

# THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**SIMINGTON**—Cielia “June” (Jenkins) Simington, 90, of Mapleton, passed away Jan. 10, 2016.



**Cielia Simington**

She was born Feb. 22, 1925, in Bellingham, Wash., to Mamie and James Jenkins.

On Feb. 14, 1941, she married Les Simington; they shared 74 years of marriage. June enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling, hunting, camping, crocheting and crafting.

She is survived by three children: David (Bonita) Simington of Veneta, Linda (Harold) Weston of Elmira and Judy (Ray) Tatum of Queen Creek, Ariz.; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Her loving husband, Les, preceded her in death in 2015, and her son-in-law, Harold, in 2008.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m., at Burns’s Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home, 2765 Kingwood St., in Florence.

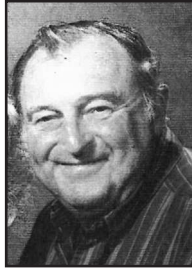
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**LASKEY**—Donald Lee Laskey, 82, of Reedsport, recently passed away from complications related to pneumonia, with his family by his side, at River Bend Hospital, in Springfield, Ore.

Don was born on May 7, 1933, to Herb Laskey and Ines (Wittick) Laskey, in North Bend.

Don could trace his

earliest family beginnings in the North Bend area to 1892, when his maternal grandpa, Wittick, and his family came to the United States from Gamlakarley, Finland, to tow logs for Simpson Lumber Company — the founder of North Bend.



**Donald Laskey**

In 1936, Don’s father, Herb Laskey, owned a logging company. They had a steam donkey and felled the trees by hand. Tragedy struck Don’s family that year when his dad was killed in a logging accident.

Don was without a father at age 3.

Don went to school at Kentuck Inlet Country School, from first through eighth grade. He then attended North Bend High School, where he graduated in the class of 1951. He walked several miles to school in North Bend every day, often hitching a ride home from school on a Coos County dump truck, which was driven by Sam Main.

Don ran on the track team for North Bend and also played football briefly, before he was required to quit sports and work for his family in the logging industry as a whistle punk on a steam donkey.

Don was always proud that he “knew what it is to be poor” and managed to improve his lot in life through hard work, long hours and plenty of ambition.

In April 1953, Don was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War,

stationed in Berlin, Germany. Don was lucky enough to meet up with his best friend from Kentuck Inlet, Dick Russell, in Berlin, and the two were able to serve their country together until 1955.

Once he returned home to North Bend, Don went to work for Coos Bay Supply Company. He started there sweeping floors, unloading boxcars of railroad spikes by hand, and he worked his way up to a field salesman, selling logging rigging in his time there.

In 1957, Don met his future wife, Jo (Shepherd) Laskey, in Reedsport, when he found her stuck in the mud alongside the road in her dad’s jeep and pulled her out. They enjoyed 58 years of marriage together, building their business, raising their only son and taking advantage of the great outdoors in Oregon.

In 1959, Don went into business with his lifelong business partner, Dennis Clifton, by purchasing a small loader. The two started a construction business, Laskey-Clifton Corporation, which remains today, now operated by second and third generation Laskeys.

Don was very proud of his company and the projects that it constructed. He and Dennis provided employment for local families for many years.

Don enjoyed a semi-retirement and loved fishing, especially at Wickiup Reservoir in central Oregon. There, he caught one of the largest German Brown trout on record in Oregon. He enjoyed all manner of outdoor recreation, including camping, fishing, hunting and crabbing. He also enjoyed meeting new people,

and talking to them about their lives.

Don did not know a stranger. He was from the old school and valued a hard day’s work. He will be remembered for his funny laugh, which some say sounded like an old engine trying to start.

Don is survived by his wife, Jo; his son, Don; his daughter-in-law, Patty; his granddaughter, Megan; and his grandson, Don (Clay).

The life lessons Don taught will ensure that his memory lives on, through his family.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30, at Reedsport Community Charter School, in the Pacific Auditorium.

This will be followed by a gathering at the RCCS cafeteria adjoining, for food and beverages. A graveside service will then be conducted at 3 p.m., at the Reedsport Cemetery.

The family requests that those who knew Don and would like to share a story about him, either write the story down and it will be collected and read at the memorial, or tell the story themselves.

Services are being directed by Dunes Memorial Chapel.

**GILLET**—Walter E. Gillett, 78, of Florence, passed away Jan. 23, 2016.

Burns’s Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY

### Darleen and John Anthony

**Darleen and John Anthony** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 18.

John and Darleen were married in Seattle, Wash., but raised their family and made monthly camping trips to the Oregon coast.

In 1977, they moved to Florence, where they no longer had far to drive to indulge their love of camping and the Oregon coast.

John was a pharmacist at Owl Rexall in downtown Seattle, Peterson’s Drug in Florence, Reedsport Pharmacy and then retired from Florence Safeway Pharmacy.

John and Darleen — they are rarely ever seen without each other — had enjoyed working together in the phar-



macies for many years.

They still have a home in Florence, but recently moved to Bothell, Wash., to be closer to family.

They look forward to celebrating their anniversary this summer in Yellowstone National Park, where their four children and seven grandchildren will witness them renewing their wedding vows.

## Van Fans luncheon, card party fundraiser Feb. 17

Get together with friends for a fun day of card games and lunch at the Van Fans fundraiser Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

The fun begins at 11:30 a.m. Sign up for a table and choose your game. Ticket price, with or without card games, is \$15 and includes lunch.

There will be raffle prizes.

The Friends of Florence Van Fans is a nonpolitical organization that sponsors this event.

All proceeds go to support the Van Fans program, which transports cancer patients every weekday to Eugene and Springfield for radiation treatments.

For more information or to sign up for card games, call Karen Lee at 541-997-9669.

## Portion of Highway 126 to honor ODOT engineer

William “Bill” Tebeau will be honored for his great contributions to the state of Oregon with the designation of a portion of Oregon 126 West (Florence-Eugene Highway). As of Friday, Jan. 29, the highway between Veneta and Florence will be known as the “William ‘Bill’ Tebeau Memorial Highway.”

A ceremony to commemorate the designation is set for

Friday at 1 p.m. at Lane Fire Authority, 88050 Territorial Highway, in Veneta.

Tebeau served Oregon as an ODOT engineer for 35 years. One of his many projects was analyzing the drainage through the area along Highway 126 West with the construction of Fern Ridge Reservoir.

His hydraulic analysis was instrumental in the building of the Siuslaw River Bridge in

Florence. In addition to his work at ODOT, Tebeau was a part-time instructor at Chemeketa Community College, where he was awarded “Teacher of the Year” in 1970. He continued to teach and inspire engineers after his retirement from ODOT.

The designation was made under Senate Bill 5, adopted by the 2015 Oregon Legislature.

## IMPOUNDMENT



12987

A senior female Labrador mix #12987 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](http://florencehumane.org).

## WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Jan. 19	48	44	1.74
Jan. 20	55	41	0.22
Jan. 21	62	52	0.40
Jan. 22	55	46	0.83
Jan. 23	50	42	0.21
Jan. 24	47	40	0.24
Jan. 25	57	43	0.00

**Rainfall** Week: 3.64”  
Month: 12.12” Year: 12.12”

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

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## CITY LIGHTS CINEMAS

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**NEW: The Finest Hours (PG-13)** - Tells the true story of a 1952 rescue by the Coast Guard after a massive nor’easter strikes New England, including the SS Pendleton, an oil tanker bound for Boston. Stars Casey Affleck, Chris Pine and Eric Bana.  
Daily: 12:20, 6:20

**NEW: The Finest Hours 3D** - With more advanced and thrilling effects than The Perfect Storm.  
Fri-Sat: 3:30, 8:30 | Sun-Thur: 3:20

**NEW: Kung Fu Panda 3 (PG)** - “Emotionally, dramatically and perhaps most of all visually, this delightful trilogy caper is almost as generously proportioned as its cuddly warrior hero.” Variety  
Fri: 3:30, 9:00 | Sat: 11:00am, 3:30, 9:00 | Sun - Thu: 3:30

**NEW: Kung Fu Panda 3 3D (PG)**  
Fri: 12:30, 6:00 | Sat: 1:15, 6:10 | Sun, Mon: 12:30, 6:00 | Tue: 1:10, 7:45 | Wed, Thu: 12:30, 6:00

**The Revenant - 156 min (R)** - “A riveting saga of pain, grit and the brute moral relativism of revenge... *The Revenant* is one of the best pictures of the year.” MovieNation  
Fri: 12:10, 3:00, 5:45, 8:50 | Sat: 3:00, 5:45, 8:50 | Sun, Mon: 12:10, 3:00, 6:00  
Wed: 12:10, 3:00, 6:10 | Tue, Thu: 12:10, 3:00, 6:00

**13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi - 144 min (R)** - “...a well-photographed, visceral action film, and a sincere and fitting tribute to those secret soldiers.” Chicago Sun-Times  
Fri, Sat: 12:00, 3:10, 6:10, 9:10 | Sun, Mon, Tue: 12:00, 3:10, 6:10  
Wed: 12:00, 3:10 | Thu: 12:00, 3:10, 6:10

### Special Events:

**Jane Eyre - 180 min** - Encore of this fantastic National Theatre Live production  
Sat: 11:00am - The Bronte classic brought to theatrical life with unique staging and gorgeous music

**A Ballerina’s Tale** - True Story Tuesdays returns!

Tue: 11:00am, 5:45 - The rise of ballerina Misty Copeland and her return a devastating injury.

**Bolshoi Ballet: The Lady Of The Camellias (NR)** - Our 1<sup>st</sup> Bolshoi! Join us.

Wed: 6:00 - Critics praised the Moscow production of John Neumeier’s adaptation. Music by Chopin.

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**June 27, 1924 - Nov 27, 2015**  
All are invited to a Remembrance Party for **ANN KOPROWICZ “GRANDMA ANN”**  
**Jan. 30, 2-4 p.m.**  
**Florence Senior Center**  
1570 Kingwood.  
All ages welcome.  
Share music, stories; sweet treat potluck.  
Tea, coffee, wine provided.  
For more information: 541-997-9780

**Donald Lee Laskey**  
**Reedsport, Oregon**  
A memorial service for longtime Reedsport resident and businessman Don Laskey will be held at 11:30 am, Saturday, January 30, at Reedsport Community Charter School, in the Pacific Auditorium. Don passed away from complications relating to pneumonia, on January 15, 2016, with family by his side. Services are being directed by Dunes Memorial Chapel, in Reedsport. (541-271-2822) The family requests that those who knew Don and would like to share a story about him, either write the story down and it will be collected and read at the memorial, or tell the story themselves.

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