

# THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**SPOMER**—Craig J. Spomer, 63, died in Florence on Feb. 29, 2016.



**Craig Spomer**

He was born in Kansas and was a long-time resident of both Hays and Topeka, Kan. He graduated from Fort Hays State

University and Washburn University School of Law.

He spent several years in the private practice of law before becoming Wabaunsee County Attorney and later Chief of Prosecution for the City of Topeka.

He was a partner in the Florence law firm of Spomer and Bessey.

Craig was also a proud volunteer with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue.

He is survived by his wife, Erika Bessey; his children: Ian Spomer, Theryn Spomer, Dylan Spomer and Hannah Spomer; and his granddaughter, Natalie Munoz.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, at the SVFR main station at 2625 Highway 101.

Craig requested donations be made to the Craig Spomer Scholarship Fund, c/o Oregon Pacific Bank, 1355

Highway 101, Florence, OR 97439.

Private cremational rites were held.

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

**DOYLE**—Danny Alton Doyle, 69, of Reedsport, passed away March 18, 2016.

Arrangements were handled through Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence

Funeral Home.

**RAINWATER**—Joe Rainwater, 83, of Florence, passed away March 20, 2016.

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

**BURSAW**—Lawrence "Bear" Bursaw, 39, of Florence, passed away March 22, 2016.

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

## LCC seeks volunteers

The English Language Learners (ELL) program at Lane Community College Florence Center is in need of volunteers on Wednesday or Thursday morning, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., to lead a small group in English conversation.

For more information, contact LCC Florence Center at 541-997-8444.

## COURTS

### Florence Municipal Court March 15

Cory Dean Richards pleaded guilty to interference with police and disorderly conduct. He was sentenced to 10 days in Florence City Jail and must report to Emergence Addiction and Mental Health Services. He must pay \$425 in fines.

Byron Leroy Barnett pleaded guilty to theft. He was sentenced to 20 days in Florence City Jail and must report to Emergence Addiction and Mental Health Services. He must pay \$875 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence, premises or places of employment of the victims.

Trevor Welch Scott pleaded guilty to giving false information to police. He was sentenced to five days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$475 in fines.

Lucille Jenny Wade pleaded guilty to attempted possession of methamphetamine. She must pay \$775 in fines.

Winnie Adolphina Rand pleaded guilty to DUII. She was sentenced to 10 days in Florence City Jail and must report to treatment. She must pay \$2,430 in fines and her driver's license is revoked for life.

Aaron Barnes pleaded no contest to criminal trespass. He was sentenced to one day in Florence City Jail and must pay \$325 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

### March 22

Jeanine Kay Overturf pleaded no contest to DUII. She was sentenced to two days in Florence City Jail and

must report to Emergence Addiction and Mental Health Services. She must pay \$2,230 in fines and her driver's license is suspended for one year.

Brian Thomas Woods pleaded no contest to theft. He was sentenced to two days. He must pay \$431 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

Charles Willy Wright pleaded guilty to criminal trespass. He must pay \$375 in fines and not contact or be in or about the premises or place of employment of the victim.

Alexis Lynn Johnson pleaded no contest to improper use of an emergency call. She was sentenced to two days in Florence City Jail and must pay \$575 in fines.

Angela Murray Wenner pleaded guilty to attempted possession of methamphetamine. She must comply with the terms of her probation.

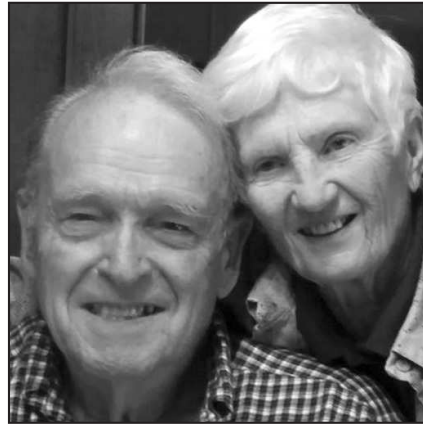
Taylor Maxwell Smith pleaded guilty to giving false information to police and eluding the law by foot. He was sentenced to six days in Florence City Jail. He must pay \$675 in fines.

Norman Dwayne Cagle pleaded no contest to initiating a false report. He must pay \$475 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

Kenneth Leon Cook pleaded guilty to harassment. He was sentenced to 12 days in Florence City Jail and must report to Siuslaw Batterer's Intervention Program. He must pay \$450 in fines and not contact or be in or about the residence or place of employment of the victim.

## 65TH ANNIVERSARY

### Bob and Shirley Merz



**Bob and Shirley Merz** of Florence celebrated 65 years of marriage March 4, 2016, with family and close friends.

It was fall of 1950, in Florence, when Shirley Bonney, almost 19 years old, took her 1941 Studebaker Coupe to Johnston Motor Company for an oil change.

At the end of her work day at Lane County Bank on Bay Street, she walked up to Johnston's to retrieve her car.

Unfortunately, there was only one mechanic working that day and he was working on a black Mercury when Shirley arrived.

Waiting patiently, she began

chatting with the owner of the Mercury, a 20-something, good looking, tall man named Bob. In those short 20 minutes, they got to know each other just enough to want to know more.

Bob called the next week for a date, and the rest, as they say, is history.

## SVFR scholarship applications due April 15

Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue (SVFR) has two \$1,000 scholarships available to graduating seniors at Siuslaw High School. Applications are available at the high school and are due Friday, April 15. The SVFR and Vern Passenger scholarships are \$1,000 each.

For more information, contact the SVFR Main Station at 2625 Highway 101 and at 541-997-3212.

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## "A TRIBUTE TO A SIUSLAW PIONEER MUSEUM BENIFACTOR" Don Lee Davidson



### 1930 - 2016

I had the extreme good fortune to have worked for this gentleman from 1954 until 1991. I considered him a friend, a teacher and a confidant. Don provided summer work for high school students who were old enough to get a work permit. And after a summer of sweat and instruction as to how to pull board after board, (they just kept coming) from the planer chain and place them neatly in stacks by percentage of grade and length, a good number of those young boys & girls made the decision that going on to college after high school might just be a smart career choice! Doctors, lawyers, bankers, and entrepreneurs, these young men and women became after getting their college funds by working for Don. Some stayed on after high school and became trusted and skilled employees for Don.

Don was tremendously generous and went about setting up retirement accounts that the workers could contribute to and he would match. He liked to see us learn and broaden our horizons. And example was the formation of an investment club using make believe money over a period of time to see who could have the highest gain in the stock market. There was a real money prize for the winner.

The annual kids Christmas parties he funded and let his employee volunteers organize a must go to event, held at the Mapleton Lions Club (the Mapleton High School until 1950). The highlight of the party would be a visit from a Portland kid's TV show personality. And what seemed to all of the employee's kids, to be a real Santa Clause making sure that every child had their very own gift in their age group with their own name on it to take home was the highlight of the year to the youngsters.

On five-year company anniversaries special events were held to recognize employee length of service and for Don to give what I called his "State of the Union" about the company's position in the market. These events were very special and usually held at nice venues. One was held at Salishan Lodge, all expenses paid. To our surprise at the Salishan event, opera performers from Italy were flown in. It was truly, a night to remember.

I remember one year in the 70's that Don allowed a group of us to build a float for the Rhododendron Parade, he provided two carpenters to build the body of the float which was then decorated by volunteer employees. It was a site to see at 12' wide, 13.5' tall and 33' long with a rotating carousel. It did win the grand sweeps stakes prize that year. A group of six or eight couples were allowed to take it to six other parades that summer in the Willamette valley, it won top honors at every one.

Don gave his employes the gift of encouraging participation in community involvement and arrainging schedules so they could. He had the wisdom to see that this, and all of the other things his employees could do in the community would make them a better and more loyal work force for his company.

Don was a quiet, generous, and very private man who never ever bragged about what he would be doing to help his community. When gifts of money or land were given for things that the community leaders saw the need for, it would be done. and he would never publicly take credit for it. Schools, Hospitals, Event Centers, Museums and many more community entities would be the benefactors of this wonderful giving man.

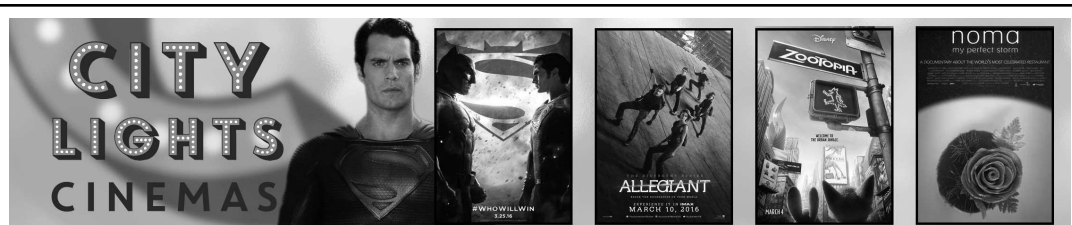
Don and I would meet for lunch or breakfast every now and again over the years since I left the mill, and we would enjoy reminiscing on the good old days. The last time we met was last year at ICM on Veterans Day. He had clam strips and I had a lumberman's breakfast. One of the subjects that came up was an elevator for the museum, when he leaned forward, looked me in the eye and said, "Delbert, you need an Elevator in that museum!" I said to him "You are preaching to the choir Don", we are already working on plans for one. And now in looking back and thinking of all of the help he has given our pioneer museum, I would dearly love to somehow get his name on that elevator in his memory. I am sure going to miss those get-togethers with him.

I will be the first to say that for me, the experience that Don gave to me over the years was priceless and allowed me to have the courage to step out into the world and be successful on my own, with my own project, and for that, I am forever grateful!

I am sure I speak for many people when I say, Thank You Don Lee!!!

You will be missed ... And well-remembered.

By Del Phelps, Board President, Siuslaw Pioneer Museum



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

MARCH 25 - 31	FRI 25	SAT 26	SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31
<b>BATMAN V SUPERMAN: DAWN OF JUSTICE</b> PG-13 151 MIN With Batman and Superman at war with one another, a new threat quickly arises, putting mankind in greater danger than it's ever known before. Advance buzz says this clash of the superheroes is 'awesome'.	12:30 PM 6:20 PM	12:30 PM 6:20 PM	12:25 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM	12:25 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM	12:25 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM	12:25 PM 6:30 PM	12:25 PM 6:30 PM 8:00 PM
<b>BATMAN V SUPERMAN: 3D</b> Stars: Amy Adams, Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Jason Momoa, Jesse Eisenberg	3:30 PM 9:10 PM	3:30 PM 9:10 PM	3:05 PM	3:05 PM	3:05 PM	3:05 PM	3:05 PM
<b>MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN</b> - PG 109 MIN Jennifer Garner stars in a faith-based film based on "Three Miracles From Heaven" by Christy Beam about a young woman's accident that leads to a miracle...	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 3:10 PM 5:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:10 PM 5:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:10 PM 5:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:10 PM 5:40 PM	12:30 PM 3:10 PM 5:40 PM
<b>THE DIVERGENT SERIES: ALLEGIANT</b> PG-13 110 MIN "Recaptures the original film's sense of constantly discovering and adapting to fresh information."	1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 9:30 PM	1:20 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM 9:30 PM	12:20 PM 3:00 PM 5:30 PM 8:10 PM	12:20 PM 3:00 PM 5:30 PM 8:10 PM	3:00 PM 5:30 PM 8:10 PM	12:20 PM 3:00 PM 5:30 PM 8:10 PM	12:20 PM 3:00 PM 5:30 PM 8:10 PM
<b>ZOOPTOPIA</b> - PG 108 MIN "Expertly combines keen wit with a gentle, and very timely, message of inclusivity and empowerment."	1:00 PM 3:50 PM 9:00 PM	1:00 PM 3:50 PM 9:00 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:15 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:15 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:15 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:15 PM	12:40 PM 3:50 PM 6:15 PM
<b>ZOOPTOPIA 3D</b> - PG 108 MIN Action, Adventure, Comedy, Animation, Family	6:40 PM	6:40 PM	8:40 PM	8:40 PM	8:40 PM	8:40 PM	8:40 PM

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

<b>NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: HANGMEN</b> 185 MIN Academy Award winning writer Martin McDonagh "The best new play of the year." - Time Out	A can't miss theatre event!					6:00 PM	
<b>NOMA: MY PERFECT STORM</b> UN 90 MIN Noma is the top rated restaurant in the world. Get as close to tasting it as you can with My Perfect Storm.	True Story Tuesday				12:45 PM 5:40 PM		

Box Office opens 30 min. prior to 1st Film | 1930 HWY 101 | www.citylightscinemas.com | Times: 541-305-0014