

On The Record

City's annual residential backflow testing taking place this month

With spring also comes the City's annual residential premise isolation backflow assembly testing.

Beginning this month, the City of Florence will begin the annual testing of residential premise isolation backflow assemblies throughout the City.

These tests are required for compliance through the City Code and the Oregon Administrative Rules to help protect the city water system.

The City is contracting with Olson LLC to per-

form these tests during the spring. Olson personnel will be conducting the tests during the next several weeks in order to complete the testing cycle in a timely manner.

Olson LLC personnel have been completing the City's residential backflow assembly testing for the last several years.

In an effort to reduce the risk of contracting and/or transmitting the COVID-19 virus, Olson LLC staff will be practicing social distancing anytime

they have an interaction with a customer.

As well, they are working independently and traveling in individual company vehicles.

For the majority of our residential customers, the testing of the premise isolation backflow prevention assembly is simple and quick. Most customers won't even know that the testing crew has been to their residence.

The testing of the backflow assembly does require the water to be turned off

for a few minutes while the test procedure is performed.

The testing procedure is to knock on the door and let the resident know what the crew is doing. Again, Olson LLC personnel will practice social distancing at all times.

If water is being used, the contractor will move to the next location until the water is no longer being used by the resident. In the event no one answers the door, the installer visually inspects the meter to make

sure there isn't an appliance

using water or to make sure the homeowner isn't in the shower and didn't hear the door knock.

The City also realizes that there are some customers that don't answer the door because they assume the installer is a solicitor, and in these cases Olson LCC staff will rely on the visual inspection of the meter by observing the low flow indicator on the meter to avoid a water disruption.

The contractor strives to time the 2-minute water interruption for backflow

assembly test to be between usage intervals by the resident, so no one is without water or inconvenienced.

There can be rare occasions when an expansion tank is installed in the home, that a shower or appliance can be started with the water turned off at the street and water will appear to be available for a short time.

This is rare and Olson LCC staff will try to avoid the situation by communicating directly with the resident.

Oregon Department of Revenue warns of increased COVID-19 scams

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The Oregon Department of Revenue is warning taxpayers of calls and email phishing attempts related to the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, pandemic and federal government relief payments. These scams can lead to tax-related fraud and identity theft.

Taxpayers should watch not only for emails but text messages, websites and social media attempts that request money or personal information.

"Oregon taxpayers should take extra precaution to guard their personal information from these unscrupulous scam attempts," said Oregon Department of Revenue Director Nia Ray. "Most people who qualify to receive a stimulus check do not need to sign up, apply, or verify any personal information, online or elsewhere."

The Oregon Department of Revenue and the IRS remind taxpayers that scammers may:

- Emphasize the words "stimulus check" or "stim-

ulus payment." The official term is economic impact payment.

- Ask the taxpayer to sign over their economic impact payment check to them.

- Ask by phone, email, text, or social media for verification of personal and/or banking information saying that the information is needed to receive or speed up their economic impact payment.

- Suggest they can get a tax refund or economic impact payment faster by working on the taxpayer's behalf. This scam could be conducted by social media or even in person.

- Mail the taxpayer a bogus check, perhaps in an odd amount, then tell the taxpayer to call a number or verify information online in order to cash it.

Taxpayers should look out for phishing emails asking them to verify their personal information in order to receive an economic stimulus check from the government.

While talk of economic stimulus checks has been in the news cycle, government

agencies are not sending unsolicited emails seeking taxpayers' private information in order to send them money.

Phishing emails may also claim to be related to: Charitable contributions, general financial relief, airline carrier refunds, fake cures and vaccines, as well as fake testing kits.

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages, or social media channels to request personal or financial information. People should be alert to scammers posing as the IRS to steal personal information.

The IRS initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service.

Reporting coronavirus-related or other phishing attempts

Those who receive unsolicited emails, text messages, or social media attempts to gather information that appear to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System

(EFTPS), should forward it to phishing@irs.gov.

Taxpayers are encouraged not to engage potential scammers online or on the phone. Learn more about reporting suspected scams by going to the Report Phishing and Online Scams page on IRS.gov.

Official IRS information about the COVID-19 pandemic and economic impact payments can be found

on the Coronavirus Tax Relief page on IRS.gov.

The page is updated quickly when new information is available.

For more information on taxpayers protecting themselves, or what to do if they're a victim of identity theft, taxpayers can visit www.irs.gov, www.consumer.ftc.gov or visit www.oregon.gov/dor to get forms, check the status of your

refund, or make payments.

You can also call 503-378-4988 or 800-356-4222 (toll-free) or email questions.dor@oregon.gov for additional assistance. For TTY for hearing- or speech-impaired, call 800-886-7204.



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Dec. 2019: 412.02 ppm
Dec. 2018: 408.94 ppm

Last updated: March 5, 2020

| WEATHER DATA | | | |
|--------------|------|-----|------|
| DATE | HIGH | LOW | RAIN |
| March 31 | 51 | 38 | 0.27 |
| April 1 | 48 | 36 | 0.34 |
| April 2 | 48 | 33 | 0.10 |
| April 3 | 49 | 33 | 0.03 |
| April 4 | 45 | 34 | 0.42 |
| April 5 | 56 | 42 | 0.92 |
| April 6 | 48 | 40 | 0.08 |

Rainfall Week: 2.16"
Month: 1.89" Year: 29.55"

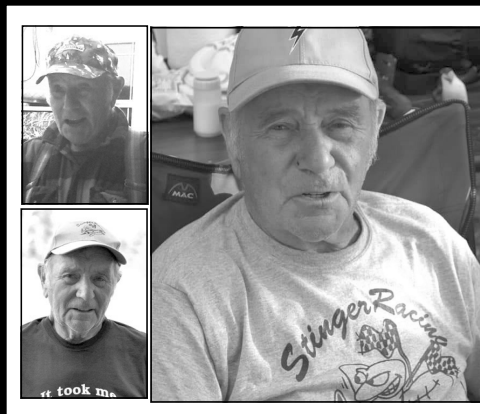
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Daniel V. Stinger 1929-2020

FLORENCE - Daniel V. Stinger (Dan), 90, died on Monday March 23, 2020 in his home surrounded by his family. Dan was a Timber Faller (aka: Widowermaker), Logger and Log Truck Driver for over 70 years. He retired in 2015 at age 84 due to health-related reasons. His passion was hunting. He loved to elk hunt in the coastal range for

many years, but his biggest joy was hunting in Eastern Oregon, mainly John Day. At age 84, he was successful at drawing and harvesting a Pronghorn Antelope in Fields, Oregon. His greatest treasure was his family. It didn't really matter where he went as long as he had his family with him. He was the most loving Dad, Grandpa and Papa. Even if you weren't related to him, you where still one of his kids. He was truly loved by so many and will be missed by so many.

Dan was born on October 19, 1929 in McCammon, Idaho to John Walter and Anna Elizabeth Stinger. He married Vivian Jean Stinger on October 29, 1949 in Toledo, Washington. They were married for 70 years. He has 11 brothers and sisters. Preceded by Walter Leland Stinger, Anna Gwenlion Stinger, Melna Stinger Nelson, Thomas Ross Stinger, John William Stinger, Keith Gill Stinger, Herchell Francis Stinger, Henry Dale Stinger, Shirley Stinger Watson, and Joseph Bert Stinger. Survived by Atherton Warren Stinger. He has 5 children. Preceded by Diana Grover. Survived by Calvin Stinger, Daniel Stinger married and preceded by Susan Stinger, Craig Stinger married to Leslie Stinger, and Tony Stinger. He has 10 grandchildren. Survived by Angela Grover, Misty Berg married to Justin Berg, Eric Stinger, Matthew Stinger, Shaundra Calkins married to Bruce Calkins, Jeffrey Stinger married to Kimberly Stinger, Tiffany McMillan married to William McMillan, Crystal Ouellette married to Justin Ouellette, Heidi Lusk married to James Lusk, and Kaleb Stinger married to Heather Stinger. He is survived by his 24 great grandchildren; Madison Anderson, Chehalis Stinger, Shakina Grover, Kya Jackson, Zachary Stinger, Dalton Stinger, Shantay McGraw, Jayden Calkins, Brianna Jackson, Madelyn Stinger, Keonan McGraw, Coleton Calkins, Hadley Lusk, Kylee Stinger, Zaelyn Stinger, Kydan Calkins, Brynlie Lusk, Vaeya Ouellette, McCainley Berg, Nikila Berg, Skylyn Calkins, Taryn Stinger, Kynslee Stinger and Evelyn Stinger.

Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

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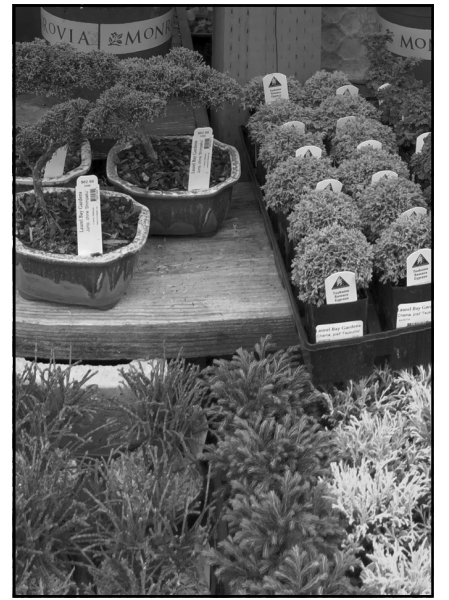
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