

On The Record

OBITUARIES

REEVES—Brent Allan Reeves passed away at home on Sept. 14, 2021, after an ongoing battle with cancer.

Brent was born in Corpus Christi, Texas, on May 29, 1941. He lived there until joining the United States Army in 1960. He served in Wurzburg, Germany, until 1963 in the 31st NF division.

After his first marriage, he worked as a contractor in the Sacramento, Calif., area until moving to Florence, Ore. He began working for the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area in 1995 in Reedsport. He received their Safety



Brent Allan Reeves

Award soon after and then moved on to the Sutton Work Center of the Siuslaw National Forest.

Brent's 25 years with the Forest Service were both challenging and rewarding. He was a mentor to many, whether

crew or volunteers. Brent married Brenda Button in 1997 while she was working at Grape Leaf Wine Shop on Bay Street in Historic Old Town Florence. He retired in 2020.

Brent was a member of The National Rifle Association, Florence branch, and, to honor his Scottish heritage, he belonged to

the Scottish Societies of the Mid-Oregon coast. Over the years, much enjoyable family time was spent with Brenda's four adult children and eight grandchildren.

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

BERNHARDT—On Sept. 21, 2021, Ardith Ruth (Hartzell) Bernhardt, age 91, decided it was time to go.

Ardith lived in the Florence area her entire life, being born to Lyle Sr and Mildred (Harrington) Hartzell on Nov. 27, 1929, in

Acme, Ore., where Cushman now resides. She was one of four children, with Betty Lou and Marilyn as elder siblings and Lyle Hartzell Jr. (Ossie) as younger.

She graduated from Siuslaw High School Class of 1947 and married Charles Roland Bernhardt in 1948. To them were born five children: Catherine Louise, Leslie Charles, Julie Ann, Jeffrey Lyle and Chris Alan Bernhardt.

Ardith and Charles separated in 1963 and Cathy, Les and Julie preceded her in



Ardith Ruth Bernhardt

Grandchildren and great grandchildren came from all over the US to visit her every year, as well as her siblings, nieces and nephews.

Ardie worked for Lane County Public Welfare, where she helped families receive food and shelter before she retired and traveled the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Ardie had lunch with her lifelong friends once a week in Florence and every morning enjoyed reading the paper and doing cross-

word puzzles with a cup of hot chocolate, right up to her final morning.

Her neighbors in Glenada will miss the daily encouragement of seeing her walking without an aid the long distance to get her mail that she had done for years, a testament to a long life lived to the fullest.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Western Lane Community Foundation's Britany Hartzell-Baguley Scholarship fund.

Voter registration deadline approaches for Nov. 2 Special Election

The voter registration deadline for the Tuesday, Nov. 2, Special Election in Lane County is Oct. 12.

Registration options include:

- Online at www.oregonvotes.gov no later than 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12. The online option is available to those with a valid Oregon driver's license, DMV-issued iden-

tification card or learner's permit.

- Submit a voter registration form to the Elections Office by 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 12.
- Mail a voter registration card to the Elections Office postmarked no later than Tuesday, Oct. 12.

The Lincoln Street ballot drop box at Lane County Elections in Eugene will be open through

Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 5 p.m. to make it easier for voters to drop off completed registration cards.

New voters who will turn 18 on or before the Nov. 2 Election Day may register by the Oct. 12 deadline and receive a ballot, even if they are still 17 on the deadline date.

The Special Election, lanecounty.org/elections, currently has one mea-

sure included — Measure #20-322 for Western Lane Ambulance District. The ballot will ask voters to "Renew Five-Year Option Levy for Emergency Medical/Ambulance Services."

For any questions on voter registration and elections in Oregon, go to www.lanecounty.org/elections or call Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234.

Three Department of Forestry districts in Oregon end fire seasons

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, Oregon Department of Forestry announced that three districts in western Oregon are declaring an end to their local fire season and dropping industrial fire precaution restrictions. The three are West Oregon, Western Lane and South Cascade districts. They serve Lane, Benton, Lincoln, Polk, and

the southern part of Linn and Yamhill counties.

Recent rains in the districts have reduced fire danger to low as have shorter day lengths and cooler temperatures. District of-

icials caution that people should still exercise care when planning any outdoor burning as fires can escape control even outside of fire season.

Although fire danger lev-

els have dropped around most of Oregon, fire season remains in effect in all other ODF districts pending further improvement in their local fire-risk conditions.

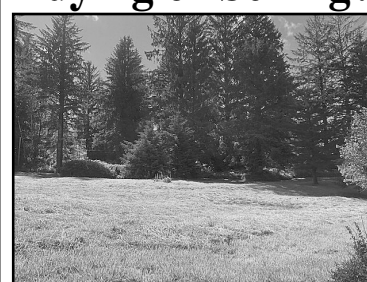
WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Sept. 21	82	51	0.00
Sept. 22	65	49	0.00
Sept. 23	69	44	0.00
Sept. 24	81	50	0.00
Sept. 25	57	45	0.00
Sept. 26	64	54	0.29
Sept. 26	59	50	0.90

Rainfall Week: 1.19"
Month: 4.21" **Year: 37.11"**

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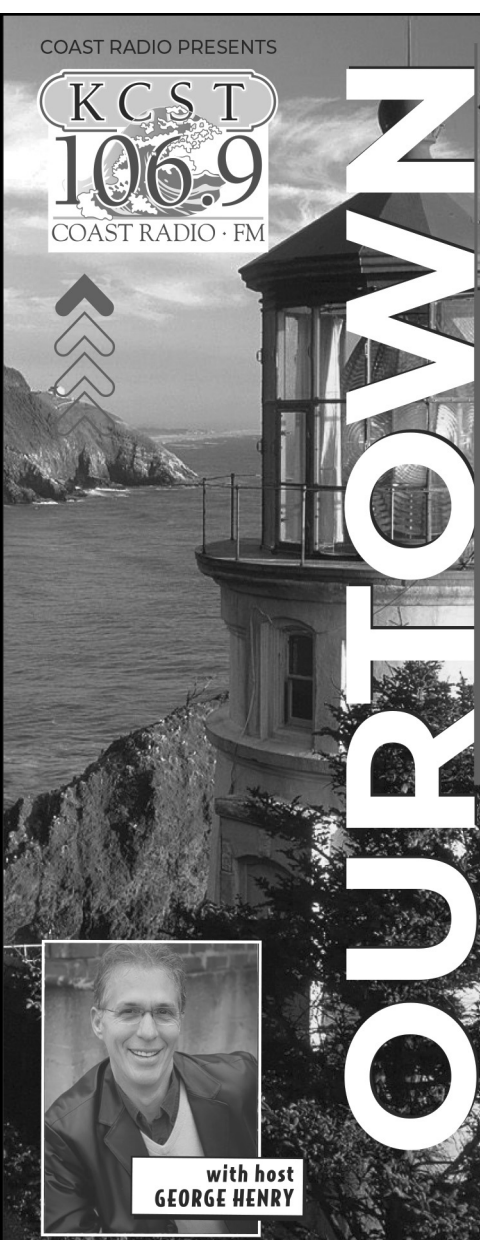
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