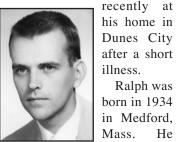
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## THE RECORD

#### **OBITUARIES**

FARNSWORTH-Ralph Farnsworth died Emery



Ralph Farnsworth

years working at his parents' pie-filling company after school during the school year.

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childhood

His summers were more relaxed, spent with his brother and sister at his grandparents' blueberry farm in Jonesport, Maine. There, his grandmother made them doughnuts, his grandfather made them a little skiff and the one rule they were subject to was never to land on the sow when they were jumping off the neighbors' barn roof.

Ralph and his brother staunchly defended the Maine coast from German U-boat invasion during World War II with an old deer rifle from a tent in the back yard.

He attended Bridgton Academy and Wilbraham Academy, although he never graduated due to his nearly successful attempt to create an indoor swimming pool in the men's locker room during finals week.

He joined the National Guard and served in Korea, where he learned the finer points of procurement, finessing in the motor pool and may or may not have diverted an army train full of construction supplies to a local orphanage.

He returned to Medford to enroll at Northeastern University and marry Audrey Margaret Penn.

His attention span apparently had improved by this

point, as he graduated with a degree in business and stayed married for more than 50 years until Audrey died in 2008

Ralph spent most of his career in industrial property insurance, inspecting and restructuring factories to incorporate safety features and practices in connection with underwriting fire and explosion risk.

He had a salesman's interest in people and a gift for telling excruciatingly long meandering jokes without alienating his listeners.

He also had a long commitment to diversity in his very homogenous field, hiring talented minorities and women and doing whatever it took to help them succeed, including in some cases taking them suit shopping.

At home he was a tinkerer, finishing basements, welding sculptures, repairing appliances and building treehouses and ice rinks and whatever Audrey envisioned for their home. He knew the value of theater in childrearing and dispatched many spiders for his family while never revealing his own revulsion.

He was also a talented whistler and a surprisingly good dancer when you could get him out on the floor.

Ralph and Audrey moved to Dunes City in 2001. From his early days here, Ralph was involved in protecting the water quality of Woahink Lake, initiating regular water quality testing and supporting the city ordinance that required septic tanks around the lake to be regularly inspected and maintained.

In his spare time, he created a stream of varied and imaginative birdhouses with many details supporting each one's theme.

Many people in Dunes City and Florence have been on the receiving end of one of his root beer barrels or deadpan iokes.

Ralph loved and protected his wife, his family and his community. For him, knowing that something was the right thing to do meant that of course he would do it; it was that simple for him.

He will be missed greatly by his son, Roger Farnsworth of Austin, Texas; his daughter, Joyce Farnsworth of Palo Alto, Calif.; his four grandchildren; his sister, Jean Cooper in North Carolina; his companion Suzie Navetta of Dunes City; and the countless other friends he treasured from all stages of his life.

He was preceded in death by his brother Lewis and his wife Audrey.

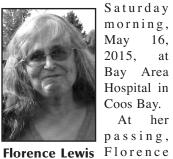
A memorial celebration of his life is planned for Saturday, June 6, at 2 p.m., at the West Woahink Meeting Hall (the yurt) on Canary Road in Honeyman State Park.

Donations in his name can be made to Siuslaw Outreach Services or the Oregon Coastal Alliance.

LEWIS-Florence Emma Lewis passed away early

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was surrounded by her husband and loving family.

Florence was born Nov. 2, 1943, in Coquille, Ore., to Rufus and Mary Crump. She grew up in Coos Bay and

moved to Florence as a junior in high school.

Florence graduated from Siuslaw High School in 1961. On Dec. 9, 1961, she married Frank Lewis.

After several years living in Eugene, Ore., she and her family moved back to Florence, where she spent 30 years driving a school bus, helped her husband pastor a local church and raised their five children.

Before her full retirement, she spent several years working as a certified nurse's assistant for Peace Harbor Hospital.

After retirement, Florence enjoyed mission work, traveling and spending time with her family.

Florence was a beloved member of the Florence community who touched many lives, especially the lives of countless students who had pleasure of riding the her school bus over the years. One of her greatest joys was having second generation students ride her bus and seeing her bus kids as adults.

Florence was devoted to her faith and gave generously to those in need.

Florence is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Frank Lewis; her children: Christy Lewis, Ricky Lewis, Forrest Lewis and Frankie Lewis, Jr.; her sisters: Lidy Mae Evarts, Rebeca Wozniak and Kimberly Barton; 13 grandchildren and five greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Rufus; and her oldest son, Troy Lewis.

The family will be holding a private ceremony in June.

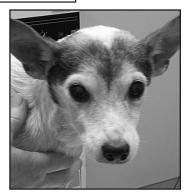
Donations in her name can be made to Friends of Florence.

A female Jack Russell terrier mix #12632 has been impounded at the Florence Area Humane Society.

Call 541-997-4277 or stop by the shelter at 2840 Rhododendron Drive to claim.

Visit FAHS on the web at florencehumane.org.

#### **IMPOUNDMENT**



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# BLACK CYAN MAGENTA

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## Public input sought for Hwy 101 pedestrian safety

in Honeyman State Park will be among the topics discussed at a public meeting May 27, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Public Library Bromey Room, 1460 Ninth St.

runners use to cross the highway at grade.

Providing safe pedestrian reviewed the status of an the highway, best routes, trail- comment online at honey crossing of Highway 101 unofficial trail that hikers and heads, destinations and recre- manstatepark.com; by email ation needs.

at jaime.english@oregon.gov;

by phone at 503-986-0723; or

by mailing written comments

to Jaime English, OPRD, 725

Summer St. NE, Suite C,

Salem, OR 97301.

Highway 101 bisects the park, with trails on both sides of the highway and a pedestrian overpass connecting them.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department recently

Officials are expanding their review to cover the entire trail system and how best to connect the two sides of the park, taking into consideration the pedestrian overopened pass that in 2005.

The meeting will be an opportunity for trail users to share ideas on safely crossing



Compartiendo Alimentos (Food Share) de Florence es una despensa de alimentos que sirve a personas necesitadas con cajas de comida de emergencia en el área del Oeste del Condado de Lane. Nosotros distribuimos un suministro de 3 a 5 días de alimentos para nuestros clientes, sin costo alguno, hasta 16 veces al año, y estamos disponibles para todas las personas que califiquen por bajos ingresos. Nuestra misión es aliviar el hambre en el Oeste del Condado de Lane y creemos que nadie debe sentir hambre, sin importar su raza o grupo étnico. Compartiendo Alimentos (Food Share) recientemente recibió dos becas específicamente para ayudar a nuestra comunidad Latina, así que por favor visite nuestra despensa y disfrute de nuestra "Área de Comida Internacional", que ahora provee harina de maíz, o masa, tortillas de maíz, salsa mole, hojas de maíz para tamales, salsa para enchiladas, jalapeños, y mucho más. Nos encontramos en 2190 Spruce Street, Florence, Oregón, en el mismo estacionamiento que la Iglesia New Life Lutheran. ¡Gracias!

Comments will be used to update and refine the preliminary concepts laid out for the trail system in the 2009 master plan.

The public is also invited to

## **CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS**

1930 Hwy 101 • Florence, OR 97439 Showtimes: May 22-28, 2015

#### \$9 Regular/\$8 Senior or Student/\$7.50 Matinee/ \$7 Child/\$6.50 Member

Mad Max: Fury Road - 120 min (R) – "There is nothing easy or predictable about what George Miller delivers with Mad Max: Fury Road, a stone-cold action master class, beautiful and brainy and startling in the ways it throws off the current definition of the blockbuster." Hitflix

Fri, Sat: 12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:20 | Sun: 1:20, 4:20, 7:20 | Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu: 12:20, 3:20, 6:20

NEW: Poltergeist 2D - 93 min (PG-13) - Sam Rockwell and Rosemarie DeWitt star in this franchise reboot with original thrills and chills. With Jane Adams and Jared Harris (Mad Men).

Fri: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:15 | Sat: 2:15, 3:45, 6:00, 9:40 | Sun: 2:30, 4:40, 6:50

Mon: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30 | Tue: 2:10, 4:20, 8:10 Wed: 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 8:10 | Thu: 12:30, 3:30, 6:30

Pitch Perfect 2 - 115 min (PG-13) – "Reprising the kind of musical performances, campus hijinks, stinging humor and sassy sisterhood put in place by its eminently likeable predecessor, it remixes the elements and comes up with something even slicker

and sharper." HR

Fri: 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:10 | Sat: 11:40 AM, 4:30, 7:05, 8:20 | Sun: 1:10, 4:10,7:10

Mon: 12:10, 3:10, 6:10 | Tue, Wed: 12:10, 2:50, 5:30 | Thu: 12:10, 3:10, 6:10

NEW: Tomorrowland - 130 min (PG) - "Bird [director of The Incredibles] has crafted a gorgeous world rife with creativity and inventive images. A Spielbergian sense of candid awe and wonder permeates each scene with a nostalgic edge." Indiewire

Fri, Sat: 12:00, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00 | Sun: 1:00, 4:00, 7:00 | Mon-Thu: 12:00, 3:00,6:00

#### **Special Events:** Julius Caesar - 180 min – Globe On Screen

Sat: 12:00 | Wed: 6:30 - Shakespeare done right.

In Country - 80 min - Filmed in Oregon - fascinating doc on Vietnam War re-enactors Sun: 12:30 - True Story Tuesday Encore Screening

Merchants of Doubt - 96 min (PG-13) - A brilliant takedown of American spin-doctors. Tue: 11:45am, 6:40 - True Story Tuesday

#### WWW.CITYLIGHTSCINEMAS.COM

In Country Tuesday, May 19

### **Merchants of Doubt** Tuesday, May 26 Encore May 30

## The Salt of the Earth Tuesday, June Encore June 7

Dior & Tuesday, June Encore June 14



Tickets and more at: citylightscinemas.com 1930 Highway 101, Florence, Oregon 97439

