

RECORDS

Lane County Sheriff’s Office to conduct DUII checks

Through Jan. 1, Lane County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) deputies are participating in saturation patrols as part of a nationwide effort focused on reducing impaired driving and related vehicle crashes.

The Sheriff’s Office receives special allocated funding from the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association to provide for over-time patrols with a focus on

traffic and life safety emphasizing Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) enforcement.

The U.S. Department of Transportation reports that in 2016, 781 people lost their lives in alcohol related crashes in the month of December in the United States. Lane County continues to rank in the top three for the number of traffic crash fatalities as compared to other counties in Oregon.

As we enter into this hol-

iday season when several community members may be traveling to see family and friends, the Sheriff’s Office is hopeful that the increased law enforcement presence on our roadways will result in a decrease of impaired driving crashes and fatalities.

The Lane County Sheriff’s Office wants to remind motorists to drive safely during the typically hazardous conditions this time of year, drive sober, and utilize designated

drivers, taxis or other public transportation if you choose to drink.

With the passage of Oregon’s marijuana laws, this is also a reminder of the impairment marijuana creates in drivers, impacting their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants (DUII) applies to drivers under the influence of marijuana, as it does with alcohol.

DMV announces new Oregon driver license design

The next time you renew your Oregon driver license or identification card, you may see a new design with new security features.

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is rolling out a new card design starting this winter and early 2019.

The beauty of the new cards isn’t just skin deep. The enhanced colorful look is part of the new card’s advanced security features, making it harder to alter or duplicate.

Your current driver license or ID card will remain valid until its expiration date, so you do not need to replace your card before that date. You also do not need to replace your card when you move within Oregon — you

can file your new address online at OregonDMV.com.

This is the first major upgrade to the card technology in Oregon since 2003. In addition to the new look and security features, the new card will provide a vertical layout for provisional driver license holders — drivers younger than 21 years old.

This will make it easier to identify minors where age restrictions apply, such as the purchase of alcohol.

The new card will hold the same information as the current card, including name, address, issuance date and expiration date, as well as a small duplicate “ghost” image of the person’s photo. Driver license and ID card fees will remain

the same with the new card.

Among the new security features:

- The card body is a durable plastic material made of a polycarbonate blend.
- Customer information is laser-etched in clear, highly defined lines.
- The colors are printed in tiny patterns that are difficult to see without magnification and difficult to duplicate.
- The clear laminate covering the card front shows a hologram of Oregon symbols at certain angles and light conditions.

DMV will begin to test and install the new card system in two Salem-area field offices starting the week of Dec. 17.

After making sure the new

process is working properly, DMV will begin to install it in the rest of its 60 field offices during the first half of 2019.

As a reminder, this new card design is not yet available as a Real ID Act-compliant card. Oregon will begin to offer an optional Real ID-compliant card in July 2020. Until that time, Oregon driver licenses and ID cards will continue to be accepted as identification at secure federal locations and for boarding commercial aircraft.

For more information about Oregon and Real ID, visit www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/Pages/Real_ID.aspx.

New Oregon license plates will feature Smokey Bear

Keep Oregon Green, in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the Oregon Department of Forestry, is launching the sale of a brand new Oregon license plate design. The plate will feature the iconic image of Smokey Bear set against a green forested backdrop and the words ‘Keep Oregon Green,’ as a reminder of the need to protect Oregon’s scenic landscapes from careless human-caused wildfires.

The release of the plate design and voucher sale coincides with a year-long, nationwide celebration of Smokey Bear’s 75th Anniversary in 2019. Keep Oregon Green will promote the license plate on social media using the hashtag “#Drive-WithSmokey” each week until they sell 3,000 vouchers. The Keep Oregon Green Association will also partner with other firefighting and emergency response organizations to help spread the message.

“Each year, approximate-

ly two-thirds of Oregon’s wildfires are human-caused and they are all completely preventable,” says Keep Oregon Green’s CEO, Kristin Babbs. “Keep Oregon Green has been a household slogan since its inception in 1941, and this message is more important now than ever before. Wildfire awareness opportunities like this will help ingrain it in Oregonian’s DNA.”

In 2018, the number of human-caused fires represented 79 percent of all ignitions. The leading culprits behind a number of these

fires included illegal burning, driving poorly-maintained vehicles that spark fires, and failing to extinguish campfires properly. Other fire causes include power lines, mowing dry grass, fireworks, and smoking.

To purchase a \$40 voucher and contribute to Keep Oregon Green’s fire prevention message, visit drive-withsmokey.com. The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will begin producing the license plates when 3,000 vouchers have been sold.

For more on wildfire prevention information and the Keep Oregon Green Association, visit www.keeporegongreen.org.

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Margaret Eloise Wallace

1921-2018



Margaret “Mickey” Wallace passed away on December 13, 2018, at the age of 97 from complications due to Alzheimer’s disease.

Margaret was born in Osborne County, Kansas, on November 12, 1921, to Samuel Russum and Josephine Dawley Russum. She had two older sisters, Dorothy and Lenore.

The family moved from Kansas in 1934 to Cottage Grove, Oregon. Margaret attended Cottage Grove schools, graduating from Cottage Grove High School. Later in life she graduated from Lane Community College.

Margaret married Eldon Jones in 1938. Eldon passed away in 1951. She married Darrel Burch in 1953, and they later divorced. In 1963 she married Joseph Wallace and they were married until his passing in 1982. For several years they operated Wallace Optical in the Eugene Medical Arts Building.

Margaret resided in the same house on her beloved farm in Pleasant Hill for close to 50 years. She was an avid gardener, and enjoyed travel throughout Oregon with her trailer club. She served as wagon master on many of the outings.

She is survived by her daughter, Paula Jones Thies (Harold) of Central Point, Oregon; Steven Jones of Pleasant Hill; Brenda Burch (Patrick Ryan) of Phoenix, AZ; granddaughters Nyssa, Alicia, Erin and Sean; and 6 great-grandchildren. Margaret’s parents, sisters, and daughter, Barbara Burch, preceded her in passing.

A Graveside service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at Brumbaugh Cemetery in Cottage Grove, OR. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove

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Betty J. Leach

1951-2018

Betty J. Leach, 67 of Dorena, Oregon passed away December 20, 2018, from ALS. She was born May 4th, 1951, in Cottage Grove, OR to Hosea H. and Viola (Lovengood) Woody. Betty graduated from Cottage Grove High School. She was employed by the forest service for 10 years in seed improvement. She was a private in-home care provider then a care manager and administrator for Magnolia Gardens. Betty enjoyed spending time with her family, children and grandkids. She married Vernon Leach on July 13, 1967. Betty is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Vern Leach; son Greg Leach, Cottage Grove OR, daughter Michele Blomquist and son Tim Leach, both of Dorena, OR, brothers Wayne, Harold, Merle; sisters Alma, Judy, Mozell, Ella, Rochelle, Jan and Shirley, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. A funeral will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday December 27, 2018 at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S 7th Str., Cottage Grove, OR 97424 with burial to follow at Sears Cemetery. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Funeral Chapel.

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