

THE RECORD

OBITUARY

JOHNSON—Horace P. “Hod” Johnson, 69, passed away Thursday, June 15, 2017 in Tulsa, Okla.

Hod was born Aug. 5, 1947, in Eugene, Ore., to Sherman E.



Horace Johnson

and Margaret R. Johnson. He was the third child of four, and their only son. He was raised on a farm up Canary Road in Florence during his early years, and later moved to Heceta Beach. After graduating from Siuslaw High School in 1965, Hod continued his education and graduated from Western Oregon University in 1969, receiving a bachelor's degree in education

and biology, as well as being recognized as an honorary member of Theta Delta Phi.

Shortly after graduating, he spent one year teaching science and coached wrestling at the middle school in Astoria.

In 1970, he moved back to Florence, where he spent the next 35 years in the Oregon Coast tourism industry, as well as serving on numerous civic boards.

Hod's service to his community ranged from serving on the Chamber of Commerce as director and chairman of advertising, to being a life-long member of the Elks. He also served on the Florence City Planning Commission, Siuslaw School District Budget Committee, and was involvement with the Florence Rotary, Kiwanis and and as an active member of the Convention and

Visitors Center of Lane County.

Hod also acted as an instructor and seminar speaker through Lane Community College.

His strong sense of community was not outweighed by his love of family. In 2006 Hod and his wife, Joyce, made the brave move to Tulsa, Okla., to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

In Oklahoma, Hod's life was marked by a new career path as a manager at RiverSpirit Casino Resort. He was never afraid of a challenge and adapted well to his new surroundings.

Hod is survived by his wife of 38 years, Joyce L. Johnson, of Oklahoma; his sister Ellen Cooper-Munday, of Washington state; his sister Elizabeth Rawls, of Oregon;

his son Todd Johnson, and daughter-in-law Leslie, of Arkansas; his son Gregory Johnson and daughter-in-law, Kelly, of Oregon; his son Devin Johnson and daughter-in-law, Heather, of Kentucky; and father-in-law, Ken Murrell, of Oklahoma.

He also leaves behind seven grandchildren, nine nieces and nine nephews.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents; his younger sister, Kathy Johnson; mother-in-law, Helen Murrell; niece, Shannon Plouman; nephew, Kevin Plouman; and nephew, Ryan Morgan.

A memorial was held in Tulsa, Okla., on Tuesday, June 20; a celebration of his life will be held in Oregon at a later date.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
June 13	61	45	0.06
June 14	62	47	0.00
June 15	59	52	0.21
June 16	58	56	0.35
June 17	65	52	0.01
June 18	70	50	0.00
June 19	66	55	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.63"
Month: 3.46" Year: 71.90"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

BIRTH

SKANES — Stormi Samarha Skanes, a girl weighing 6 lbs., 13 ozs., was born to Erin Michelle Phillips and Darrell Gene Skanes of Florence on June 15, 2017, at 2:18 p.m., at PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center.

Eivers pleads guilty to abuse

On Thursday, June 21, former Florence resident Shannon J. Eivers pled guilty in Lane County Circuit Court to Attempted First Degree Assault.



Shannon Eivers

She was sentenced to 2 years in prison through the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Eivers was initially arrested by Florence Police

in July 2016, after a lengthy investigation into serious physical injuries inflicted on a child who was 2 years old at that time.

The injured child was not Eivers' biological child and is not being identified by the Florence Police Department.

Governor signs into law new child car seat legislation

Oregon Governor Kate Brown recently signed a critical health and safety bill into law that protects kids by requiring children under age two to ride in rear-facing car seats.

The new law makes Oregon the sixth state in the country to raise car seat standards to align with recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Oregon State Representative Sheri Malstrom — a registered nurse and ONA member — was the chief legislative sponsor of the bill.

“As a public health nurse, I've talked with thousands of parents about the life-saving difference the right car seat can make,” said Representative Malstrom.

“Putting more children in rear-facing car seats will prevent serious injuries and save lives. It's critical that we continue educating Oregonians about the positive impact this change will have for children and their families,” she added.

Research shows children under age two are five times less likely to suffer injuries or

death when using a rear-facing car seat compared to a forward-facing one.

When used properly, rear-facing car seats reduce children's injury risk by more evenly distributing impact forces during a crash.

Motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death for children.

Oregon previously allowed children over the age of 1 to ride in forward-facing seats.

Many hospitals, police and fire departments, and other community health and safety organizations offer free assistance with car seat installations and safety checks.

Contact your local health department to find nearby car seat inspection stations.

ONA was founded in 1904 as the professional association for nurses in Oregon.

It represents more than 14,000 nurses throughout Oregon and is the state's largest nursing professional association and union. ONA's mission is to advocate for nursing, quality health care and healthy communities.

For more information visit www.OregonRN.org.

CLARIFICATION

In the story “Outpouring of Support” (June 14), the check for \$500 donated to Malakai Kirk's family by local firefighters was from the IAFF Local 851; the story incorrectly identified the donation as coming from the Siuslaw Valley Firefighters Association.

The check was presented by IAFF Local 851 members PJ Crescioni, Tony Miller and Andy Gray.

IMPOUNDMENT



13457

Female Golden Retriever #13457 has been impounded at the Oregon Coast Humane Society.

Call 541-997-4277 or stop by the shelter at 2840 Rhododendron Drive to claim.

Visit OCHS at oregoncoasthumanesociety.org

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LCC announces summer hours for all locations

Lane Community College summer hours begin as noted below. When locations are closed, no services are available, and no classes or events will be held, unless otherwise announced by a department or program.

- Main Campus, 4000 E 30th Ave., Eugene; closed Fridays from June 30 through Sept. 1.

- Florence Center, 3149 Oak St., Florence; closed Mondays and Fridays, from June 26 through Aug. 18; and fully closed from Monday, Aug. 21

through Monday, Sept. 4.

- Mary Spilde Center, 101 W. 10th Ave., Eugene; closed Fridays from June 30 through Sept. 1.

- Aviation Academy, 28715 Airport Rd., Eugene; open Mondays through Saturdays summer term.

- Dental Clinic, 2460 Willamette St., Eugene; closed Fridays from June 30 through Sept. 1.

For more information about Lane Community College, visit www.lanec.edu.

GRADUATE NOTES

A total of 1,245 students earned a straight-A (4.0) at Oregon State University last semester.

Among them Siuslaw High School graduate **Mikaela R. Siegel**, a sophomore studying biology.

Another 4,086 earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the

listing.

Siuslaw graduates **Taylor S. Graham**, a freshman pursuing a degree in pre-business, and sophomore **Reese R. Siegel** studying physics, each had a 3.5 or better GPA.

To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

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JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Tuesday, July 4
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