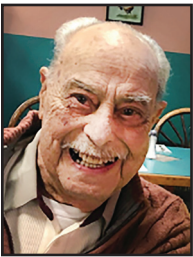


On The Record

OBITUARIES

WEISS—Donald J. Weiss, 93, passed away peacefully in his Florence residence March 25, 2020. Born in Saint Louis, Mo., he was the son of George F. Weiss and Vera A. Weiss. He was a retiree of the Lockheed Martin Co. and was the proprietor of the

San Jose Uniform Company. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served his country during World War II as a flight engineer aboard PBX Catalina.



Donald Weiss

He was a loving husband, father, RV'er, avid golfer, chef, craftsman and enthusiastic conversationalist on subjects far and wide. Don is survived by his wife, Marian; his children:

Jannine and Valerie Weiss, Michael Weiss, Phillip and Jean Weiss; his grandchildren: Amanda and Alec Banta, and Allison and William Wilson, Dylan and Kelsey Weiss, Kyle Weiss, Bailey Weiss; and four great-grandchildren: Aidan, Austin, Claire and

Cameron.

Don Weiss was buried at sea with full military honors April 8, 2020.

Any donations are requested to be made to the Oregon Coast Military Museum.

PETERSON—Bettie R. Peterson, 81, of Florence, passed away April 5, 2020. Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

State agencies ask Oregonians to refrain from outdoor burning

In response to the "Stay Home, Save Lives" Executive Order to reduce the effects of the COVID-19 virus, a coalition of Oregon state agencies are asking Oregonians to voluntarily refrain from conducting outdoor burning.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office (OSFM), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recognize that many Oregonians use fire as a necessary tool to manage their lands, including industrial forest landowners, farmers, small woodland owners, and rural residents.

However, it's important to weigh possible effects on the wider community

before choosing to burn. Please be a good neighbor. Smoke from fires during the current pandemic may result in the following negative consequences for the public and first responders:

- Smoke inhalation can cause upper respiratory symptoms, which could be incorrectly attributed to COVID-19, leading to unnecessary testing or self-isolation.

- Exposure to smoke and other forms of air pollution can increase the risk of contracting infectious respiratory disease such as COVID-19, increase the severity of existing respiratory infections, and worsen underlying chronic respiratory conditions.

- There is a severe shortage of personal protective equipment to reduce smoke exposure at this time.

- First responders and other emergency services are operating at a reduced capacity and have limited resources to respond to out-of-control burns.

COVID-19 affects the respiratory system. Fever, cough and difficulty breathing are the most common symptoms. While some people with COVID-19 are hospitalized, most patients recover at home, where smoke from a nearby outdoor burn could worsen their condition. To avoid additional health impacts, all people in Oregon are asked to voluntarily refrain from conducting outdoor burning activities until further notice.

Burning that can be delayed includes: Debris burning around one's property, burn barrels, industrial burning, slash and forest

burning, and agricultural burning that would impact neighbors and can be delayed

Local officials may already have prohibited outdoor burning in your area. If you must conduct outdoor burning, please first check with your local fire agency to see if outdoor burning is still allowed. If it is, please follow best burn practices, which can be found on the website of the Office of the State Fire Marshall.

Multiple MVA sends local motorcyclist to hospital

Monday afternoon at around 2:30 p.m., Florence police and emergency crews responded to a two-car accident that also involved a motorcyclist at the intersection of 35th Street and Highway 101.

The operator of one vehicle failed to stop at a red

light, striking a second vehicle in the process and causing it to strike the motorcyclist.

The operator of the motorcycle was transported to Peace Harbor Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries.

The drivers of the motor-

vehicles not injured.

The first driver was cited for failure to obey a traffic control device.

The accident closed both the north- and south-bound lanes of Highway 101 for approximately 40 minutes.



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