

THE RECORD

OBITUARIES

RUSSELL—Karen Jane Russell, 53, of Florence, passed away Jan. 18, 2016, at home surrounded by her family.

She died of a brain tumor that she courageously fought for five years.

Karen was born April 28, 1962, to Byron and Reta Pengra. She was the youngest of their five children.

Born and raised in Florence, she attended school and graduated from Siuslaw High School in 1980.

After high school, she attended Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, where she pursued a diploma in medical sciences.

She returned to Portland, Ore., after college and worked in the dental field. She also worked in Eugene. Eighteen years after leaving Florence, Karen and her family moved back to Florence to be closer to friends and family.

Throughout her life, she worked in the care and service to others. She worked in the dental field, medical field, as a Certified Nursing Assistant and as a teaching assistant in the Siuslaw School District.

Karen was kind and loved fiercely and deeply. She was quick-witted, funny and knew how to have a good time.

Karen's laugh was contagious and she laughed easily.

She was a great cook and an avid sports fan. Her devotion to the Oregon Ducks and the Denver Broncos was intense.

She had a life-size standup poster board of John Elway in her entryway at one time.

What a fan!
If asked, Karen would tell you that the best thing she did in her life was being a mother

to her daughter, Kelcee, and her son, Justin. She did everything she could to allow them to succeed in life. She loved them unconditionally and understood the trials of growing up.

She always wanted them to learn from her mistakes and was honest in sharing her feelings and concerns with them.

Karen is survived by her daughter, Kelcee Pengra; son Justin Russell; sisters: Sue Scarberry and husband Dan, Joyce Rines and husband Eric, and Teresa Anderson; her brother, Bob Pengra and his wife, Lyn; and many nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by special friends Tim McGinnis and Debbie and Kip McKay.

A celebration of life will be held today, Jan. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m., at The Riverside Restaurant, 1340 Bay St..

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

JACKSON—A celebration of life for longtime resident and author Bob Jackson will be held Sunday, Jan. 31, beginning at 1 p.m., at the Florence Events Center.

The public is invited to attend.

DI GIORGIO—John Di Giorgio, 91, formerly of



John Di Giorgio



Florence, died Jan. 22, 2016.

He was born Jan. 14, 1925, in the family home in Somerville, Mass., the son of Joseph Anthony Di Giorgio and Josephine (Brescia) Di Giorgio of Boston.

A 1943 graduate of Somerville High School in Boston, John served 24 months

in the European Theater with the U.S. Army. He landed on Utah Beach, Normandy, on D-Day +11.

He served across France and Germany and was in Czechoslovakia at war's end.

Returning to the U.S., his ship was nearly sunk in a North Atlantic hurricane Christmas, 1945. His crippled ship limped into the Azores, and eventually the men were transferred to the aircraft carrier Enterprise for the voyage to New York City.

The entire return trip, scheduled to take eight days, lasted exactly one month.

One of John's strongest memories of World War II was of war-weary vets on the ship crying, feeling certain they would not survive the storm.

This likely explains John's lifelong refusal to take a pleasure cruise!

Discharged January 1946, by March he began 16 years of studies in biochemistry that included a bachelor of science in chemistry, with minors in math and physics, from Northeastern University; masters and doctorates in Biochemistry from University of Buffalo and post-doctoral work in clinical chemistry at the University of Washington.

He also had research positions at Washington State College (now university), Boston University School of Medicine and two stints at the Department of Nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health.

Entering the industry in 1966, John spent 15 years with Dow Chemical Health Sciences, developing blood chemistry tests and reagent sets, helping to set up the Diagnostic Products group at Dow Lepetit in Milan, Italy, and researching hemodialysis therapy for patients with kidney failure.

He later performed research at two venture capital-funded

companies before spending eight fulfilling years in public service at the State of California Genetic Disease Laboratory for newborn babies in Berkeley.

Following retirement, John and Barbara settled in Florence for 22 wonderful years.

John greatly enjoyed playing saxophone and clarinet with many bands including the Yachats Big Band, the Florence Saxophone Quartet and the Florence Community Concert Band, as well as in the pit orchestra of many musicals.

He and Barbara were active volunteers for the Florence Events Center and treasured the dear friendships they developed through the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw and Florence Rotary Club.

Declining health forced a move back to California in June 2015, where he passed away at home with Barbara and his sons at his side.

He is the beloved husband of 58 years to Barbara Ann Di Giorgio; father of Marlene (d.1972), Carl of Lafayette, Calif., and Brian of Oakland, Calif.; father-in-law to Mary Di Giorgio and Elizabeth Southwick Adam; "Papa" to grandsons Evan and Connor Di Giorgio; beloved uncle of Joanne Bryanos and Janet Taylor, both of Nahant, Mass.; and loved by the Di Giorgio families throughout the Boston area.

A memorial service is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6, at Grace Presbyterian Church, Walnut Creek, Calif.

The family will also hold a service in Florence in the spring.

BIRTH

JOHNSON—Odin Nikias Johnson, a boy weighing 7 lbs., 9 ozs., was born to Daryl Chante Wood and Jacob Michael Johnson of Florence on Jan. 23, 2016, at 5:49 p.m., at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

Kiwanis to begin offering See's Candy for sweethearts

The Florence Kiwanis Club is once again selling See's Candy.

The Kiwanis will set up its candy display beginning Monday, Feb. 1, in the Florence Sears Showroom at Sixth Street and Highway 101, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 3 p.m.

The drive will continue until the candy is sold out.

This year's candy selection includes Valentine specialties and discounted one- and two-pound boxes of assorted chocolates, nuts and chews and dark chocolates.

The See's Candy sale is a fundraiser for the Florence Kiwanis Club.

All proceeds from the sale support programs for children and youth in the community.

For more information, call 541-997-3455.

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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 1st Bolshoi! Join us. Wed: 6:00 - Critics praised the Moscow production of John Neumeier's adaptation. Music by Chopin.

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Florence Municipal Court Jan. 19

Byron Leroy Barnett pleaded guilty to criminal trespass. He was sentenced to nine days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$50 in fines.

Jan. 26

Nickolas Wayne Burch pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and attempting to possess methamphetamine. He was sentenced to six days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$525 in fines.

Joseph Ryan Coldiron pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and unlawfully entering a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to five days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$1,131 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

Aaron Solomona Teo pleaded no contest to theft, harassment and resisting arrest. He was sentenced to seven days in Florence City Jail and must report to Emergence Addiction and Mental Health Services. He must pay \$525 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

Jessica Nicole Daggs pleaded no contest to resisting arrest. She was sentenced to two days in Florence City Jail. She must pay \$825 in fines.

Tanner Glen Mace pleaded guilty to theft. He was sentenced to six days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$525 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

Melvin Bruce Lytle pleaded no contest to harassment. He was sentenced to six days in Florence City Jail and must report to Emergence Addiction and Mental Health

Services and Siuslaw Batterer's Intervention Program. He must pay \$505 in

fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

COURTS

Keep your heart happy

Who do you love with all your heart? Turns out the same people who warm your heart can help keep it healthy too. They inspire us to stay heart healthy. If you need more support in your pursuit of heart health, PeaceHealth is here with screenings, nutrition advice and teams of specialists who never miss a beat.



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