

IN MEMORIAM

Kathleen Marie Lentz 1937-2015

Kathleen Marie Lentz, 78, of Cottage Grove passed away peacefully at home from cancer surround by family.

Kathleen worked in Cottage Grove at Shady Oaks Plant's and Produce for many years.

She loved her family and friends and her dog, Cody.



She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Cindie Lentz of Cottage Grove, a daughter, Kimberly Lentz of Vancouver, Wash., a step-daughter, Mary Lentz of Billings, Mont., and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles M. Lentz, and a grandson, Mathew W. Lentz Allen.

Memorial gifts may be donated to Cancer Research for a Cure. Arrangements under the care of Andreason's, Springfield.

BIRTHS

Aug. 18, 2015

To Taylor Cooper and Steven Sanders of Cottage Grove, a son.

Aug. 20, 2015

To Ashley and Cody Fitzgerald of Creswell, a son.

To Alicia Lilley and Julian Hastriter of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

To Delfina Carillo Mendoza and Antonio Mendoza of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

To Roseann and Andrew Bishop of Creswell, a son.

LORANE COUNTRY NEWS

BY LIL THOMPSON
For the Sentinel

School registration happens this week at Crow Middle/High School. Seniors registered yesterday. Today, Wednesday, Aug. 26, grades 9,10 and 11 will register from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. There are also sports physicals at the school today from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. for \$20 for each person. Registration winds up on Thursday, Aug. 27 for grades 7-8 plus any new students from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Any seniors who missed Tuesday are

asked to check with the office. Daily doubles have begun, so please watch your speeds on the roads.

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. Teachers return on Sept. 1, and school resumes on Sept. 8. Again, any questions may be answered in the office.

Lorane Grange will be working on the roof this weekend, Aug. 29 and 30. They weren't able to work on it last weekend, so they are hoping for lots of help. The Lorane Celebration 2015 plans are coming along very nicely. There are still tables to rent for crafts or artwork and still time to place a home garage sale on the map. Call 541-942-5701 to sign up for either.

Here is the planned schedule for that day: an eye-opener

walk starting at the Grange at 8 a.m.; craft/sale tables and home garage sales from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with lunch at the Grange; delicious goodies for sale all day at the Lodge with family activities too; emergency preparedness at the fire hall until 4 p.m.; barbeque and cider pressing in front of the church from 3-5 p.m. and an outdoor movie on the side of the Lodge around 7 p.m./dusk. Those with questions can call Lil at 541-942-5701 or Jeri, 541-942-2448. Hopefully, everyone will take part in as many activities as possible. Make it a great day in Lorane — Saturday, Sept. 12!

A big thank you to all who took part in the fundraiser for the Crow Booster Club at Sweet Cheeks Winery last Friday. Anyone still wanting to

help may send contributions to CMHS.

Our old Lorane School building has a new roof and now looks like a coat of paint will soon help the improvements. They hope to have a community meeting about the school building usage in September. Watch for notices.

Lorane Grange meets again on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. There will be potluck snacks for the meeting and plans to schedule the spaghetti dinner and bingo nights plus other events for the rest of the year.

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Spiff up lawns after a tough summer

BY KYM POKORNY
OSU Extension Service

Lawns languish in the heat of summer unless showered with the water they require to thrive. But not to worry, the grass isn't dead.

Come fall when the rains start again, grass greens up quickly, said Alec Kowalewski, turf specialist for Oregon State University's Extension Service.

While letting your lawn go dormant in summer isn't a bad thing — especially with concern about water shortages — lack of irrigation does allow pesky weeds to gain a foothold, he said. And regular wear and tear can cause compaction within a lawn, which leads to brown or bare spots.

Now is a good time to whip your lawn back into shape, but starting over usually isn't necessary.

"You should always try renovation before putting in a new lawn because it's difficult to get a stand of grass established," Kowalewski said. "So if you have something to begin with, go with renovating."

What you have to begin with can vary from addressing a few brown spots to a desert of weeds to hardpan soil. Assess your lawn's level of neediness and then proceed with a regular renovation or a no-holds-barred one. Most often, a regular tune up is all that's needed.

Once you've got your lawn established, follow Kowalewski's three steps to a healthy lawn that will outcompete those pesky weeds: water, fertilize and mow properly.

Watering is a matter of one inch a week, but don't do it all

at once.

"If you look at the roots, the majority are in the top one inch of the soil," he said. "The deeper you go the fewer roots there are so watering more than a quarter inch at a time is a waste. So irrigate more frequently with less amounts when it's not raining."

Fertilize four times a year. An easy way to remember is to apply on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving.

When it comes to mowing, never remove more than one-third of the grass at one time. That means if the lawn is three inches long, cut only one inch. Cutting more than one-third weakens the lawn, leaving it vulnerable to weeds and diseases. For most grasses, two inches is about top range of what a homeowner will tolerate, but higher is even better.

"Increase the height of the grass as tall as you can stand it and mow once a week," he said. "If you mow it to an inch, it's horrible to the health of the plant because you're decreasing rooting depth and stress tolerance. And you'll have to water more often."

Mow once a week in spring and fall, less often during summer and winter months. Instead of bagging up clippings, consider leaving them where they fall. They break down quickly and re-supply much-needed nitrogen. The more often you mow, the easier this is to do. Don't, however, leave clumps of clippings sitting on the lawn.

For more information, watch Kowalewski's video Integrated Pest Management for Turfgrass. Or check out the following publications: Practical Lawn

Establishment and Renovation, Practical Lawn Care for Western Oregon, Retail Lawn Seed Mixtures for Western Oregon and Western Washington and Fertilizing Lawns.

Kowalewski's steps for renovating a lawn

For regular renovation:

Do a pH test. Either take a sample with help from Extension's Guide to Collecting Soil Samples for Farms and Gardens and send it to a soil lab, or buy a test kit at the nursery. Lawns grow well in a pH of 6 to 6.5.

Remove weeds by hand or with a broad spectrum herbicide.

Aerate lawn with a machine available at rental shops. Pay particular attention to bare spots or compacted areas. Rake off plugs of soil removed by aerator.

If the pH is on the low side (below 6.0), add lime. It's common in western Oregon for lawns to need lime every two to three years.

Fertilize with a product that has plenty of nitrogen, low or no phosphorus and a medium level of potassium. Check the fertilizer label and choose something with a high first number (N), low second number (P) and medium third number (K) such as 20-2-6. You'll get best results using a rotary spreader.

Overseed at the recommended rate, going a little thicker on really bare spots. Use a drop seeder for even distribution.

Water daily unless it rains. For major renovation, do the above steps and add the following:

Mow lawn as short as possible before getting started.

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