

# THE RECORD

## OBITUARIES

**JOHNSON**—Robert LeRoy Johnson was born in Woodland, Calif. on June 27, 1926. He quietly passed away May 6, 2017, in Auburn, Calif., near the home of his daughter, Kim Swayze.

Bob grew up in Woodland and Petaluma, Calif., where he graduated from Petaluma High School. After service in the U.S. Navy, Bob married, raised a family and had a successful career in insurance sales in Metropolitan Life and later Don Ramatci Insurance.

After catching a trophy size 54-lb salmon in the Siuslaw River, Bob and his wife, Mary Lou, decided to move to Florence.

Bob was a great outdoorsman and when not out fishing volunteered in the Oregon STEP program. Bob was an avid golfer and a member of the Florence Elks Club.

Bob was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in both World War II and the Korean

War. In 2014, he was honored by the Oregon Honor Flight and traveled to Washington D.C. with a contingent of WWII vets.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Mary Lou Johnson; his parents Roy and Elsie Johnson of Petaluma; and a sister, Betty Fraley of Lakeport, Calif.

He is survived by his sister, Darlene Derby, of Florence; son Robert Bradley Johnson of Orlando, Fla.; his daughter Kim Johnson Swayze of Colfax, Calif.; and his grandson, Evan Johnson Swayze of Colfax, Calif.

**BLALOCK** — Walter “Lance” Blalock died Thursday, March 9, 2017, at Peace Harbor Hospital.

Lance was born on May 27, 1941, in Denver, Colo., to Woodrow Blalock and Thelma (Kochenower) Blalock. He was the middle child of three children. His older brother, Larry Blalock, along with his younger sister, Paulette

(Blalock) Larson, and his parents all preceded him in passing.

Lance attended Adams City High School where he was not only a scholar but excelled in track and field, holding both the long jump and pole vault records for more than 25 years. In the Junior Olympics, he silver medaled, almost making it to the Olympics.

Upon graduation at the age of 17, he joined the U.S. Navy. He briefly toured Europe on his way to his first assignment in Reykjavik, Iceland, after which he was stationed in the Florida Everglades serving as a Naval Intelligence officer intercepting and decoding Russian communications.

After receiving an honorable discharge, he returned to

Colorado and attended Colorado School of Mines, subsequently gaining employment with Chevron Research as a chemical engineer.

In 1968, Lance hired on with IBM and worked as a field engineer for 30 years. He took an early retirement in 1998 and spent the next 14 years full-time RVing with his wife, Carole. They travelled to 48 of the 50 states, Canada and Mexico, playing golf and visiting as many National Parks as possible.

Many wonderful summers were spent at a cottage they purchased on Prince Edward Island, Canada, and many win-

ters were spent in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Lance was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease in 2007. Upon receiving that devastating news, he and Carole travelled to Florence, where they settled in 2009.

He continued to golf, fighting both the Parkinson’s Disease and the accompanying dementia for the next 10 years.

He fought a valiant fight.

Lance is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Carole; his son, Troy; his daughter Tanya (from a prior marriage); four beautiful grandchildren: Talia, Brody, Adam and Candice; one great-grandson,

Noah; a soon-to-be-born great-granddaughter, Alyce; and numerous uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Lance will be inurned with honors at Eagle Point National Cemetery in Medford, Ore., at 10 a.m. on June 16, after being sealed to his wife Carole at the Medford Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on June 15.

Lance is sorely missed. He was a wonderful, loving man.

The Lord be with you and may you rest in peace.

“When I have holed my final shot, let all the bad strokes be forgot.” May he finally get that elusive hole-in-one.



Walter Blalock

## POLICE LOG

### Florence Police

May 23

Dispute was reported in the 700 block of Quince Street.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of Highway 101.

Theft was reported in the 2300 block of Oak Street.

Child neglect was reported in the 3800 block of Spruce Street.

Dispute was reported in the 91000 block of Highway 101.

Hit-and-run accident was reported on Bay Street.

Theft was reported in the

3600 block of Highway 101.

Accident, without injury, was reported in the 5900 block of East Glenada Road.

May 24

Child neglect was reported in the 1100 block of Hemlock Street.

May 25

Trespass was reported in the 2400 block of Highway 101.

Death investigation was conducted in the 1000 block of Ninth Street.

## WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
May 16	56	46	0.95
May 17	58	43	0.07
May 18	65	41	0.00
May 19	63	42	0.00
May 20	61	48	0.01
May 21	69	45	0.00
May 22	78	46	0.00

**Rainfall** Week: 1.03”  
**Month:** 6.31” **Year:** 68.31”

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

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## Meet the brightest Central Coast startups!

# RAIN

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**Coastal Demo Day**  
**Wednesday, June 21**  
**5 – 8:30 PM**

**Florence Event Center**

**Food, Beer and Wine Provided**

**Register for Free by June 13**

**at <http://bit.ly/raincoastaldemoday>**

This year, RAIN launched the Mid-Coast’s first-ever Pre-Accelerator programs for startups located between Lincoln City and Florence. Join us at the Coastal Demo Day where our 11 graduating companies will take the stage to showcase their startups!

Food, Beer and Wine Provided  
**Free registration closes on June 13; \$12 to register after June 13**

- Networking
- Food, beer and wine provided
- Keynote by Sam Gross, CEO/Cofounder of Chef Mel’s (chefmels.com)
- Business pitches from the Pre-Accelerator companies
- Learn “What’s Next” for the Mid-Coast’s entrepreneurial ecosystem

**Florence**

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## CALL TO ARTISTS

### CENTRAL COAST CONNECTION

### 2017-2018

### Cover Contest

## \$500 CASH AWARD

### 2017-2018 Theme:

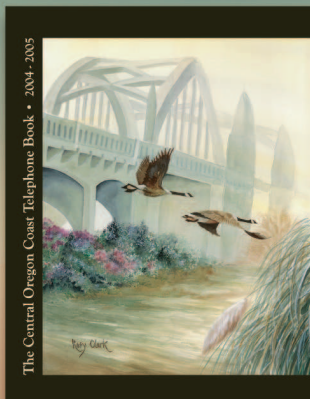
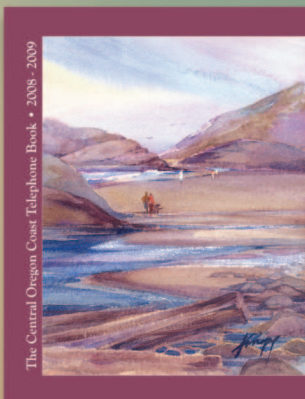
### Central Oregon Coast Locale, scenery, buildings, people & local areas of interest.

Painting can be on any medium but will require a vertical layout to fit cover.

**[fraaoregon.org](http://fraaoregon.org) for details and to enter**  
**Deadline for submission: June 30, 2017**

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## 541-997-1040



Previous Artist Covers



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Call (503) 986-1705  
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