priorities have shifted for all. This shift has affected the donations received by KBSCC. Currently, with only 29% of planned donations collected by the end of November, we are falling short of the expected 45% needed. We are optimistic that this trend will soon reverse. Donations play a crucial role in our budget of nearly \$1.5 million. They are vital to match government funding, which constitutes over two-thirds of our budget. Every donated dollar multiplies its impact, typically generating at least \$5 or more when used to meet matching requirements for government contracts and foundation grants

We appeal for your support to the Senior Center. Please reconsider your contribution, as it is essential to our services, including nutrition support, transportation, health promotion, education, and programs connecting our seniors to the community. Your support ensures the well-being of older adults who rely on these services. We hope to see your name on the list of donors next month.

November 2023 donations of \$3701 were received from the following organizations and individuals:

Marilyn Howell Steven Keller First Presbyterian Church Refuge City Church Michael Casey Marta Stephens Juanita Neitling Charles Thompson Dennis Steinbock Donna Maloney Helen Meyer Jon Schnebly Karin Dix Patricia Henderson Janet Hall Burl Parrish Rose Chapman Elizabeth Western Cheryl Gibbs Charlotte Moseley Ernie Palmer Margarite Breeden Mary Lou Beach Mary Kelley

Unidentified contributions for Meals, Transportation and Other Services in November amounted to \$4537

The Senior Center would like to especially recognize the following individuals for their regular and/or recurring gifts during 2023 amounting to at least \$600 for the year. They were the following:

First Presbyterian Church Marta Stephens Refuge City Church Geraldine Schindler Dorothy Winters Jon Schnebly Burl Parrish

Howard McGee Patricia Henderson Rose Chapman Wilma Petrik Cheryl Gibbs Ernie Palmer Peggy Thomas Mildred Miller Charlotte Moseley Donna Maloney

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.

Did you know that the Senior Center can provide transportation to your pharmacy of choice for a vaccination? Call 541-850-7315 today and set up a ride!



You may have to hunt for them as December and January have the lowest bird count numbers because of the cold and iced over water, but there will still be birds to see. This Belted Kingfisher hangs out in the Moore Park/Putnam's Point area. Listen for its distinctive rattle. Raptors like the gorgeous Golden Eagle pictured above, along with Bald Eagles, Harriers and Hawks, can be found anywhere there are abundant ducks and geese or squirrels for them to eat. – Mary Williams Hyde

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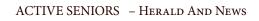
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## **Happy New Year!**

Those of us who have been part of our ukulele gatherings each month seem to be enjoying our time together more and more! It's great to welcome new folks to our time on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

In January, 2024, we will meet on 1/23, 5-5:30 for warm up, and 5:30-6:30 for the rest of our music-making.

Some have suggested that we meet twice a month (the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month). How does that sound? I think it would be great, as folks share music and take turns choosing songs to play. If we do this, someone would need to be in charge of opening and closing up the Senior Center on the second Tuesday. Please contact Marc Kane at 541-891-3288 if you would like to volunteer. We could begin twice a month in February if someone is interested. The word-of-the-day is "PRACTICE". That's it!

Cynthia Lin, on her ukulele tutorials in YouTube will be happy to help! See you on 1/23,

Maryann, Marc & Jon Questions? Please reach out at 1maryanntra@gmail.com or call/text 541-891-3288.



Thank you to Mr. Benjamin and the Henley High School Choir (pictured) for their performance during Musical Mondays hosted by Klamath Hospice & Palliatve Care as part of Muffin Mondays. Thank you also to The Kitchen Band and Dan Hill!

### INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS

#### Are you interested in or need...

- Meals on Wheels
- To Find Local Lunch Sites for Seniors **Outside of Klamath Falls**
- Information on Getting Support for Family Caregivers
- In-home Care Support
- Volunteer Opportunities

Come and meet our staff at the Klamath Basin Senior Center Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm







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Where Character Counts and Mentoring Matters.

## CITIZENS FOR SAFE SCHOOLS CELEBRATES NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

Submitted by Citizens for Safe Schools

January is National Mentoring Month, and this year Citizens For Safe Schools is celebrating the annual campaign aimed at expanding quality mentoring opportunities to connect more of our community's young people with caring adults.

Mentoring, at its core, guarantees young people that there is someone who cares about them, assures them they are not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges and makes them feel like they matter. Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. Ultimately, mentoring connects a young person to personal growth and development, and social and economic opportunity. Statistics overwhelmingly support the tremendous outcomes a mentor provides a youth:

#### Nationally, youth with a mentor are:

55% more likely to enroll in college 81% more likely to participate regularly in sports or extracurricular activities.78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities.



90% are interested in becoming a mentor themselves. 130% more likely to hold leadership positions.

# Youth in Citizens For Safe Schools''Kids In The Middle' mentoring program are:

2x more likely to plan for their future 3x less likely to commit an act of violence or delinquency 6x less likely to re-offend for those with existing delinquency histories

Improving grades, attendance, and graduation rates

Yet, the same research shows that one in three young people in our country will grow up without a mentor. In our community, Citizens For Safe Schools maintains close partnership with school counselors to identify children who would benefit from having a mentor. The need is great, but the potential for life changing impact is far greater. Meet two youth waiting to be matched now:

Dean is 10 and goes to Henley Elementary School. He says "I want to be a sports trainer or pilot when I grow up and would love to play in the NFL. I'd like a mentor who wants to play games."

Annie is 12 and goes to Chiloquin Elementary School. She says "I like jogging, bike riding, playing board games, doing community service, watching movies, going into nature and shopping. I want to learn to be successful in school and I would really like someone I can talk to."

We encourage anyone interested in going beyond digital engagement to connect with us and get involved 'in real life'. Our 'Kids in the Middle' mentoring program is actively recruiting new volunteers to the cause. Please call 541-882-3198 or e-mail Citizens for Safe Schools at info@citizensforsafeschools.org.



## **Cascade Health Alliance**

Why is taking your medication important?

It is crucial to take your provider's prescribed medicines to maintain your wellbeing. Medications can prevent the worsening of some chronic conditions including rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis. Most commonly, medications are used to prevent complications including heart attack, stroke, and kidney failure. Many illnesses can be life-threatening if you don't follow your provider's prescriptions.

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Medications that prevent stroke and heart attack usually do not make someone feel better. Some medicines may have side effects, so it is essential to discuss these if you think you may be experiencing any. When you speak with your provider, tell them of any side effects, share concerns, and ask any questions you might have.

You are an important factor in your health. It is important to ask questions to understand why your provider may have prescribed you a drug.

Medication must be taken regularly to be effective, especially for conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. This is why medication adherence is more important than ever. Following your prescription can keep you healthy. Always tell your provider if you have any concerns about your medication. They can help if you need assistance.

## www.CascadeHealthAlliance.com January 2024



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## We are looking for **Advisory Council Members**

Advisory Council members are volunteer citizens who represent older adults and individuals with disabilities within our community.

The KLCCOA Advisory Council (KAC) is a federally mandated council which helps to enhance the leadership role of the Area Agency on Aging in developing community based systems of services. The KAC also reviews and comments on policies, programs, and actions that affect older persons.

The Advisory Council has a maximum of 12 members. Fifty percent of whom are age 60 or older, persons with leadership experience, and the general public. Including minority individuals who are participants or who are eligible to participate in the Area Agency on Aging programs, also individuals with disabilities.

If you are interested in joining the Advisory Council, please contact the Director for an application.

## We need YOU!! 541-205-5400

### How to prevent Snow Blindness and other conditions this winter

You probably wear eye protection and sunscreen in the summer. Do you think about it during the winter months as well? In any season, sun exposure may increase your risk for conditions like:

 Cataracts Growths on the eye, including cancer Photokeratitis (including snow blindness)

Getting too much sun can increase your risk for these conditions. But the damage to the front surface of the eye that causes snow blindness is unique because it can happen quickly. You can prevent all these conditions simply by wearing sunglasses and goggles.

#### High Altitude Means Higher Risk for Skiers and Snowboarders

David Turbert, American Academy of Ophthalmology



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Sunglasses or goggles that block at least 99% of UV rays and protect from dry, freezing wind help prevent snow blindness. When you're not skiing or snowboarding, wrap-around sunglasses work well to block sun and wind. When you're skiing or snowboarding, goggles with polycarbonate lenses offer protection from the sun and eye injury as well. They will generally give you better side (peripheral) vision than wrap-around sunglasses.





The Inuit's innovative solution to snow blindness....Even before today's innovative eyewear, people have found ways to stay safe on cold, sunny winter days. Alaskan Inuits carved snow goggles from antlers, bone, hooves or wood to help prevent UV exposure. The goggles featured a narrow slit that limited brightness. They allowed for a full horizontal field of vision but blocked light reflecting vertically off the ice and snow.

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## Self-esteem Can Impact Your Quality of Life

By Brette Bliss, Sky Lakes Medical Center

# Your self-esteem can affect your quality of life, and in my case, whether I feel like I'm living my life the way I want to.

Self-esteem isn't simple, it can be nuanced and complicated. I had always thought that as long as I didn't dislike myself that I had "good self-esteem", but I discovered something worse than disliking myself: indifference.

Feeling indifferent towards yourself amounts to not caring. In the last few years, I have become someone who doesn't care about myself enough to do the things I want to do, to have and achieve personal goals, and hold myself accountable for the things only I can hold myself accountable for. I realized that never taking the time to truly work towards the things I want and to put any real effort into my personal goals reflects how indifferent I feel towards myself. I always chalked up not committing or completing something as "oh well, if you cared enough then you would have done it." I had associated my lack of motivation with how much I cared about the goal, but never considered whether I could care about the goal if I didn't also care about bettering myself.

Because of my low self-esteem, I know I'm not living the life I want to. My indifference is holding me back from being the healthiest and most fulfilled version of myself. It's affecting my quality of life, and I need to improve my self-esteem if I want to improve my quality of life. I want to be someone who always has a goal to work towards. I'm still navigating how I can help myself, but this is where I'm starting:

I'm giving myself a challenge- I've decided I want to go to Law school so now I'm studying for the LSAT and while it has been frustrating to motivate myself to study, I'm reminding myself that I'm doing this for me, and I ought to take it very seriously. I'm learning to be more open about what I'm feeling and what I want- I have a complicated relationship with expressing emotion in front of others. I've always disregarded what I want because I would rather do whatever everyone else wants than risk feeling unsafe. Now I'm practicing speaking up.

Being kind to myself- being indifferent towards myself is inherently unkind. The opposite of love isn't hate; its indifference. I'm practicing reminding myself that I do care and that having and reaching personal goals is important to my quality of life.

Seeking Therapy- Therapy is incredibly helpful for many people and it's definitely been helpful for me in the past. If you think you need to speak to a medical provider about your mental health, you absolutely should. Because you're important and I think it's fair to say that I believe caring about ourselves is also important.

Love yourself, it will improve your life.

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## KLAMATH SENIOR CENTER JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR OF DAILY EVENTS

#### MONDAYS

- Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, or SAIL Video 9 10 am
- (+) Body Recall with Jack & Mary Noller by video 10:30 11:30 am
- Muffin Mondays 10:30 am See Menu Page for speakers
- County Branch Library 9:30 am 1 pm
- \*\*Dementia Caregiver Support Group with Jim Rains & Patty Card, 9 –
- 10am Register pcard@kbbh.org or 458-200-4257
- \*\*PEARLS with Patty Card & Kelli Bowers 12 1 pm
- (+) Golden Age BINGO & Cards Club 12:30 pm
- Yoga Pilates Fusion with Kim Carson 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

#### TUESDAYS

 SCHEDULE CHANGE!!! Mobility from Head to Toe with Anne Davenport 9 – 10 am

- · 2nd Tues Learn'n'Lunch, see below for topic!
- \*2nd Tues Atrio Ice Cream Social 10 am 2 pm
- \*2nd Tues Klamath & Lake Counties Council on Aging 11 am 1 pm
- NEW OFFERING!!! Art Workshop with D.P. Redding 12:30 2 pm
- CLASS CHANGE!!! Qi Gong Meet Up 2:30 pm

SHIBA (MEDICARE Counseling) by appointment, call 541-883-7171

#### WEDNESDAYS

SAIL with Sherry Hooke 9:00 am

- (+) Body Recall with Jack & Mary Noller by video 10:30 11:30 am
- (+) Senior Dance Group, all are welcome! 1 pm 3 pm

#### THURSDAYS

• INSTRUCTOR CHANGE!!! Walk Your Way to Wellness with Chris McPherson, CTRS, MBK Fit Instructor from Crystal Terrace 9 am

- (+) Craft Connection Corner 9am to 11am
- \*3rd Thurs Bristol Hospice Birthday Celebration
- (+) Golden Age BINGO & Cards Club 12:30 pm
- County Branch Library 1:30 pm 4 pm
- SHIBA (MEDICARE Counseling) by appointment, call 541-883-7171

#### FRIDAYS

- Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, or SAIL Video 9 10 am
- (+) Body Recall with Jack & Mary Noller by video 10:30 11:30 am
- County Branch Library 9:30 am 1 pm
- NEW OFFERING!!! Game Day with D.P. Redding 12 2 pm

• (+) Line Dancing 7 pm, Subject to availability & attendance, Call 541-882-4715 to confirm

#### SATURDAYS

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

\* Meet & Greet with Community Resource Providers

- \*\* Support groups offered at the Senior Center provided by KBBH.
- (+)Activities offered at the Senior Center provided by Community Members.

#### **January Special Events**

#### New Weekly Art Workshop & Game Day Offered by DPRedding Inc!

Starting January 2, we are pleased to offer two new opportunities for fun and connection with the support of DPRedding Inc. On Tuesdays, explore your creative side at the Art Workshop from 12:30 – 2 pm. On Fridays, play board & card games, puzzles and more from 12 - 2 pm.

From Pam Redding, Director – Community Services, "We are a local agency that provides support to people to help them live and work in the community. Our Mission is to change people's lives and help them to overcome barriers. At DPRedding Inc., we believe that everyone has a right to be treated with respect, dignity, and have access to everything in the community. Our vision is to provide knowledge and training, so people overcome barriers to working and living in the community.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DAILY EVENTS

**ART WORKSHOP WITH D.P. REDDING:** Weekly opportunity to explore your creative side with DPRedding, Inc. Materials & guidance provided, no experience needed!

**BODY RECALL:** A lower intensity program of physical fitness, designed to reclaim the natural motion of the body & the strength to make life pleasurable. Class emphasizes the essential development of full range of movement in all joints and muscles and is offered at the Senior Center via video facilitated by community members.

**CRAFT CONNECTION CORNER:** Free weekly opportunity to engage in conversation, brainstorming, show & tell of projects, and more. Previous craft topics have been potholders & other kitchen wares, crocheting, macramé, knitting, paper beads, & dolls. No experience with crafts needed, only a desire to connect!

**GAME DAY WITH D.P. REDDING:** Grab a friend and join DPRedding, Inc. for a fun afternoon of games, puzzles, and social connection!

**MOBILITY FROM HEAD TO TOE:** Full-body low intensity mobility, based on the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program, taught by a licensed physical therapist. Completed in sitting, in standing, & optional floor mat work at the end. Learn breathing techniques, postural control, guided joint range of motion from your head to your big toe!

**PEARLS:** Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives. Educates older adults about what depression is (& is not) & helps develop the skills they need for self-sufficiency & more active lives. For more info, call KBBH at 541-883-1030, ask for Patty Card or Kelli Bowers.

**QI GONG MEETUP:** Pronounced "chee gong." Exercises to optimize energy in body, mind, & spirit, to improve & maintain health & well-being. Qi Gong will not have a formal instructor at this time. We encourage you to continue your practice at the Center! We will have a list of movements at the Front Desk for reference.

**SAIL:** Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL) is an evidence-based class that includes aerobics, strength, balance and education. Class can be done in seated or standing, with or without equipment and is delivered at a moderate to high intensity.

**UKULELE GROUP:** A gathering of wonderful players to make music together, beginners and beyond are welcome! Questions? Please reach out at 1maryanntra@gmail.com or call/text 541-891-3288.

WALK YOUR WAY TO WELLNESS: A program that includes walking, stretching, strengthening, & education about health & wellness, based on Walk with Ease. Walks will take place inside the Center, with music & laughter! Participants can choose their own intensity level. *Class will be taught by Chris McPherson, CTRS, MBK Fit Instructor from Crystal Terrace starting in January! We are excited that Chris will be offering his passion and expertise to the Center.* 

**YOGA PILATES FUSION:** Class combines the gentle stretching of simple Yoga postures to improve flexibility with the core strengthening power of Pilates movements. Suitable for most fitness levels, taught by Certified Personal Trainer, Kim Carson.

We are excited to be partnering with the Klamath Basin Senior Citizens' Center (KBSC) for these activities!"

Art Workshop and Game Day open to the public. A \$3 donation is recommended. Please call 541-883-7171 with any questions.

#### Monthly Learn'n'Lunch

Misty Wright is a Safety Educator and teaches classes to keep you safe. She will be teaching on Situational Awareness on Tues, Jan 9 at 10:30a. She turns thoughts into action to keep you and your loved ones safe. She will also be showing you some basic self-defense moves using your cane, wheelchair and walker.

Story & Poetry Reading Jan 16, see page 3. Phone Photo Editing Workshop Jan 23, see page 11.

#### JANUARY 2024

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29 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK & MASHED POTATOES	30 SHRIMP CHOWDER	31 CHICKEN CHILI & CORNBREAD	1 TORTELLINI & MARINARA SAUCE w/GARLIC BREADSTICKS	FISH & CHIPS
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Salad	Salad	Scrambled Eggs	Salad	Salad
Dessert	Dessert	Hashbrowns	Dessert	Dessert
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Bristol Hospice (formerly High Desert Hospice) is excited to celebrate birthdays with you on the

3rd Thursdays of each month from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.



Their team will be at the Senior Center to provide birthday dessert during the lunch hour, as well as to answer questions about services, support groups, and upcoming events.



Klamath Hospice Upcoming Speakers for Muffin Mondays Welcome Back to Muffin Monday – Regular Time: 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

1/8/24: Dr. Gailis – Healthy choices to start the year off right.
1/15/24: Senior Center Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
1/22/24: Patty Card – KBBH – Mental Health Check-in.
1/29/24: Michelle Scott – Financial Fitness Tips 884-0649 ext. 120
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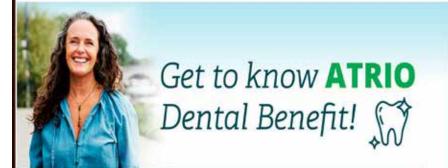
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