

THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

ALMERICO—Ruth Bowe Almerico, 90, of Florence, born Dec. 17, 1924, passed away March 26, 2015.



Ruth Almerico

Ruth grew up in Minneapolis, Minn., and graduated high school in 1942. She married Donald Poindexter and moved to Bakersfield, Calif., where she raised her first two boys, Don and Ron.

After divorcing, she moved to Fresno, Calif., where she met John Almerico at a Catholic Social Club dance in Bakersfield. They married on June 30, 1960. Together, they moved to John's hometown,

San Francisco, Calif., and had three children: John Paul and twins, James and Jacqueline.

Ruth was a homemaker and volunteered her time with the Mothers of Twins Club and various activities in the St. Monica Parish Church and School. As her children grew up, she began a second career with the California DMV, where she worked until retirement in 1984.

Ruth enjoyed traveling with her husband and family. In the course of her life, she visited all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Europe, Greece, Turkey, Morocco and China.

She was an avid bridge player who joined in and organized regular card groups throughout retirement in Folsom, Calif.,

and later Florence.

Above all, Ruth enjoyed life and held onto a positive outlook throughout her life. Her memorial wish was to be honored with a wake in the Irish tradition — to be remembered with laughter, not tears.

Ruth is survived by her beloved husband of nearly 55 years, John Almerico; son and daughter-in-law, Donald Poindexter and Mary Anderson; son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Sydney Poindexter; son, John Paul Almerico; son and daughter-in-law, James and Banafsheh Almerico; daughter and son-in-law, Jacqueline and Martin Adams; grandchildren Nicole, Desiree, Adam, Lauren, Sarita, Nicholas, Jonathan, Ian, Blake, Amber, Amy and Joshua; 19

great-grandchildren; her sister, Katherine Pokorney; her brother, John Bowe; as well as numerous other relatives and friends.

BAKER—Louie K. “Kenney” Baker, 92, of The Dalles and previously of Florence, passed away April 1, 2015.

CHASTAIN—Robert “Bob” Chastain, 81, of Florence, passed away April 1, 2015.

Arrangements are being held through Burns’s Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

Florence Municipal Court

March 24

John Edwin Lidstrom pleaded guilty to theft. He was sentenced to three days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$375 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

Abra Rae Crump pleaded guilty to attempted possession of methamphetamine. She was sentenced to six days in Florence City Jail and must report to Options Counseling Services of Oregon, Inc. She

must pay \$175 in fines.

Michael Joseph Schwender pleaded guilty to attempted possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to seven days in Florence City Jail and must report to treatment. He also must pay \$20 in fines.

Deborah Lee Lloyd pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of intoxicants. She was sentenced to 80 hours of community service. She must pay in \$1,890 fines and her driver’s license is suspended for one year.

GRADUATE NOTES

The following local students made winter Honor Roll at Oregon State University:

FLORENCE — 3.5 or better: **Keenan A. Bishop**, senior, elect and computer engineering; **Robert P. Ellison**, junior, business information systems;

Brad A. Greenburg, senior, exercise and sport science;

Elisabeth H. Jones, senior, biology; **Nikki J. Parry**, junior, forest engineering; **Kayla Rickford**, senior, ecological engineering; **Jacob Thompson**, sophomore, eco-

nomics; **Ann J. Watkins**, junior, general science.

MAPLETON — Straight-A average: **Lindsay Free**, junior, political science.

SWISSHOME — Straight-A average: **Rikki N. Redhead**, sophomore, psychology.

Save lives with legible address

Responders with the Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) have recently responded to several 911 calls where it was difficult to locate the residences.

Many homes in the rural areas of the county have long driveways, or obstructing objects such as brush or trees, that can make it difficult for responding emergency crews to locate the correct residence because the address numbers posted on the houses aren’t visible from the road.

WLAD medics have exten-

sive district familiarization, and the ambulances are equipped with current mapping books and GPS systems.

But without having a clearly visible address from the roadway, it may still be difficult to ascertain which residence is home to the 911 caller.

WLAD asks all residents in the district, which includes 1,050 square miles of Western Lane County, to make efforts to have a visible address marker next to the roadway.

Minutes are critical in medical emergencies, so it is

imperative that every home in the district has a clear and visible address.

For many years, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue has been offering a rural addressing program to assist residents with providing visible addresses for necessary emergency responses in any type of emergency.

This is also a great option for residents to receive assistance in establishing proper address postings.

For more information, contact SVFR by calling 541-997-3212.

FSC gourmet dinner winner announced

Florence Mayor Joe Henry picked the winning ticket for the Senior Center’s dinner raffle on St. Patrick’s Day.

It actually took three tries to get a winner. Nancy Coughlan was the first ticket drawn but she declined since she is a board member.

Ron Borge, also a board member whose ticket was drawn, declined as well.

The third attempt drew the name of winning ticket holder Bonnie Kunsek.

“We are delighted that Bonnie’s name was selected,” said Senior Center board president Christine May. “She is a long-time volunteer at the center and single-handedly man-

aged our spring fashion shows in the past.”

Now Kunsek has to choose nine other people to join her for the gourmet five-course meal, which will feature prime rib prepared by Chef Larry Osgood. The gala feast will be held after hours at the center on a date chosen by Kunsek and Osgood.

Proceeds from the annual fundraiser are used to support the activities and operations of the Florence Senior Center.

The Senior Center offers daily meals and a variety of classes and activities for area seniors 60 or older.

For more information, visit www.florenceseniorcenter.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

Florence Mayor Joe Henry (left) congratulates Bonnie Kunsek, the winner of the senior center dinner raffle.



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