

BIRTHS

March 15, 2016

To Elena and Andrew Staats of Creswell, a son.

March 17, 2016

To Kelcee and Mason Colburn of Cottage Grove, a son.

To Bobbi and Patrick Frost of Cottage Grove, a daughter.

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Volunteer cooks help make a successful "Souper" fundraiser, held March 15 at OLPH Catholic Church to benefit Community Sharing. Pictured are: Irene Clevenger, Beth Pool, Samantha Duncan, Judy Cunningham and Sara Meyer.

'SOUPER' CHEFS

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IN MEMORIAM

Carmelita "Tia" (Aunte) Frances (Hale) Borg
1929-2016

Carmelita "Tia" (Aunte) Frances (Hale) Borg, 86, of Cottage Grove passed away March 11, 2016 from natural causes.

She was born on June 12, 1929 in Los Angeles, Calif. to Harris and Cleo (Burckey) Hale.



Carmelita graduated from high school in Reno, Nev.

She married Donald Leroy Borg on Sept. 17, 1961 in Reno, Nev. He passed away in 2005.

As a homemaker, she enjoyed serving others and spending time with family. She also enjoyed flowers, going for walks, collecting rocks and feathers, and absolutely loved chocolate. Carmelita was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cottage Grove

Ward.

Survivors include a step-son, Donald Borg of Cottage Grove, a sister, Dagna MacGill of Turlock, Calif., a brother, Elton Hale of Cottage Grove, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Friday, March 18 in the Relief Society Room at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cottage Grove. A funeral followed at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, followed by burial at Sears Cemetery, Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

John Hawkins
1930-2016

John "Johnny" Hawkins, 86 of Cottage Grove passed away March 17, 2016.



The rodeo champion passed peacefully surrounded by his friends in Eugene, Oregon.

He was born May 22, 1930 in Elk City, Okla. to Paul and Margaret (Ferguson) Hawkins.

Johnny married Betty Van-Cleave in 1959.

He was a fearless and dedicated bareback rider, winning World Champion Bareback Rider in 1963. Johnny was experienced in all things western. He trained horses and made bits and spurs. He was a true cowboy through and through.

Johnny is survived by daughter, Kelly, and her husband Chris Watkins of Los Angeles, Calif. and Johnny's brother, Jimmie Hawkins, of Austin, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at the Cottage Grove Riding Club and Rodeo Grounds, Saturday March 26, 2016 at 4 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Earth Organization.org or Earth Organization 4312 Talofa Ave., Toluca Lake, CA 91602. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Lester Wayne Merrill
1948-2016

Lester Wayne Merrill, 67, passed away Feb. 26, 2016 from age related causes.

He was born Dec. 3, 1948 in Cottage Grove, Oregon to Gerald and Mary (Steverson) Merrill.

Survivors include a brother, Ellis Merrill of Cottage Grove, two sisters, Gayle Merrill Cadwell of Cottage Grove and Debra Merrill Klutz and husband Robert Klutz of Eugene, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Darla Danielle.

A Celebration of Life followed by a potluck will be held Saturday, March 26, 2016, at 3 p.m. in the Shepherd Room at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave. Guests are asked to bring their favorite dish to share.

Arrangements under the care of Buell/Andreason's Funeral Home, Springfield.

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Snowy plovers nesting on Oregon's beaches

Springtime sun and warmer March temperatures can bring visitors in droves to Oregon's inviting shoreline. For the western snowy plover, March means nesting. This tiny shorebird, protected under state law and under the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA), usually begins nesting along west coast beaches in mid-March.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is responsible for managing recreation on Oregon's ocean shore, overseeing snowy plover management areas and the recreation restrictions that come with the legal agreement between OPRD and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Plovers nest in dry open sand, in tiny, shallow scrapes that are very well camouflaged. Not only are nests easy to miss (or step on), but the bird will abandon its eggs if repeatedly disturbed by activities it considers a threat.

OPRD manages two kinds of beach areas to help plovers survive: sites where they actively nest, and sites where they don't, but where the habitat has been designated as conducive. Based on this, recreation restrictions vary. Riding bicycles or driving any kind of vehicle is not allowed during nesting season on any stretch of beach managed for plovers. Where plovers ac-

tively nest, the dry sand around the nesting area is signed to keep people from accidentally crushing the well-camouflaged eggs. Recreation is limited to the wet sand portion of the beach. Kites and dogs (leashed or unleashed) are not allowed anywhere in active nesting areas until the end of the nesting season, Sept. 15.

Maps and more information can be found at bit.ly/wsplover.

Most plover breeding areas in Oregon range from Florence south to Bandon. In recent years, though, a smattering of

nests have popped up at some north coast beaches, a sign that holds promise for Oregon's and Washington's plover population overall. The two-mile Nehalem Spit, just south of the entrance to Nehalem Bay State Park, will restrict vehicles, dogs, and kites from March 15-Sept 15, 2016. The northern 3 miles of beach in the park are open to kites, dogs, bikes, horses, and all other recreation.

OPRD spokesperson Chris Havel thanked visitors for their understanding and support of

the bird. "Recreation management is a balancing act," said Havel. "The vast majority of visitors want to protect wildlife and understand that plovers need our help to survive."

I would like to say "Thank You" to Cottage Grove Hospital, ER Department, Dr. Padilla-Vazquez, all the nursing and administrative staff members for the excellent care I received during my stay. I could not have asked for any better care.

Glenn Smittle

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