

# THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**PINKNEY** — Jolene Pinkney, 85, a 62-year resident of Florence, died Monday, Jan. 30, 2017.



**Jolene Pinkney**

Born in 1931 in Astoria, Ore., Jolene was a coastal girl through and through. She lived in Cushman for four years and attended the school house there.

Her father worked for CRPA in Cushman and then for Bumble Bee Seafoods. They later moved to Newport, where she graduated from Newport High School.

Jolene continued her education, beginning at Colorado Women's College, then transferring to the University of Oregon, where she finished her degree with a bachelor of science in business in 1953.

She was an Alpha Phi during her years at U of O. Jolene then met Warner Pinkney, a businessman, from Florence. They married in 1954 and together they ran The Sportsman, a sporting goods store, which is still open and going on its 70th year.

She was a very active member in her church and community and dearly loved all of her friends and customers. She was a founding member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church and a member of P.E.O for 50 years.

An avid Duck fan, she enjoyed going to all of the games and bowl games.

She was passionate about

traveling and was able to see many, many countries throughout the world. She was happiest on a plane taking her on an adventure.

Jolene is survived by her three children: Janet Childers, Bill Pinkney and Sara McGuire; eight grandchildren and several great-grandchildren whom she adored and was adored by.

A service will be held for Jolene at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Saturday, Feb. 25, beginning at 3 p.m.

A celebration of her life will follow at The Sportsman at 5 p.m.

**DAVIDSON** — Erin Danielle Davidson, 28, of Florence, passed away Jan. 1, 2017, at Riverbed Hospital in Springfield, Ore.



**Erin Davidson**

Erin is survived by grandparents Steve and Maureen Patterson; mother Christine Dold; sister Brittany; brothers Rusty and James; her daughters Nicki, Jayden and Olivia; uncles and aunts John and Shelly and Kyle and Julie; and cousins Kelsey and Derek.

A celebration of Erin's life will be held at the Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St., on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 1 p.m.

The family would like it to be a time for all those who loved Erin to share stories about their memories with her. There will be memory

books made, and anyone who contributes a written story will receive a book when the stories are put together.

It will be a casual event and hopefully a time to start healing from the loss of such a incredible young woman.

*What is Success:  
To laugh often and much  
To win the respect of  
intelligent people and the  
affection of children  
To earn the appreciation  
of honest critics and endure  
the betrayal of false friends  
To appreciate beauty  
To find the best in others  
To leave the world a bet-  
ter, whether by a healthy  
child, a garden patch or a  
redeemed social condition  
To know even one life has  
breathed easier because you  
have lived*

*This is to have succeeded*  
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

**VANCURLER** — Opal VanCurler, 83, passed away Jan. 30, 2017, in Florence Regency due to age-related causes.



**Opal VanCurler**

She was born Nov. 5, 1933, in Idaho where her father worked for the railroad and her mother cooked for the respite center for servicemen. The service men were kind and helpful to the family.

When Opal was so sick with Scarlet and Rheumatic Fever, the sailors would keep an eye on Opal and Ethel

when the parents were not able to be there. Opal well remembered one Christmas, when she was sick in bed, the men put on a Christmas play for her at home to cheer her up — which it did.

The family moved to Woodburn, Ore., when she was a little girl and later to Florence.

They built a house amongst the native pink rhododendrons on 36th Street. There were not too many houses near by then and Opal and her sister enjoyed exploring the woods. One day, they found a huge rhododendron that bloomed only white flowers. If you wanted any you'd have to wait for them because they were the only ones who knew how to find that special bush.

Opal married John VanCurler in 1952 and raised their three children in Brickerville. They had a good life next to the Siuslaw River with grandparents, aunts and uncles and cousins up on Brickerville Hill.

Later, Opal started working as a caregiver at the care center and in private-care homes.

She enjoyed this work. She is preceded in death by her husband, John; daughter, Terri; and grandson, Luke.

She is survived by her sons Gary VanCurler and Guy VanCurler; two grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; plus many more family members and friends whom she dearly loved.

She told family and friends that she had lived a "good life."

No funeral services are planned.

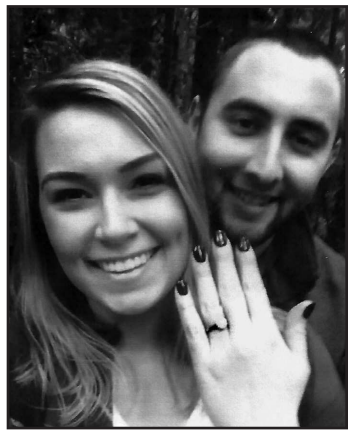
## ENGAGEMENT

### Lang — Walker

Mapleton High School graduates **Ashley Lang** and **Chad Walker**, both now of Coquille, Ore., have announced their engagement to be married.

Both are graduates of Oregon State University. Lang has a degree in social services and is the daughter of Stan and Angela Lang of Mapleton.

Walker has a degree in social services as well, and is the son of Sherry Dutcher, stepfather Willard Dutcher of Indiola, and father Raymond



Walker of Mapleton. A date and location for the wedding has not been set.

## Civil rights work to be recognized at library

On Saturday, Feb. 25, KXCR, Community Radio, and Citizen's Democracy Watch will commemorate 400 years of social justice activism.

The event will be held in the Bromley Room at the Siuslaw Public Library, 1460 Ninth St., from 1 to 3 p.m., and is free to the public.

The commemoration will include a remembrance of those who gave their lives to work for equal rights from

1717 to 2017. The meeting will conclude with a conversation discussing issues of social justice and work that remains to be done.

This program is supported by KXCR, non-commercial radio and the members of Citizens Democracy Watch.

The Siuslaw Public Library is not responsible for and is not a sponsor of this program.

For more information, contact Jenny Velinty at 541-997-7573.

## BIRTH

**MORDECAI** — Riley Nathaniel Mordecai, a boy weighing 9 lbs., 8.5 ozs., was born to Anastasia Marie Riley of Florence on Feb. 2, 2012, at 2:47 p.m., at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

## WEATHER DATA

| DATE    | HIGH | LOW | RAIN |
|---------|------|-----|------|
| Jan. 31 | 47   | 39  | 0.03 |
| Feb. 1  | 43   | 37  | 0.00 |
| Feb. 2  | 48   | 37  | 0.14 |
| Feb. 3  | 49   | 36  | 1.45 |
| Feb. 4  | 50   | 46  | 1.12 |
| Feb. 5  | 52   | 39  | 3.57 |
| Feb. 6  | 47   | 37  | 0.23 |

Rainfall Week: 5.54"  
Month: 6.51" Year: 17.69"

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