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Class Highlights for July 2016

CLASS NAME: Demystifying Medicare

Date: July 25th—Aug. 15th
Time: 3:00 PM
Cost: Free
Location: Waterford Grand

CLASS NAME: It's all about Mascarpone

Date: July 20th
Time: 4:30 PM—7:30 PM
Cost: \$49.00
Location: LCC Building 19 in the lobby

CLASS NAME: It's all about Ricotta

Date: July 13th
Time: 4:30 PM—7:30 PM
Cost: \$49.00
Location: LCC Building 19 in the lobby

CLASS NAME : Become a Senior Companion

Date: July 7th
Time: 10:00 AM— 11:00 AM
Cost: Free
Location: Campbell Senior Center

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Community Connections Participants



The 4th annual “Community Connections” event attracted 45 participants to Marquis Springfield on June 9th. The goal of the networking opportunity, produced by the SAI advisory Council, is to facilitate great involvement by wide-ranging Area businesses, non-profits, and governmental organizations in community education at Lane Community College -- for the mutual benefit of all involved. This year’s event included Lane Customized Training, as well as Continuing Education, the Senior Companion Program, and SAI. Immediate results included requests for a host of new Continuing Education classes and Customized Trainings, offers to host SAI classes and suggestions for new Continuing Education health career offerings.

If you were not able to participate, you can still benefit. To receive a contact sheet of involved community education staff, and/or to participate in the event survey please email Barbara Susman at susmanb@lanecc.edu

Getting your Affairs in Order, June 2016 Article Feedback :

*"In Oregon, the Advance Directive for health care is a statutory document that combines the features of the 'living will' and the health care power of attorney, so it: 1) allows you to name your health care decision maker; and 2) allows you to set the parameters of their decisions. These are not merely advisory, but must be followed or the nominated person is subject to removal and your alternate health care representative appointed. **All financial powers of attorney in Oregon are 'durable'** (enduring in effectiveness through incapacity) unless specifically limited, and most are "general" in scope, so they can be used in almost any situation that arises." Mark M. Williams*

"Thanks for the great article in the R.G. today. I'm an elder law attorney in town and just wanted to add that folks should leave behind their passwords and information about digital accounts and assets in addition to all the old fashioned stuff." Robert Cole Tozer PC

Wait, what? Old Fashioned? Good grief really?



Digital Estate Planning/Digital Assets

What it Means

What is a digital asset?

A digital asset in essence is anything that exists in a binary format and comes with the right to use. Files that do not possess the aforementioned right are not considered assets. Digital assets are classified as images, multimedia and textual content files. (Wikipedia)

Examples of Digital Assets: E-mail, Images, Ads, Videos, Logos

What is digital estate planning?

Digital estate planning is estate planning for digital or online assets, such as e-mail, text messages, websites, financial or personal information, and social networking accounts. Digital estate planning is a new field, so there are no federal statutes and only a handful state laws regarding digital assets. Most rules regarding digital estate planning come from user agreements and the policies of tech companies. Currently, private user agreements with companies like Facebook or Google drive digital estate planning rather than legislative statutes. www.legalmatch.com/law-library

What does digital estate planning involve? And what is it for?

Digital estate planning involves issues such as how to protect the assets contained on a cell phone or laptop; who will have the authority to access your email accounts and online bank accounts. More importantly, who will have the basic knowledge that these various digital assets even exist? Consider this example. You sell items online using an eBay or PayPal account, which is linked to your bank account. Someone needs to know how to access those accounts and be allowed to transfer money if you become incapacitated, for instance. Even after you die, your executor needs to know which accounts exist and how to access them. You also need to decide who will ultimately inherit them. This is what a digital estate plan is for.

<http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2013/12/02/what-happens-to-your-digital-life-after-death/>

<http://www.thedigitalbeyond.com/2012/01/digital-assets-a-clearer-definition/>

What can a digital estate plan really do for my family?

There are many ways a digital estate plan can be very helpful to your family. Here are a few examples:

- Locate any accounts you have online
- Access those accounts or the information in those accounts
- Determine if your digital property has any financial value that needs to be reported and perhaps submitted to probate
- Distribute or transfer any digital assets to the appropriate parties
- **Avoid online identity theft** — *Very often, the only person who knows the passwords necessary to access the digital property is the decedent. Many tech companies refuse to share passwords without a court order, even after the user has passed away. Proper digital estate planning can prevent unnecessary trials over missing passwords and inaccessible accounts.*

<http://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/what-is-digital-estate-planning.html#sthash.udzpQJP9.dpuf>

How Do Tech Companies Handle Accounts After a User Has Passed Away?

Facebook locks and memorializes the user's profile if anyone notifies Facebook of the user's death. A user can assign a legacy contact in advance to manage the memorialized page. The legacy contact, however, does not have access to the user's full Facebook account, and can only access and manage the memorialized page. Alternatively, Facebook will close a user's account at the request of a close family member.

Google maintains an "Inactive Account Manager." Although the name does not reveal the feature's nature, the manager is actually useful in the event the account user passes away. The manager allows the account user, while they are alive, to control what happens to the profile upon death. The user can request the account be closed, a YouTube video be sent to friends, the account password be sent to a specific person, or many other options. Google may also work with close relatives if there are no instructions left regarding a deceased loved one's account. This may include account closure and providing the contents of the user's account to the relatives.

Twitter deactivates the account if an immediate family member or authorized person provides the user's death certificate and other information for identification. Twitter may also remove the images of a deceased loved one at the request of immediate family members, but they will weigh the request against public interest factors before honoring the request.

LinkedIn removes deceased members if a person submits the proper form with the correct information. - See more at: <http://www.legalmatch.com/law-library/article/what-is-digital-estate-planning.html#sthash.2HMgaHun.dpuf>

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