

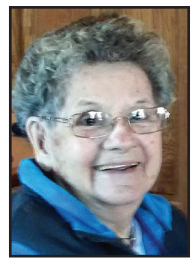
On The Record

OBITUARY

AUSTIN— Wilma Louise (Seits) Austin was called by the angels while she slept on July 26, 2019.

She was born to Victor Seits and Alta Nora (Prindel) Seits, on April 16, 1928, the middle child of five.

She lived with her mother and siblings in various locations in Oregon, spending several years in Alsea before moving to Deadwood, and finally settling in Canby, Ore.



Wilma Austin

Wilma was a 1946 graduate of Siuslaw High School in Florence.

On June 8, 1946 she married Virgil (Jim) Austin and lived and worked on the Austin ranch at Canary until 1985. They then moved to Elmira, Ore., where she lived until 2014 when she moved to Springfield.

Wilma will be remembered for many things including hard work, sewing skills, a big heart, amazing strength and humor, plus pinochle and cribbage trainings that she shared with her children and grandchildren — even though she won most of the time.

Wilma was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Anderson, in 1985; her husband Virgil (Jim) Austin in 2011; and her siblings: Helen Hockema, Mabel (Bedell) Dodge, Gale Seits and Joan Beers.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Karla and Ron Miller; son and daughter-in-law Ray and Rochelle Austin; grandchildren Teresa (Anderson) and Chris Page, Kendra Austin, Dylan and Kaylie Austin, and James Pike; great-grandchildren: MacKenzie Page, Cobie Page and Bailey Page; and great-great-grandchild Henley Harvey.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Aug. 15, at 1 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101 in Florence.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in memory of Wilma L. Austin to the Dementia Society of America by mail to P.O. Box 600, Doylestown, Pa., 18901, or online at www.DementiaSociety.org/donate.

Burns' Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ODOT says expect network delays

Ongoing computer and phone network issues that began late last week are continuing to cause delays at state offices, phone centers and online services.

This includes high-volume services such as DMV.

Email and web pages may also experience de-

lays in downloading.

Expect delays when making calls or visiting state offices in person or online.

Resolving this issue is the top priority for state information systems officials.

There is no estimate on when the problems will be fixed.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
July 30	69	45	0.00
July 31	71	47	0.00
Aug. 1	71	52	0.00
Aug. 2	74	62	0.00
Aug. 3	75	57	0.00
Aug. 4	68	54	0.00
Aug. 5	68	57	0.00

Rainfall Week: 0.00"
Month: 0.00" Year: 39.00"

Courtesy of Roger Cunningham

Drivers warned of fires burning near roadways

Drivers should be prepared for fire conditions as they travel this summer. The calendar is flipping to August and wildfires are already burning along I-5 in southern Oregon and along other roads in central, eastern and western Oregon.

"You may find reduced visibility due to smoke and active fires near the highway, and experience delays," said Darrin Neavoll, ODOT District 7 maintenance manager in Southwest Oregon. "When driving through smoky fire zones, make sure your headlights are on and you're watching for firefighters and equipment, not taking pictures."

Neavoll said one of the best tools is to be in the know by checking Tripcheck.com for any road restrictions or closures.

Some safe driving advice for this summer:

- If there's smoke, turn on headlights and slow down
- If you can't see, carefully pull to the side of the road
- If pulling a trailer, make sure nothing is dragging that can spark or overheat
- Keep vehicles well-maintained so it doesn't overheat or get a flat tire
- Don't throw things out of vehicles — like a lit cigarette
- Carry an emergency kit with extra water, food and medications
- Know your route and possible detours
- Pay attention — you need to drive, not take pictures. Especially when there's a fire.

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