

# RECORDS

## OBITUARIES

**GOINS**—Erwin Bernell Goins passed away July 3, 2018, at his home in Curtin, Ore.

He was born in Firesteel, S.D., on Aug. 2, 1933, to Phillip and Grace (Holt) Goins. His family left South Dakota in 1935 because of the Dust Bowl.



Erwin Goins

Erwin's mother put the family's animals and belongings on the milk train destined for Curtin.

At age 20, Erwin was drafted into the army following a two-year deferment after his father's death in a logging accident. He served two years at the Presidio in San Francisco as a medic during the Korean War.

He helped unload POWs from incoming boats which was an eye opener to this young man astonished by the cruelty of mankind.

While stationed in San Francisco, Erwin met the love of his life, Mardel Howser. They married in 1955 and were together for 58 years until her death in 2013.

Mardel and Erwin bought acreage in Curtin where they raised 10 children.

Erwin worked in local lumber and plywood mills for 30 years, half of that as

a millwright. He then "retired" to run his Funny Farm Orchards for another 30 years.

Many people knew and loved Erwin for his delicious fruits and honey, as well as for his willingness to share the gospel and his love for his heavenly Father. Although Erwin abandoned the hobbies of his youth, guitar playing and model airplane building when he and Mardel started their family, he enjoyed helping people through his skills at metal fabrication and welding.

Erwin repaired logging equipment, made trailers, stoves, carts, racks and more for friends and neighbors.

He is survived by his 10 children: Stanley Goins, Marvin Goins, Clyde Goins, Ramona Campbell, Jason Goins, Clifford Goins, Elizabeth Fitch, Agnes Hosey, Rachel Sankokirchen and Windell Goins; as well as 24 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

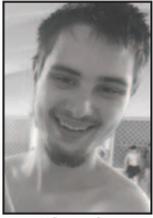
**SWEARENGIN**—Alexander "Alex" Curtis Swearingin, 24, of Newport, Ore., passed away July 2, 2018.

He was born June 21, 1994, in Lebanon, Ore., to Stuart and Amy (Buzzell) Swearingin.

Alex was a student in the Aquarium Science Program at Oregon Coast Community College. He was a volun-

teer diver and loved giving his time to the aquarium, taking care of marine life, the ocean and teaching others how to care for it.

He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors.



Alexander Swearingin

Alex was an Eagle Scout and PADI Divermaster. He married Michaela Marie Edmunds on Aug. 4, 2012, in Dorena, Ore.

Alex is survived by his wife, Michaela, of Newport; his parents, Stuart and Amy Swearingin; grandparents, Janice and DeWayne Buzzell, and Jeralee Swearingin; his son Landon Michael Swearingin of Newport; his sister, Jaydene; and brother, Lucas Swearingin, both of Cottage Grove.

A memorial service will be held today, July 11, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove.

Private burial will be at Walker Cemetery.

A Memorial Fund has been established at Banner Bank. Contributions can be made at the Cottage Grove and Creswell Branches.

Arrangements by Smith-

Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

**FOX**—Vince Fox, 68, of Cottage Grove, died Nov. 4, 2017.



Vince Fox

A celebration of life will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, at the Fin Haven (Fox Farm), milepost 24, State Hwy. 38, 12 miles west of Elkton, Ore.

Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove. (HAS PHOTO)

**FULLER**—Frederick Harvey Fuller, 80, of Cottage Grove, died June 29, 2018.

A celebration of life is planned for a later date.

Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.

**BRUELY**—Theresa (Terry) Bruely passed away June 19, 2018, in Pendleton, Ore.

A celebration of her life will be held June 30, beginning at 2 p.m., at the Elks Lodge in Cottage Grove.

**GRAY**—Thomas Joseph Gray, 77, of Lorane, died July 2, 2018.

No services are planned at this time.

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### Charles Leon Smith 1933-2018

Charles Leon Smith was born on March 10, 1933 to Charlie Lewis Smith and Mollie Mae Ash Smith whom both preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his granddaughter Hope Edmunds and son Charles Smith Jr, brothers Joe Bray, Ben Bray, William "Tommy" Bray and son-in-law Dana Edmunds. Sisters Pearl Ash, Ruby Hall, Libby Smith, June Owens, and Goldie Ross. Charles met the love of his life Dorothy Shelton and they were married March 14th, 1953. Those left to cherish his memory are: His wife Dorothy Smith, his children Patricia Smith, Barbara Edmunds, and Danny Smith and his wife Dondi Smith. His Grandchildren Cheryl Smith-Engholm and her husband Ron Engholm, Tina Smith, Jason Smith and his wife Tracy Smith, Marcus Edmunds and his wife Shawn Edmunds, Leanna Edmunds, Michaela Swearingin and her husband Alex Swearingin, Trenton Thompson, Brisen Messerli and her husband Farren Messerli, Falen Smith, and Trinity Smith. His great Grandchildren Serena Bishop, Shelby Hendricks, Tyler Thompson, Landon Swearingin and Nicholas Smith. Celebration of life to be held at 36715 Shore View drive on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.



### Allen Eugene Hand 1958-2018

Allen Eugene Hand of Eugene, OR passed away on Friday, June 15, 2018 at the age of 60. He was born in Eugene to parents Donald and Mildred (Wagner) Hand. He grew up in Cottage Grove and graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1976. He married Stacy Fagnani on October 7, 2000. He had owned his own business in graphic design for the last 10 years of his life. Allen was full of life and made a difference to all who knew him. He was caring, amazing, loving, and had patience for anyone or anything. He was always willing to go above and beyond for people. He had a positive outlook on life and was known for his sarcastic sense of humor. Allen enjoyed sports, especially Seattle Seahawks football. He also enjoyed movies, bike riding, camping, and reading. He was a handyman, and there wasn't anything he couldn't fix or make. But his biggest love and enjoyment was spending time with his family. Allen is survived by his wife of 17 years, Stacy Hand of Eugene; daughter Erin (Kenny) Damon of Springfield, OR; son Derik (Brooke) Hand of Cottage Grove; daughter Brittnee (David) Davis of Eugene; son Ethan Hand of Eugene; brother Robert (Becky) Hand of Cottage Grove; loving nieces Hadley and Taylor; nephew Mikey; and grandchildren Zander, Madelynn and Ryder. A Celebration of Life and Barbecue Reception will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 15, 2018 at Richardson Park Campground, 25950 Richardson Park Rd, Shelter 3, in Junction City, OR. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove.



## Early release of inmates decreased by more than 50 percent after levy passage, says Sheriff's Office

In February of 2018, the Lane County Sheriff's Office added 50 jail beds to local capacity, increasing the number from 317 to 367.

This was the fourth increase in jail bed capacity since the passage of the Public Safety Levy in 2013, and it's had a positive impact on the number of early releases, or capacity based releases (CBRs), from the Lane County Jail.

In the fiscal year prior to the passage of the Public Safety Levy (FY 12/13), over 5,000 inmates were CBR'd from the jail due to lack of funded jail beds.

Some of these inmates were charged with violent felonies and Measure 11 crimes.

The initial addition of levy funded jail beds (2013-2016) decreased the number of CBRs by over 60 percent, and effectively ended the early release of those charged with violent felonies and Measure 11 crimes.

Since the increase in local jail capacity in February 2018, the Sheriff's Office has seen an other significant decrease in CBRs compared to the same time period in 2017.

From February 2017 to May 2017, the Lane County Jail CBR'd 912 inmates due to lack of funded jail beds. This year, with 50 more local jail beds available, CBRs for

the same four-month period in 2018 decreased to 366 (from 912 in 2017).

With just a few days left in the fiscal year (FY), the jail is on track to CBR less than 1,700 inmates for FY 17/18 compared to 2,440 CBRs for FY 16/17.

"While we are still releasing inmates due to capacity, they are fewer in number and far less dangerous than

the inmates who were being charged with violent felonies that were being released before the levy," says Sheriff Byron Trapp. "We are proud to continue to report measurable impacts provided to the community from the Public Safety Levy and are extremely appreciative of the community's continued support."

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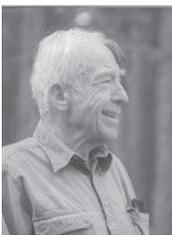
Cesi Yaneth and Sergio Anibal of Cottage Grove welcomed a baby boy on June 27 at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center-RiverBend.

(Cesi Yaneth y Sergio Anibal dieron la bienvenida a un niño el 27 de junio en PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center-RiverBend.)

### Philip Norman (Pete) Ekelund 1925-2018

Philip Norman (Pete) Ekelund died June 24th, 2018 at the Courtyard at Mt. Tabor Assisted Living Center of complications of stroke and heart failure.

Pete was born in Aitkin, Minnesota on January 22, 1925 to parents Richard and Ethel Ekelund. His youth was spent on the farm in Aitkin County, due to health issues (allergies and asthma) he moved to be with his Uncle Walt and Aunt Florence Ekelund in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Before entering the U.S. Navy in 1942, Pete worked with the Civilian Conservation Corps in upstate Minnesota and was always willing to share stories of hard work and youthful adventures from those times.

During World War II (1942-1946) Pete served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre. He served on Troop Transport during the Alaska Campaign, a minesweeper during the Tarawa Invasion and other small island campaigns. He also served on a Destroyer late in the war during the Iwo-Jima and Okinawa Campaigns.

While waiting in San Francisco for his destroyer to complete construction he met, wooed and married Dorothy I. Walisch in April of 1944. Following his discharge in 1946 he moved Dorothy and family, Ricky and Kathy, to Cottage Grove, Oregon to begin a 60-year life "Up Mosby Creek".

Life was good and he honed his skills as a mechanic, welder and fabricator for Dale Harris' shop and Georgia Pacific. After 30 years, he was to become the Division Master Mechanic.

In 1952, Pete and Dorothy were blessed with "Susie" their last addition to the family (unless you consider the many black labs accumulated as family).

After a rather abrupt retirement (Georgia Pacific sold the Springfield Division in 1985), Pete worked on a couple of mechanic projects welding and fabrication, and helped his son Rick form and build a commercial fishing business on the Oregon/California coast. At age 70 years, using his mechanical and fabrication skills, Pete, along with his son Rick, and brother Ralph, constructed a new 50 ft. fishing vessel, the FISKINN II. This new vessel was fished by the family for many years.

Pete's wife Dorothy died in July of 2004 and Pete decided in 2006 to sell the family homestead and move to Portland where he spent 12 years with a new companion, Jeanne Young. These years were blessed with many trips to Central Oregon, Minnesota, Florida and Alaska to visit and fish.

His last year was plagued with health issues, but he maintained the hope of seeing his beloved lakes again. He will be sorely missed at our camp fires, but his presence will always be felt.

He is survived by his family, Rick and Jackie Ekelund, Kathy Ekelund Slater, Doug and Sue Pershall, 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Pete's loss leaves only Herman and Harry (the twins) of his large family of 6 brothers and 1 sister.

Graveside services will be held for all interested friends, associates, and relatives at the Brumbaugh Cemetery in Cottage Grove, Oregon on July 12, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, Or. or Portland Rescue Mission in Portland, Or.