

On The Record

OBITUARIES

ORY—On Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020, Kenneth Paul Ory, 77, loving husband and father of four children, passed away peacefully after a valiant five year battle against bone cancer.

Ken was born in Aurora, Ill., on Feb. 9, 1943, to Myron E and Violet E. Ory, who preceded him in death, and so were there to welcome him home.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Dorrit; his four daughters: Alicia, Rena, Christina and Rachel; three sons-in-law, nine brothers, four sisters, four grandchildren, as well as a granddaughter, grandson-in-law, four great-grandchildren and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was born in Illinois, raised in California, served four years in the U.S. Air Force as an aircraft woodworker, and went on to build full-size wooden mock-ups of the B-1 bomber, the space shuttle and many other prototypes

of aircraft through North American Rockwell.

He grew up in California but made his permanent home in Florence, Ore., since 1975. He was an amazing woodworker and he and his wife opened Florence Cabinets in 1977.

As Florence grew, so did their business, and Ken built a new building in Florence in 1992 called the Orygon Home Center. His life's work can be seen in many, many homes, businesses, schools, hospitals, banks, bars and restaurants that have his cabinets, store fixtures and countertops in them — all up and down the Oregon coast.

He was a good man, an excellent craftsman, a husband, father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle, a local business owner for over 40 years, and an avid poker player where he met and made many new friends who became like family.

He will be missed by many.

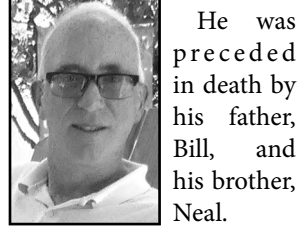
A gathering of friends will be planned at a later date.

COOLEY—Ross Cooley, 60, passed away Feb.

20, 2020.

Gone way too soon. Everyone misses you!

Born in Eugene, Ore., Ross graduated from Sheldon High School in 1977. In 1989, he married Marjorie at the Eugene Yacht Club.



He is preceded in death by his father, Bill, and his brother, Neal. He is survived by his wife Marjorie Cooley; his mother Morrie Cooley; brother Lee and sister Jan; nieces Erin and Maureen; nephews Neal and Paul.

Out of high school, Ross worked at Trust Joist (which changed to Weyerhaeuser) for 37 years before retiring in 2016.

In 2018, he and Marjorie moved to Florence to a gated community in Florentine Estates, which was close to the beach for walking.

Starting in the early 1960s, his family joined the Eugene Yacht Club, where the family spent late

spring, summers and fall sailing, racing and socializing with the families at the club. Ross kept sailing and racing until about 10 years ago.

Then things changed to RVing in their motor home up and down the Oregon coast.

Ross enjoyed Nascar on Sundays and texting friends; old TV shows like "Mash" and Twilight Zone on New Years; books and movies about the Kennedys and Hardy Boys adventures; music of all kinds; and walks on the beach wearing his favorite hat.

Ross was a kind, gentle person who loved talking to people and listening.

He is greatly missed.

A celebration of Ross's life will be held at the Eugene Yacht Club on Bangs Road on May 31, from noon to 3 p.m.

Mark your calendars.

As his wife, I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and flowers I have received — and also the wonderful words of support.

Much love, Marjorie.

WLAD seeks community members to serve on Budget Committee

The Western Lane Ambulance District (WLAD) Board of Directors invites applications from residents interested in serving on the WLAD's Budget Committee.

Interested persons should obtain an application from the SVFR station, 2625 Highway 101, or online at www.westernlaneambulance.com.

Applications will be accepted until noon on Friday, March 20.

After the review of applications, the WLAD Board

will appoint members at its March 26 board meeting.

Applicants must be registered voters residing within the WLAD district.

Since 1976, WLAD has provided Emergency Medical Services to the citizens and visitors of Western Lane County — an area encompassing approximately 1,000 square miles of cities, towns, forests, beaches, sand dunes and other challenging terrain.

The district employs 17 full time employees and 13 part-time employees. Ad-

ministrative and management services are provided by Western Lane Fire and EMS Authority.

The Budget Committee is a standing committee of five members that sit jointly with the WLAD Directors to publicly review and revise the annual budget.

The Budget Committee approves the budget, permanent tax rate and local option levy. The budget then goes to the WLAD Board of Directors to be adopted.

Committee members

serve three-year terms which expire Dec. 31.

A Budget Committee Member is expected to spend up to 20 hours, which includes reviewing the budget and meeting one to three times from April through June each year.

For more information, contact Dina McClure at 541-997-3212.

Cold Weather Shelter open tonight, tomorrow

The Florence Emergency Cold Weather Shelter will be open tonight, March 7, and Sunday night, March 8, at New Life Lutheran Church 2100 Spruce St., in Florence.

New Life Lutheran is on Spruce Street next door to

Food Share. Registration begins at 5 p.m. each night. The shelter is open from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Transportation to the shelter is available between 5 and 6 p.m. from the Safe-way bus kiosks, the Siuslaw

Public Library on Ninth Street and from Fred Meyers.

For more information, make a donation or to volunteer, contact Greg Wood at 541-991-8208.

SVFR seeks Civil Service Commission members

The Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue (SVFR) Board of Directors is inviting applications from residents interested in serving on the SVFR's Civil Service Commission.

Interested persons should obtain an application from the SVFR station, 2625 Highway 101, or from the SVFR web site at www.svfr.org.

Applications will be accepted until noon on Friday, March 20. After the review of applications, the SVFR Board will appoint members at its March 26 board meeting.

Applicants must be registered voters residing within the SVFR district.

The SVFR district includes a 120 square mile area extending north to milepost 181 on Highway 101, south to milepost 198.5 near the Douglas County line, and east to milepost 9 on Highway 126.

SVFR protects our community with six fire stations, which are staffed with 35 volunteers supported by five full-time employees.

Administrative and management services are provided by Western Lane

Fire and EMS Authority.

The Civil Service Commission is a standing committee of three members who oversee and confirm that all district hiring, promotion, and disciplinary processes are being conducted in accordance with

the district's civil service rules.

Commission members serve three-year terms which expire Dec. 31.

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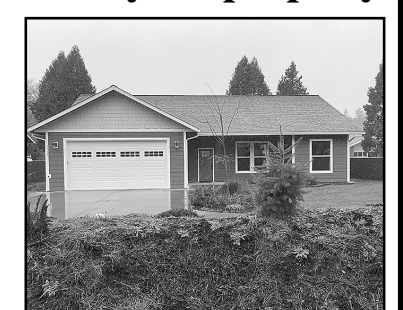
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