

# On The Record

## OBITUARIES

**WRIGHT**—Kelly Laurel Wright, 36, of Florence, passed away May 11, 2019, at PeaceHealth-RiverBend Hospital after a short illness.

Kelly was born Sept. 8, 1982, in Portsmouth, Va. She moved with her family



Kelly Wright

to San Diego, Calif., in 1985 and lived there until 2004, when she moved to Lemoore, Calif., to be closer to family.

Kelly moved with her daughter to Florence, Ore. in 2017, again to be closer to family.

Growing up in the San Diego area, Kelly attended Freese Elementary, San Altos Elementary, Lemon Grove Middle and graduated from Mt. Miguel High in 2000. Kelly took a number of classes at several community colleges and business schools and attained advanced business certifications for administrative work.

She worked several different jobs over the years. For the last two years she was a receptionist at Oceanside Veterinary in Florence, a job she always called her dream job. She dearly loved animals and was thrilled to work with them.

A talented musician, Kelly started playing the flute in fourth grade. She learned the bassoon in middle school and played

it in her middle and high school orchestras. She continued playing the flute in marching band throughout middle and high school.

She also learned to play piccolo, bass clarinet and piano. Kelly also had a beautiful singing voice.

Kelly will be lovingly remembered by her daughter, Alison, 4; her parents Cynthia J. and Joe; her brother Matt (Lindsey); grandmother Alice; and many cousins, aunts and uncles and friends.

A memorial service was held for Kelly on May 15 at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw in Florence.

Another memorial service will be held in San Diego, Calif., on a date yet to be determined.

Those who wish may make memorial donations in memory of Kelly to the Oregon Coast Humane Society ([www.oregoncoasthumanesociety.org](http://www.oregoncoasthumanesociety.org)), the American Lung Association ([www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org)) or the American Heart Association ([www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)).

**LOKEY**—Clady Lokey, 86, of Florence, passed away peacefully in his home



Clady Lokey

in Bid, Ark., in 1933, the fourth of seven children. In 1951, the family moved to Oregon, where he lived out his life.

In 1954, he married Anna Steinlichner; they had two daughters, Barbara and Yvonna.

In 1968, he married Norma Worley, who survives him.

Clady was preceded in death by his parents, Rachel and Wes Lokey; his older brother Richard and younger brother Allen.

He is survived by his wife, Norma; daughters Barbara and Yvonna; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many neices and nephews; his two sisters: Maxine Courtney and Pat Dick; and his youngest brother, Larry.

Clady was a kind and gentle man who will be greatly missed by those who loved him.

**RAGAN**—Patricia Ann Ragan, 91, of Florence, passed away May 6, 2019.

“Patsy” was born on Nov. 22, 1927, at Pacific Christian Hospital in Eugene, Ore., to Osman and Margaret Hickok Sullivan. She graduated from Eugene High School in 1946 and lived in Lorane, Ore., Colorado and Arkansas before returning to Florence in 1995.

She married Burton Ragan in Eugene on July 12, 1946, and was happily married to the love of her life for 50 years until his death on Sept. 6, 1996, in Florence.

Patsy worked as an LPN and as an RN in the acute coronary care unit at St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Hot Springs, Ark., after graduating from Garland County Community College.

She enjoyed reading,

quilting and helping others. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Florence.

She was preceded in death by her eldest son, James, on Jan. 25, 2007, and by her brother, James F. “Monty” Sullivan, of Florence.

She is survived by her sons: David (Becki) of Florence, and Steve (Tina) of Olathe, Kans.; her a daughter-in-law, Susan Swartz Ragan of Salida, Colo.; her granddaughter, Jennifer Ragan of Boston, Mass.; her grandson, Alex Ragan (Hope) of Olathe, Kans.; great-grandson, Will Ragan, also of Olathe, Kans.; step-granddaughter Alison Selle Jeffrey of Pueblo West, Colo.; and step-grandson, John Selle (Maribeth) of Weymouth, Mass.

No services are planned.

Inurnment will be at Pacific Sunset Cemetery in Florence through the direction of Burns’s Riverside Chapel.

The family is very appreciative of the wonderful care she received through Brightstar Care, PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Hospital, PeaceHealth Hospice and at Hubbard’s Retreat in Florence.

A special thank you to her loving friends at the First Baptist Church in Florence for their support.

**PRICE**—Sharry Price, 68, passed away from cancer on April 17, 2019.

A Celebration of Life and potluck will be Saturday, June 1, at Florence Senior Center, 1570 Kingwood Street, beginning at 3 p.m.

## CLARIFICATION

In the May 11 edition of the Siuslaw News on Page A5, accompanying the photo of the Veterans Memorial Wall’s latest installation of memorial bricks, the headline read “Veterans Wall Expansion Completed.”

Siuslaw News would like to clarify that while the latest installation of bricks was completed, there are still nearly 100

spots remaining in the uncompleted section.

Applications for memorial bricks can be obtained at the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce office, located at 290 Highway 101, or call the chamber at 541-997-3128.

For more information about the Veterans Memorial Wall, contact Tony Cavarino at 541-997-1677.

## Siuslaw Watershed offering exploration summer camp

The Siuslaw Watershed Council is excited to announce another Watershed Exploration Camp, scheduled for June 17-21 for youth entering fourth through 12th grades.

This year, due to increased funding, the camp is able to offer different age-appropriate activities, splitting the camp in half for the younger and older groups throughout the week, with full group activities occurring when appropriate.

Campers will travel throughout the Siuslaw and Coastal Lakes watersheds learning about local plants, animals, rivers, lakes and the forest.

Campers will get a chance to make a difference in the watershed through hands-on restoration work in between fun activities highlighting some of the unique recreation opportunities in our area such as stand-up paddle boarding, canoeing, sandboarding

and more.

Registration packets and more information are available at [www.siuslaw.org/exploration-camp/](http://www.siuslaw.org/exploration-camp/).

Camp is \$75 for the week and scholarships are available.

People are asked to return the Permission/Waiver forms to the SWC Office at P.O. Box 422 Mapleton, Ore., 97453, by Friday, June 7, for priority consideration. Registrants are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Siuslaw Watershed Exploration Camp is made possible with funding from The Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Community Foundation, Western Lane Community Foundation, Mapleton Community Foundation, the Rotary Club of Florence, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, and private donations from watershed council members.

## Lane County Sheriffs conducting saturation patrols this weekend

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office will be conducting grant-funded saturation patrols in the Florence area and Highway 126 area through Sunday, May 19, during the Rhododendron Festival.

Deputies will be focusing on speed limit enforcement, seat belt compliance and DUII detection and

apprehension.

These patrols are funded through grants administered through the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association, allowing deputies to conduct saturation patrols on overtime to increase community safety.

This funding makes it

possible for the sheriff’s office to participate in state and national efforts to reduce traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities on Lane County roads.

According to ODOT, Highway 126 remains one of the deadliest highways in the State of Oregon.

Lane County Sheriff’s Office is anticipating heavy

traffic and congestion on Highways 101 and 126 as a result of the festival.

Motorists are advised to expect delays in the area and are encouraged to drive safely, drive sober and always wear your seatbelt.

Visit [tripcheck.com](http://tripcheck.com) to check for road conditions.

## Spring outdoor burning resumes after week-long delay

The spring outdoor burning season reopened in Lane County last Thursday, May 16, after being temporarily suspended due to high fire danger.

The previous week’s hot temperatures and windy conditions factored into the Lane Fire Defense Board and Oregon Department of Forestry’s decision to temporarily close the outdoor burn season.

Recent rain and forecasted precipitation helped reduce fire risk enough to reopen the burn season.

Although burn season has reopened, residents should check the the daily advisory before burning; different areas in Lane County have different

rules, with some cities like Eugene and Florence banning outdoor burning entirely within their city limits.

The advisory is online at [www.lrapa.org](http://www.lrapa.org) or people can call the burn line at 541-726-3976.

“The current fire risk is down but we always encourage residents to look for alternative ways to get rid of their yard de-

bris,” said Lane Regional Air Protection Agency spokesperson, Jo Niehaus.

“Chipping, composting and hauling the debris away will help reduce smoke and fire danger.”

Outdoor burning season will officially close on June 1 for Oakridge and Lowell and June 15 for other areas in Lane County unless heightened fire danger closes the season

early.

The Lane Regional Air Protection Agency reminds residents that violation of outdoor burning rules can result in stiff fines. Burning in barrels is illegal in Lane County year-round and garbage burning is illegal throughout Oregon.

For more information, contact Chief Chad Mintner at 541-686-1573.

## WEATHER DATA

| DATE   | HIGH | LOW | RAIN |
|--------|------|-----|------|
| May 7  | 61   | 42  | 0.00 |
| May 8  | 61   | 39  | 0.00 |
| May 9  | 86   | 42  | 0.00 |
| May 10 | 66   | 45  | 0.00 |
| May 11 | 60   | 45  | 0.00 |
| May 12 | 59   | 49  | 0.00 |

Rainfall Week: 0.00”  
Month: 0.00” Year: 33.85”

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