

# On The Record

## OBITUARIES

**BRENNER**— Walter Leon Brenner was born Sept. 29, 1936, in Central Point, Ore.



**Walter Brenner**

On March 22, 2021, Walter passed away after a year-long battle with colon cancer.

Walt loved to hunt and fish and was

the caretaker at the Siuslaw Rod and Gun club for 25 years where he ran the Trap Club. He was a lifetime member at the Florence Elk Lodge, where he loved to shoot pool.

Walter graduated from

Crater Lake High School in 1955 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-59 aboard the USS Midway.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta (Bobbi) Brenner.

Walt and Bobbi lived in Florence, Ore., and have been together for more than 42 years. They have nine children,

29 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Burns's Riverside Chapel Florence Funeral Home.

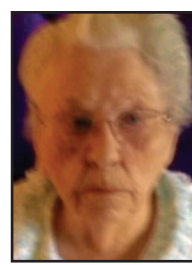
**COWDEN**— Ruth Eloise Cowden passed away March 18, 2021, in Florence, Ore.

The daughter of the late Jim and Dimple Hill, Ruth was born April 13,

1923, in Buffalo, Mo.

She is survived by son Jackie L. Cowden and wife Patsy; grandson Daniel James Cowden and wife Danielle.

Ruth was preceded in death by



**Ruth Cowden**

her parents; three sisters: Lena May Hill, Helen Kastleman and Dorothy Barron.

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

## Gov. Kate Brown announces 10-point Economic Recovery Plan

Salem — Governor Kate Brown has released a 10-Point Economic Recovery Plan for Oregon.

The 10-Point Plan, which was developed with input from the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors and Racial Justice Council (RJC), builds on the work of local economic development districts across the state to help Oregon families and businesses.

It provides a framework for economic recovery related to COVID-19 and wildfires, with a specific focus on strategically supporting Black, Indigenous, and People of Color communities.

Gov. Brown also outlined her principles for the use of federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) resources, to guide state agencies and local governments in making investments that will maximize immediate benefits for Oregonians in an equitable way.

"Thanks in part to the passage of the American Rescue Plan, Oregon's outlook for a rapid economic recovery is strong, if we act quickly to get relief to Oregonians," said Brown. "We have the opportunity now to lift up Oregon families and businesses, by immediately investing state and federal resources to help them recover from

the devastating economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Brown went on to say that by rooting recovery efforts in equity, the recovery can support economic growth for Oregon's Black, Indigenous, Latino, Latina, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native American and Tribal communities.

"My 10-Point Plan provides a roadmap for economic recovery, and will guide our state and local governments as we invest our shares of federal dollars from the American Rescue Plan," Brown said. "Aligning programs and activities funded through these dollars will help ensure we are coordinating, not duplicating efforts, and collaborating on what will make a difference in our economies."

Between state and local governments, Oregon is slated to receive approximately \$6.4 billion in federal funds from the ARP.

The governor also laid out what she called her "principles for making investment decisions with ARP dollars," which she said should focus on investments made now in a way that maximizes economic recovery efforts for Oregonians this year, while also addressing the existing dispar-

ities that were exacerbated by the pandemic, particularly for women and BIPOC communities.

"Oregon businesses have worked throughout the pandemic to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. We are pleased with the direction Governor Brown is taking with this plan to immediately invest state and federal resources towards shared prosperity and a robust recovery," said Joth Ricci, CEO and President of Dutch Bros and Chair of the Oregon Business Plan Steering Committee. "Oregon businesses need both short-term relief and long-term investments like those in the Governor's plan to help get our state back on its feet and thriving."

"Without prioritizing equity, we can't have social and racial justice," said Jan Mason, co-chair of the Community Chamber Coalition of Oregon. "I support the Governor Brown priority in grounding and leading with racial equity and justice. We simply cannot achieve economic justice and prosperity without these priorities."

The governor applies these principles for equitable and rapid economic recovery in her 10-Point Plan:

- Action #1: Investing in Oregon's hardest hit workers (those currently unemployed or underemployed)

- Action #2: Reinvesting in innovative housing
- Action #3: Supporting resilient rural communities

- Action #4: Supporting Oregon's workforce (those currently employed but struggling)

- Action #5: Creating opportunities for Oregonians (workforce development)

- Action #6: Getting small business back on its feet

- Action #7: Investing in Oregon's infrastructure

- Action #8: Oregonians investing in Oregon

- Action #9: Safely reopening Oregon's economy

- Action #10: Innovation in manufacturing

The principles and 10-Point Plan are a starting point for conversations with the legislature, community stakeholders, the RJC, and the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors to develop a process for funding decisions related to ARP dollars.

More information will be provided as decisions are made.

## LCC Board approves 2021-22 student tuition rates

EUGENE — The Lane Community College (LCC) Board of Education approved tuition rates for the 2021-22 academic year at its March 17 meeting, and prepared for an emergency fee in the event of insufficient state funding.

This year, resident students are paying \$126 per credit hour. That

includes \$121 in tuition plus a \$5 emergency fee that was instituted last summer due to the economic impact of the pandemic. That \$5 fee is set to be retired at the end of this academic year.

Next year, students will continue to pay \$126 per credit hour, but for tuition only, provided that the state funds Oregon's

17 community colleges at \$640.9 million or better in the 2021-23 biennium. If state funding falls below that level, then LCC will have to add another emergency fee.

The board approved a \$10 fee, contingent upon state funding.

LCC hopes to use the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II to

fully offset further economic impact wrought by the continuing pandemic, and avoid adding any additional fees to student costs.

The new academic year begins with summer term on June 21.

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