

On The Record

OBITUARY

BECKER—Paula Lee Becker, born March 29, 1939, in Denver, Colo., died Dec. 5, 2018 in Florence.

She was preceded in death by parents Elmer Lee and Beuna Pearl Becker and by her beloved dog Bailey.

She was an only child; an author; a professor; a marketing professional; a world traveler; a spiffy dresser; an interior decorator; and a

quick wit. Admittedly vain (her long-time friends from school did not even know her birth year until she had passed), her humility was equal to her vanity in that she never bragged about her accomplishments. She kept her deepest feelings inside and she kept her troubles between herself and her creator. During childhood, her father's work took them from



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Colorado to the Midwest, to the Philipines, San Francisco and finally to Loma Linda, Calif. In adulthood, her career took her to several different states and her adventurous nature took her on several foreign adventures. She received her BA degree from Loma Linda University and an MBA from Southern Methodist University. She was a prolific writer. She journaled every day. She has written songs and published a children's book series about the adventures of

Susan & Jimmy. In 1971, she published a book about a gospel singing family (the Speers) called "Let the Song Go On." Her professional career spanned 57 years from public relations for various companies to private practice consultant, marketing director, ghost writer for several businesses, and university professor teaching business writing and critical thinking. Real estate investing brought her to Florence to visit, but the welcoming at-

mosphere and beauty of the area brought her back here to live. As an unmarried only child, she adopted her dogs and her friends as family. She leaves behind her dog, Bear, as well as many friends she considered family. Paula was active in Florence Rotary and PEO Chapter FQ. She was on planning committees for several Rotary dinners and golfing fundraisers and was named Rotarian of the year 2013-14. Paula held officer positions in PEO Chapter FQ and was as a driving force for

the PEO wine tasting fundraiser called "Wine, Women and Who Knows What" and was proud to be called one of the "Winos." Paula focused on the positive and refused to accept negative thinking into her life. She gave generously to charities and has left her entire estate to Chapter FQ of PEO to establish a local scholarship for women. A celebration of her life took place March 29 at Ocean Dunes Golf Course. Burial was at Pacific Sunset Cemetery.

Wildfire Awareness Month begins throughout Northwest today

The governors of 11 western states have signed a proclamation recognizing May 2019 as Wildfire Awareness Month. The chief executives of Oregon, Washington, Nevada, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming and North and South Dakota encourage all citizens to "take steps to better prepare their home and communities for wildfires and work toward becoming a fire-adapted community." These states, in partnership with federal, state and local fire prevention agencies and organizations, are working together to increase awareness of wildfires with programs, public service announcements, and opportunities for people to participate in community fire prevention projects. When it comes to preventing wildfires, there's

a lot at stake — lives, personal property, and the many values provided by Oregon's forests and rangelands. During the 2018 wildfire season, Oregonians were responsible for starting 1,330 wildfires that consumed over 329,000 acres. "It's incredibly important that all Oregonians work with their neighbors to plan and prepare for fire season now," said Kristin Babbs, president of the Keep Oregon Green Association. "Educating yourself about how fires can get started will be key in reducing accidental wildfire ignitions this summer." Wildfires in the wildland-urban interface are often started by human activity, such as debris burning or lawn mowing, and then spread to the forest. Once underway, a fire follows the fuel, whether it

is trees or houses. "Simple and inexpensive prevention strategies can make your home, family and community much safer," Babbs said. "Spring is the perfect time to remove dead, flammable vegetation and limb up trees around the yard." To get an early start on Wildfire Awareness Month, join your neighbors in reducing your community's wildfire risk by taking part in National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on Saturday, May 4. The National Fire Protection Association has teamed up with State Farm Insurance to encourage residents to commit a couple of hours, or the entire day, to raising wildfire awareness and working on projects that can protect homes and entire communities from the threat of fire.

During May, the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal, the Office of Emergency Management, Keep Oregon Green, the U.S. Forest Service and other federal, state and local emergency and response agencies will be promoting programs and messages encouraging the public to work together in their local communities to prevent the risk of wildfire.

WEATHER DATA			
DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
April 23	59	46	0.00
April 24	58	41	0.00
April 25	61	36	0.00
April 26	58	37	0.00
April 27	54	33	0.00
April 28	60	32	0.00
April 29	66	31	0.00
Rainfall Week: 0.00" Month: 9.53" Year: 33.85"			
Courtesy of Roger Cunningham			

BIRTH

HAUSMANN—Jayden Wayne Hausmann, a boy weighing 6 lbs., 2 oz., and measuring 20 inches, was born April 26, 2019, to Sunshine Raye Foster and Jeremy Scott Hausmann of Reedsport, Ore., at Peace Harbor Hospital in Florence.



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"Heroes are not measured by the size of their strength, but by the strength of their heart."

Our Boys & Girls Clubs **Heroes In The Making** are calling on you to **Act NOW** to make a difference.

Here is an opportunity for you to become a **Super Hero** to the vulnerable children and families in our community. We were given a very generous donation of a 1988 BMW 735i Sedan with 117,300 miles. Purchase of the BMW for \$5,000 creates a place to become...A ballerina, an astronaut, an all-star athlete. If kids can dream it, Boys & Girls Clubs can help them become it. Because it's not magic that makes dreams come true. It is everyday heroes. **Heroes like you!**



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