



**South Salem Seniors
Center**



April Fools Day. It seems to me that it is somewhat vague. The most popular theory about its origin involves the French calendar reform of the 16th century. In 1564, France reformed its calendar, moving the start of the year from the end of March to January. The people who failed to keep up with the change, who clung to the old calendar system and continued to celebrate the New Year during the week that fell between March and April 1st had jokes played on them. The earliest connection between April 1, pranks can be found in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales which was written in 1392. Pranksters would stick paper fish to people's backs. The fooled were called Poisson d'Avril, or April Fish. In Scotland it is called Huntigowk Day. A sealed message that reads "Dinna laugh, dinna smile. Hunt the gowk another mile" would be sent. Gowk means a fool or simpleton. Once read the recipient will send it to another person for him/her to help the sender. In Nordic countries, news media outlets publish one fake story on April 1. Of course, the United States the pranks last all day. In Belgium some call it the Day of Innocent Children or Day of Stupid Children. Personally, I prefer April Fools. It is interesting to start researching other countries.

Well enough about April Fools. I need to take things in a more serious direction. It is wonderful to know that Mandates have been lifted regarding Covid. The Center is not requiring masks, but if you wish to you may. I am still wearing one in stores. I have heard through the grape vine that many of you are wondering when we will be open 8 hours. I believe that I have discussed the need for volunteers in some of my past newsletters. Now I know what I am saying could be taken as offensive, this is not my intention. The Center appreciates everyone who newly joins the Center, and those who renew their membership. The revenue from the dues helps a great deal. But I want to be clear that we need to have new volunteers. We absolutely do not have enough volunteers to open any more hours. Without more volunteers you will not get Bingo, Pancake Breakfast, room rentals and many more activities. We had numerous requests for AARP Tax Appointments. They could only offer the requests according to

our ours of operation. There is no way the skeleton crew we are open with is enough. We have volunteers in their 80's, some with heart issues, cancer, diabetes. Yet they are here every week. You must consider volunteering for the Center or we could struggle with our current 4 hour days. We have sponsors waiting for us to open more hours, this brings us revenue. I want to be clear that I have told anyone who is working now to pass on this message. If anyone complains about our hours or lack of activities this message should be passed on to the complainer. I am not saying anyone who inquires is a complainer. I am sincerely asking you to consider this message and help us out. We need you throughout the Center. Our financial situation is still holding strong. But we are like people who hang on to money, but no children to pass it on to. Consider yourselves our brothers, sisters, and children. We are in a serious state of attrition. This Center is capable of so many wonderful possibilities. But none of them are possible without growth. We want the Center to be appealing to the next generations. We were fortunate to open our doors up after this horrific pandemic, many others were not able to. I feel I have said enough at this time. Please consider what I have said. Blessings to you and your loved ones.

Respectfully,

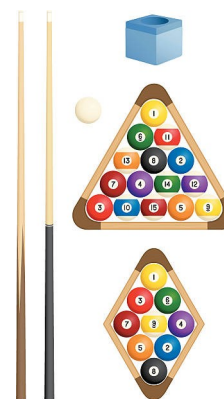
Camille Lockling



Current Weekly Activities

Mondays	Needle Crafts	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Tuesdays	Bridge	10:30 am - 2:00 pm
"	China Painting/Arts/Painting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesdays	Life Story/Writers' Group	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursdays	Single Deck Pinochle	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
"	Hand & Foot Card Game	10:00 am - 1:00 pm
"	Scrabble	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Fridays	Arts/Painting	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
"	Double Deck Pinochle	10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mon-Fri Pool playing



Spring Rummage & Book Sale



May 6 & 7, 2022

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lots of Furniture

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DUMP CAKE

From the kitchen of... Marsha Gaylor

1 Large can crushed pineapple & syrup

1 Can cherry pie filling

1 pkg yellow cake mix

1 stick + 2 tbsp melted butter

1 Cup chopped nuts

Grease 13x9 pan. Spread pineapple & syrup over bottom of pan, add pie

filling, then cake mix (dry) drizzle nuts over all

Bake at 325 degrees for about 1 hour



Yeah!! We can go without masks, if you choose to, by the time you receive this Newsletter. It has been quite an ordeal, but our group has survived and thrived.

When the center was closed, our group brought our own chairs and sat out in the parking lot! We all love to get together, knit, crochet, embroider, etc. We were still involved in making items to donate to various places. It might have been rewarding to keep track of the number of hats, mittens, scarves, shawls, afghans, lap robes, fidget quilts, etc., but we didn't!

One of the extra tasks that some of our group took on was to make masks. Linda Doerfler was part of a group of four that met at her house nearly every day to create masks. They started out using all of their own fabric, but soon friends, churches, acquaintances started donating. One of their first challenges was to find elastic. The stores, at first, had limited supplies of elastic. Everyone was donating the scraps from their own sewing stash. This group made 11,000 masks!!! Yes, that's thousand. They received requests from firemen and Fish and Game for larger sizes. They were able to create those! Many of the masks went to the city of Salem, Family Building Blocks, hospitals, nursing homes, organizations that worked with the homeless, etc. etc.

Gayle Ferguson made masks for her relatives, Audrey Sherman made 72 for the Salem Hospital, Karen Woodcock made 200 for the hospital. Possibly there are others of our group that made some.

We are looking forward to next week when we can knit, crochet, and visit without a mask!!! We are also hopeful that the center will be able to stay open for regular hours! I guess we'll all wait and see the developments.



Garden News !

As of this writing, a master gardener speaker for March has NOT yet come through; but I'm still calling, trying all my resources....so who knows....????

It seems we had a FAUX Spring in February, now Winter is still hanging around. BUT, there are signs of SPRING Everywhere. The weather just doesn't feel like it.

ROSE, bless her heart, is talking up sowing seeds of all types, for the early MAY Rummage/Plant Sale. She is lots of fun to work with, so please, offer to help her with this planting project. The sale of starts, was at her house, early May, she earned lots of green stuff (\$\$\$) for our senior center, mostly on her own. If you have houseplants, you are tired of, please offer them for this Spring sale. Last year, a member donated many bamboo plants From her garden. Mine is still happy, out on my deck. Our Thrift Shop volunteers are such a fun, happy group of gals, the planting time at Rose's is a great time too, the Camaraderie of garden folks cannot be beat. PLEASE, think about giving Rose an extra hand with her seed sowing. We'll all be helping for the greater good, with the benefit of many types of vegetables, flowers for our home gardens, big or small. Her phone # is 581-4632, call for location to help out. HAPPY PLANTING...We'll see you Mar.22, first days of spring, for our garden Meeting (NOON) at our South Salem Senior Center.



VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY !!

Need 2 volunteers for a very important job. Only a couple of times a year. You would put out our signs advertising the big sales we have in the Spring and Fall. They get placed around the South part of Salem to attract as many customers as we can to keep making money for the center. Please leave your name at the front desk or call 503-588-0748 or call Roger 503-510-5343 to volunteer or get more information

Gift Shop

Explore and shop at the Gift Shop for collectables dolls, crystal glass, pottery, this and that.

Greeting cards are still \$.25 each.
Watches and jewelry start at \$2!

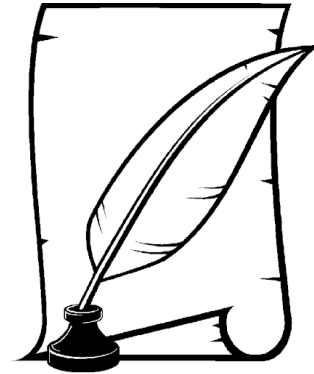
What a bargain!

Writers Group!

HOLLY HOBBY

She sits on a shelf, forgotten by time. A single strand of golden yarn has escaped from one of her pigtails hanging beneath her faded blue bonnet. Her unseeing eyes bear witness to the life of a four year old child. There is a smudge on her right cheek left there by sticky fingers or sloppy kisses. The hint of a smile on her lips suggests she is the keeper of whispered baby secrets, tears and laughter which she has promised never to reveal. Her apron is worn and somewhat tattered from the countless hugs and unconditional love she has received from chubby little arms. The waistband of her bloomers has lost some of it's elasticity over time and they sag just a bit. There is a hole in the toe of one of her black felt Mary Jane shoes. She seems tired, a bit weary with all that has been entrusted to her but she has kept her promise and has no regrets.

Most people would regard a slightly soiled , worn and tattered rag doll a candidate for the dust bin. But, for me, she holds the secretes, tears and laughter of my baby daughter and that makes her invaluable. She is Holly Hobby and she is precious to me.



Kay Novak
August 6, 2022

Senior Center Lunch Pick Up “New Hours March 1st 12:00 to 12:30 pm”

Marion-Polk Food Share has resumed lunch service Monday through Friday from 12:00 – 12:30 PM daily. Boxed lunches will be “**Handed Out**” at the side of the building near the kitchen. “**Drivers are asked to remain in their cars**”. Stacy will greet you and take your orders; two option will be available daily. For the present no donations or fees apply.

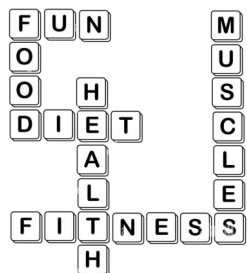
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Information and Enrollment
April 14, 2022
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

(Bingo Room)

Nifty Thrifty Store News !!

Please come and visit the Nifty Thrifty room to explore new and useful Items at a low price arriving every week! And lots of new **furniture** Sure to find something unique for your daily use !



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Thursdays 10 AM - 2 PM

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If you noticed the date on your mailing label is marked in yellow, your membership is due for renewal. Please stop by Monday thru Friday between 10 am and 2 pm to renew your dues or send a check. **The cost is still \$20 per year.** We value your membership to support the functions of our Senior Center.

Thank you!

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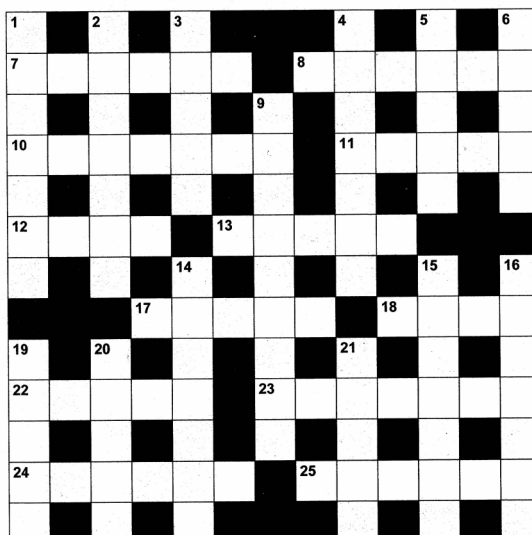
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Across

- 7 - Winner (6)
- 8 - Blue semi precious gem (6)
- 10 - Quick musical tempo (7)
- 11 - Inspire anew (5)
- 12 - Comply (4)
- 13 - Light meal (5)
- 17 - Summons (5)
- 18 - Couple (4)
- 22 - Belief in God (5)
- 23 - Taught (7)
- 24 - Hidden (6)
- 25 - Performing (6)

Down

- 1 - Pilot (7)
- 2 - Told off (7)
- 3 - Tool for cutting channels (5)
- 4 - Materials (7)
- 5 - Male cattle (5)
- 6 - Plastic (5)
- 9 - One-piece garment (9)
- 14 - Injuring (7)
- 15 - Sheikdom in the Persian Gulf (7)
- 16 - Genius (7)
- 19 - Mature (5)
- 20 - Elevators (5)
- 21 - Plant stem (5)

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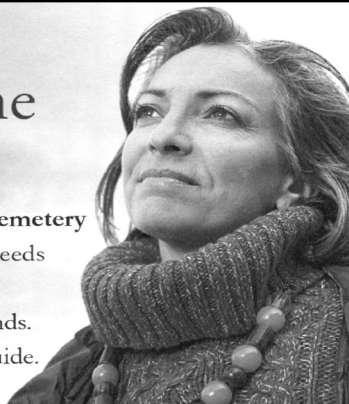
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