

# THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES (continued)

### Obits from 2A

**ANDERSEN**—Anthony Christian Andersen, 71, passed away at home in Florence, surrounded by the love of his family on Feb. 2, 2017.



Anthony Andersen would like to let you know that his work here is done. He received a call that they have been "looking for Fast Eddy for some time now," which was not an easy task given his incognito nature, and it was an offer he could not refuse for an assignment from which he will not be returning.

This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus: a reunion with "The Legion," family and friends he has not seen for a long time and a new "mission" that takes him to a place where

he will continue to live it up to his heart's content and truly be free.

Tony was born in Australia, where he and his mother, a World War II bride, left their beloved family and voyaged on the SS Monterey across the Pacific to reunite with his father, who served in the U.S. Army.

Tony's first passion in life was sparked when he was just three years old, when in snowy Kenosha, Wisc., he won first place for catching the biggest fish with his Uncle Edwin.

From there they moved to the golden state of California, where Tony excelled academically, dreamed of being a professional baseball player, and would sneak away to surf.

As a young man he enlisted in the U.S. Army (1968) and was selected to attend Special Forces training, where he served a multitude of Special Forces Units — 6th, 5th, 8th, 3rd Bn 7th, 1st Bn 10th SFGA's on SF Operational Detachment Alpha, and the most elite U.S.

Military Unit to serve in the Vietnam War, the SOG- RT Kansas.

Anthony "Fast Eddie" Andersen was honorably discharged, receiving the Distinguished Service Cross, Two Bronze Stars, Two Purple Hearts, Army Commendation Medals, National Defense Service Medal, three Service Stars and many more.

These honors were rarely discussed because, like most veterans, he never talked about it until later in life.

Tony's military story and valor came to the surface when he returned to Vietnam in 2012 on a solo pilgrimage to find the remains of Sgt. Bruce Berg POW/MIA, and to honor all of his fallen team mates, followed by a joint POW/MIA Command mission in 2014, back to that Vietnam jungle mountain top but excavating to no avail.

After Vietnam, Tony and his family were stationed in Panama. He was assigned to the HALO team and role as the "Jumping Ambassador," performing for dignitaries and Mobile Training Teams (MTTs) all over Central and South America. Upon leaving the service, he was engaged by Lockheed Aircraft in the top secret "Skunk Works Projects."

In civilian, life he followed many paths pursuing his insatiable sense for adventure from rural America, as a saloon and restaurant owner infamous for his Monday Night Football dinners and the "Ironman Animalthon" contest.

Fluent in Spanish, he circled back into foreign lands as the director of marketing and sales for Consep, Inc., an innovator in environmentally friendly products for agriculture.

Tony's last years were spent on the Oregon coast, where he

met his soulmate, Carley, and has enjoyed the camaraderie of the Elks and his poker and fishing buddies. He quietly gave to his community as a member of the Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Special Operations Association and The Disabled American Veterans.

Tony embodied the motto: "De Oppresso Liber," or "Free the Oppressed," or "Free from Oppression."

He is a hero who has finally received his welcome.

Tony left detailed instructions for us all to "celebrate life and your mission here" and his has now been completed.

If you knew Tony, you would see him smile and say "low adherence to these instructions is unacceptable."

He is survived by his wife Carley; his daughters and sons-in-law: Susan and Marty Powarzynski, Michelle and Ron Clyborne, and Jamie and Tim Jablonski; his sisters and brother-in-law: Valerie Ward, and Lynn and Pete Rollo; three grandchildren: Justin Andersen, Andrew and Jenna Jablonski; two nephews and a daughter-in-law: Jason and Elizabeth Rollo, and Shaun Ward; his beloved "Relos" in Australia, Wisconsin and the heartfelt friendships he cherished along the way.

All are welcome to join in his life celebration with full military honors by the Special Forces 5th Group and 1st Group, which will take place Sunday, Feb. 19, beginning at 11 a.m., at the Florence Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to the following non-profits:

The SOA Warrior Family Fund, Pete Buscetto, SOA Treasurer  
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**ROPER**—Sylvia (Barns) Roper of Junction City, formerly of Mapleton, went to her eternal home on Feb. 6, 2017, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.



She was born Feb. 8, 1930, in Sardis, Okla., to Tillman and Lucy Sproue.

She had many talents in cooking, crocheting, knitting, sewing and gardening.

She loved her family along with her church family. Her faith was a big part of her life. She always had a smile on her face and a quick wit.

On Dec. 19, 1959, she married Charles "Ed" Barns. They were married 37 years before his passing in 1996.

On Dec. 7, 2002, she married Dan Roper. They were married for 12 years before his passing in 2012.

She is survived by her daughters: Cynthia and husband Bruce Vaughn of Junction City, and Kiwanda Dutra of Florence; her son Rod Barns of Coos Bay; nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; brothers Kenneth Sproue of Oregon and David Sproue of Oklahoma; sisters June Sharp and Tycooa McClain of Oklahoma; and numerous

nieces, nephews and cousins. Sylvia was preceded in death by her sisters Virginia and Lovadean; brother Roland; her son Michael; daughter Nadine; grandson Geoff; and great-grandson Andrez.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, beginning at 1 p.m., at Cross Road Assembly of God in Florence.

A reception with food will follow.

**THOMSON**—Emma Gardiner Thomson, 93, was born to Martha and Earl Gardiner when the family lived up Bear Creek near Ada, Ore.

When Emma was 3 years old, her family moved nearer Siltcoos Lake to what is still the family farm.

She married Donald Thomson in 1942 and they moved to Kodiak, Alaska, where both were employed at the Naval Air Station for four years before returning to Oregon.

Emma was the Westlake Postmaster for 24 years, retiring in 1991.

Survivors are her daughter, Lois Rodrigues; her son Don Thomson; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and her brother, Jackie Gardiner.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 50 years; and her sisters: June Smith and Maxine Winkleman Swartzlender.

At her request, no services will be held.

Burns' Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home is in charge of all arrangements.

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Rotary celebrates a world filled with possibility, raising funds for scholarships for Florence area youth and other community projects.

### BIRTHS

**ENGLISH**—Adaline Tristole English, a girl weighing 6 lbs., 7 ozs., was born Dec. 14, 2016, at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center, to Daniel and Ashley English of Florence. She is the granddaughter of Patrick and Shari Lemhouse; and Donald English and Claudia Pearle.

**AMAYA**—Malte Olivia Maya, a girl weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs., was born to Kimberley Dannielle Amaya and Juan Vicente Amaya of Florence on Feb. 9, 2017, at 9:22 a.m., at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

### Noon Forum hears from U.S. Chamber



CHANTELLE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

From left, Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Events Coordinator Nany Pearson, Executive Director Bettina Hannigan and Board President Jenna Bartlett (far right) welcome Anna Salick, second from right, from the Northwest Region of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, to the Florence Noon Forum on Feb. 9. Salick represents northwest chambers at the national level. She said that legislators frequently ask about their constituents' thoughts on recent measures. "By keeping up the pressure and continually reminding legislators how their actions impact local businesses around the region, your voices are heard," Salick said.

CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS

THIS WEEK'S FEATURES: \$9 | \$8 Senior/Student/Military | \$7.50 Matinees Before 3 | \$7 Child | \$6.50 Members

FEBRUARY 17 - 23	FRI 17	SAT 18	SUN 19	MON 20	TUE 21	WED 22	THU 23
<b>A DOG'S PURPOSE</b> PG 120 MIN "Anyone who has ever loved or said goodbye to a pet will be able to relate to this heartfelt story, adapted by Cathryn Michon from a best-selling novel by W. Bruce Cameron." St. Louis Post	1:10 PM 3:25 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:15 PM 8:50 PM	12:30 PM 3:10 PM 5:25 PM 8:05 PM	1:10 PM 3:25 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM	1:10 PM 3:25 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM	1:10 PM 3:25 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM	1:10 PM 3:25 PM 6:00 PM 8:35 PM
<b>FIFTY SHADES DARKER</b> R 115 MIN - The sexy sequel While Christian wrestles with his inner demons, Anastasia must confront the anger and envy of the women who came before her.	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:00 PM 5:30 PM 8:10 PM	3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM	1:10 PM 3:40 PM 6:10 PM 8:40 PM
<b>THE FOUNDER</b> PG-13 115 MIN "It's a great slice of Americana - a classic, red-white-and blue success story in more ways than one, with Keaton embodying everything admirable and not so admirable and despicable about Ray Kroc's climb to the top of Hamburger Mountain. It's some of Keaton's finest work."	1:00 PM 6:20 PM	10:45 AM 3:00 PM 5:30 PM	12:40 PM 5:10 PM	1:00 PM 6:20 PM	12:30 PM 5:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM 6:20 PM
<b>THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE</b> PG 90 MIN - Bruce Wayne must not only deal with the criminals of Gotham City, but also the responsibility of raising a boy he adopted.	1:00 PM 3:45 PM 6:05 PM 8:25 PM	10:50 AM 1:20 PM 3:45 PM 6:05 PM 8:25 PM	12:50 PM 3:05 PM 5:45 PM 8:00 PM	12:50 PM 3:45 PM 6:05 PM 8:25 PM	12:50 PM 3:45 PM 6:05 PM 8:25 PM	12:50 PM 3:45 PM 6:05 PM 8:25 PM	12:50 PM 3:45 PM 6:05 PM 8:25 PM
<b>OSCAR SHORTS-ANIMATED 2017</b> NR 86 MIN - Fill out that Oscar ballot!	3:50 PM 8:50 PM	11:00 AM 8:00 PM	3:10 PM 7:40 PM	3:50 PM 8:50 PM	3:00 PM 9:25 PM	3:50 PM	3:50 PM 8:50 PM

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL EVENTS: Films are regular prices | Performing Arts \$19/\$15 Member/\$10 Student

<b>BOLSHOI BALLET: THE SLEEPING BEAUTY</b> NR 170 MIN Choreographed by the legendary Yuri Grigorovich	11:00 AM						
<b>HEART OF THE GLITTER TRIBE</b> NR 76 MIN - A funny, sexy look into the hard working heart of neo-burlesque.					7:30 PM		
<b>BOLSHOI BALLET: SWAN LAKE</b> NR 200 MIN - Born at the Bolshoi in 1877!						6:00 PM	

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