

**VINCENT JAMES FOX
NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

Honest. Humble. Kind. Content.

Vince was a human being of unique talents.

Vincent James Fox, 68 of Cottage Grove, OR passed away November 4, 2017. He was born on February 24, 1949 in Burbank, CA to Vincent and Ina Ruth Fox. He attended Bishop Alemany High School in San Fernando California and Shoreline Community College in Seattle Washington. Settling in Cottage Grove he met his wife of 44 years, Julie (Workman). They were true partners, a beautiful example of a marriage. He was a loving father to his children, Inger Fox-Huston (Matt Huston) and Alex Fox. His two grandsons, Cormac and Gannon adored him. He is also survived by a sister Jan Pirkel and brother Greg Fox. He is fondly remembered by nieces and nephews who found him the source of many witty stories. He loved work and his work came to fruition both personally and professionally. Professionally he built buildings of exacting quality and was known for his craftsmanship. After retiring from professional building he was never idle. Farming and cattle raising became his next endeavors. As a lifelong gardener and fisherman he valued the earth. Any land he touched blossomed under his care. He was a master watershed steward with particular love of the Umpqua River. An avid reader, he was a familiar face in the Cottage Grove Library. Memorial contributions may be made to Cottage Grove Friends of the Library. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.



Great Days Continued from A1



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The crew poses for a photograph after completing the renovation of Great Days Early Education Center while students take in the changes.

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"It was great!"

That's Barbara Howell's take on the "extreme" makeover her childcare center, Great Days Early Education Center received on November 10.

Great Days was selected by the Southern Willamette Valley Council of Multifamily Northwest for its yearly project. According to Howell, a parent made the suggestion to the corporation to consider Great Days for the makeover.

"We're an old building," she said. The school has been operating since 1976.

The school was closed on November 10 so crews could complete the work.

Several companies have signed up to help with the renovation including the Jennings Group, PG Long Floor Coverings, Western Asphalt, Image King, Sterling, Bunting, Rexius and Revolution Electric.

A GoFundMe page was also been set up to offset the cost of the makeover with a goal of \$13,000 set.

In total, the building received a new sign, outdoor lighting, a new parking lot, freshly painted classrooms and new flooring throughout the building.

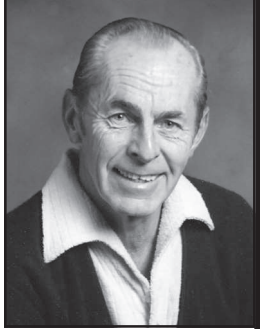
"They didn't tell us what color they were painting the inside," Howell said, "That was a surprise."

Children were back at school on Monday morning and excited about the changes.

"Great Days really appreciates this," Howell said. "It's a nice benefit to Cottage Grove, it really updated Cottage Grove's childcare facility."

**Leslie George Rhodes
1924-2017**

Leslie George Rhodes of Cottage Grove died on November 4 at the age of 93. He was born on October 19, 1924 in Long Beach, CA to parents George Lawrence and Eleanor Anastasia (Barry) Rhodes. He graduated from Beverly Hills High School. He served in the US Coast Guard during WW II followed by serving in the United States Navy Reserve. Leslie married Bonnie Lou Eves on January 8, 1949 in California. He worked as a roofer, and he and Bonnie were grocery stores owners. He was an entrepreneur with many real estate ventures. Leslie supported multiple children's charities, enjoyed golf and travel in Europe and was a gifted artist. He especially enjoyed his grandchildren. While all of Les's grandsons were U of O Duck fans, Les was an OR State Beaver believer. He was a member of the Men's Club at the Middlefield Golf course, and he was a member of the Teamsters Union. Les is survived by daughter Ardis (Lee) Walker of Yoncalla, OR; son, Leslie Scott (Sandy) Rhodes of Sacramento, CA; daughter, Pamela Strickland of Cottage Grove, OR; daughter, Peggy Rhodes of Eugene, OR; 11 grandchildren: Tony Humble, Dean Humble, Brian Humble, Jaime Jackson, Leslie Rian Rhodes, Shaun Rhodes, Nicholas Smith, Brett Smith, Stephany Pescarolo, Crystal Wardell, Michael Leslie Dollar; and 9 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Bonnie Rhodes. A Celebration of Life Open House was held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Les's home in Cottage Grove. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.



LORANE NEWS

Come to an open meeting for the community at Lorane Grange this Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Linda Cook, Lane County Disaster Preparedness will address everyone. This will be very informative.

November 21 and 22 are parent/ teacher conferences at the CAL District schools. Evening conferences on November 21 and no school on November 22 with morning conferences.

Also no school the rest of the week for Thanksgiving.

Boxes are up in all organizations for canned food and non perishable goods for the Lorane Community Christmas Baskets. As you shop, remember those with less in our community.

Mark your calendars for the Lorane Grange Christmas Dinner on December 10 at 12:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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