

John Patrick Kopetski

Pendleton

July 11, 1953-November 1, 2012

John Patrick Kopetski was born in Pendleton, Oregon, on July 11, 1953, and died at his home on November 1, 2012. He attended St. Joseph's Academy and graduated from Pendleton High School in the class of 1971. He worked many jobs as a youth. He worked as a gas jockey at a gas station, at the Tapadera as a bus boy, and at the U.S. Forest Service as a watch tower guard.

John attended Blue Mountain Community College and Whitman College. On June 30, 1984, he married Lisa Dabbling in the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton. They shared 28 years together. He worked for Union Pacific Railroad, Prudential, Trusttime and finally settled into a career as a financial consultant for Smith Barney. His office became D.A. Davidson and John was named vice president. He recently achieved his CWS Certified Wealth Strategist through D.A. Davidson in October of this year, making him a very proud Certified Wealth Strategist.

John's love for Oregon drove him to volunteer in many programs statewide. He was a proud sponsor of the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo in Joseph, Oregon, and he was in charge of the Queens and Courts run-ins. He was a dedicated volunteer of the Lions Club, Knights of Pythias, and the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS). John served three terms on the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Directors. He was appointed by Gov. Kulongoski to the Bottle Bill Task Force, where he served as chair for nearly two years. This was a very important appointment to him as an outdoorsman since the place he loved best, next to home, was in nature. He then served four years as a member and spokesperson of the Oregon Government Standards and

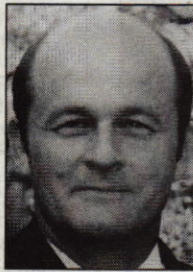
Practices Commission. He was most recently appointed a member of the Oregon Medical Board in Portland, Oregon, where he served as a diligent public member. He was a dedicated member of the Investigative Affairs Committee and the Administrative Affairs Committee.

John was an avid outdoorsman; he enjoyed horseback riding, hunting, fishing, camping, and hiking with his wife and kids. He enjoyed photography, reading, and spending time with his family. John was instant-

ly loved by everyone who met him and his selfless demeanor and fantastic sense of humor is what made him a great friend.

He was preceded in death by his father Joseph V. Kopetski. He is survived by his wife Lisa Kopetski; his mother Margaret "Marie" Kopetski; his children, Lincoln and spouse Leanne Kopetski of Puyallup, Washington, Lisette Kopetski of Moscow, Idaho, and Seren Kopetski of Pendleton, Oregon; his siblings Yvonne Stredwick of Pasco, Washington, Jane and spouse Ron Flink of Cascade, Montana, Mike and spouse Frances Kopetski of Washington, D.C., and Dorothy and spouse Randy Svetich of Pendleton, Oregon, as well as grandchildren Jack and Ainsley Kopetski and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the Vert Auditorium on Wednesday, November 7th at 1 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in the Vert Club Room. Send condolences online at www.burnsmortuary.com. Burns Mortuary is in charge of memorial arrangements. All memorial donations should be sent to the Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (PAWS) or left with Burns Mortuary.



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Photo contributed by Debbie McIntosh (Normington Bennett) attempt to get Normington Jones) in auction will open Thursday at Eastern Community College in

College production

at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon performances on Nov. 11 and 12 p.m.

features experienced and talented actors, including Austin Larsen, Matt, James Johnston, Mona Eckerdt, Nick Jennings, Kinns, Julia Severe, Savannah Large Normington-Jones.

"A fantastic cast of people," King says. "They have been completely dedicated to it."

In addition to the cast, those working behind the scenes include Heather Earley as set designer, Brianna Earley and Amber as set dressers, and Gary and Craig McIntosh as light designers.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. Tickets are available for purchase in advance by calling the office at 541-278-5953.

For more information, visit the website or call McIntosh at 541-278-

Ladies in play

The EO publishes a list of events as space allows. It is available at www.eastoregonian.com and is assumed free, nonprofit and public unless otherwise noted. Events items should be submitted in advance to Calendar c/o EO, 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton, OR 97150. 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, OR 97101. community@eastoregonian.com

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

TERRIFICALLY FREE TUESDAY beginning at 10 a.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. Admission all day. (541-276-1066).

IRRIGATIONS SPECIALIST TRAINING CELEBRATION, 10 a.m. Highway 395, Hermiston. Ribbons will be presented to commemorate the opening of the irrigation system. Specials, barbecue and prizes.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME at Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Main St., Hermiston. Games and crafts. (541-449-1000)

SPAGHETTI FEED FUNDRAISER at Lone American Legion Hall, 101 W. Main St., Hermiston. Spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert by donation. A silent auction also will be held. Dessert to share. All proceeds go to the Kendrick family. Donations to an account at the Heppner Credit Bank of Eastern Oregon.

PENDLETON KNITTING at Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380).

PENDLETON EAGLES BILL at Pendleton Eagles Lodge No. 2, 101 W. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10. Proceeds donated to local charities. (541-282-2828).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

DRIVER SAFETY CLASS at Blue Mountain Community College, 300 N.E. 1st St., Hermiston. Defensive driving skills for a safe and confident driver. Cost is \$12 for AAFIP members (bring your card) and \$14 for non-members. Past military personnel and their families are invited to attend the class for no charge (bring proper identification is required). (541-481-2099, amorter@bluemountaincc.edu)

INTRO TO COMPUTER at Pendleton Public Library, 502 S. Main St., Pendleton. Learn how to get started with computers. Basic of basics. Free, but registration is required. (541-966-0380).

BUILDING SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FORUM, 9:30 a.m. begins, Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton. Agencies, community member organizations, government personnel interested in developing partnerships with disabilities as well as the community. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Materials packet. RSVP to Marlene Murphy at CAPECO-WORKS.org.

BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' at Hermiston Public Library, 101 W. Main St., Hermiston. (541-449-1000)

STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Pendleton Public Library children's area, 502 S. Main St., Pendleton. (541-966-0380).

KC COMPUTERS GRAND OPENING, 11:30 a.m., 80549 Highway 200, Klamath Falls. (541-922-4825).

STORY TIME, 11:15 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 235 E. Main St., Pendleton. (541-567-2882).

SCIENCE FAIR at Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 333 E. Main St., Pendleton. Parents &