County Works to increase road safety signage

to be among the counties with the highest number of annual traffic fatalities in the state. Most traffic fatalities in Lane County occur on rural roads or highways where excessive speed and distracted driving are especially dangerous on curving roads.

In an effort to increase driver safety and comply with new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) standards, Lane County is in the process of upgrading curve warning signs on several of its roads.

"We know that most fatalities are roadway departures that involve excessive speed," said Lane County Supervising Traffic Engineer Steve Gallup. "Making curves more visible especially at night — can help us save lives."

The upgrade includes more frequent use of reflective "chevron signs" at corners to better delineate the curve of the road. Signs like these have been shown to reduce fatal and injury collisions by 20 to 35 per-

In 2015, 57 people died

Lane County continues in traffic collisions in Lane County; a 35-percent reduction would have resulted in 19 fewer deaths that

> Examples of the upgraded curve warning signs can be found at:

- Deerhorn Road, especially from milepost 5.12 to milepost 5.93
- River Loop #2 at milepost 0.27
- North Fork Siuslaw Road, especially from milepost 2.02 to milepost 2.87

Transportation safety is a significant public health issue and priority in Lane County. In 2017, Lane County joined the National Strategy on Highway Safety, known as Toward Zero Deaths, and adopted a countywide Transportation Safety Action Plan to proactively respond to fatal and severe-injury colli-

Most fatal collisions are roadway departures involving excessive speed and are preventable.

More information about Lane County's efforts to improve road safety can be found at lanecounty.org/ towardzerodeaths.

POLICE LOG

Jan. 21

- An abandoned bike was found in the bushes on Cottonwood St.
- A stray pitbull was found on Patrick Loop

Jan. 22

• An individual reported hearing their neighbor shouting and then abruptly speeding off.

Jan. 23

- A woman on 8th St. found a Pomeranian on her front porch.
- An individual on Main St. reported that their son was being threatened by a subject over a set of tires

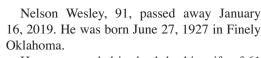
and wheels.

• A suspicious condition was reported at 6:29 a.m. when an individual saw someone wearing all black.

Jan. 24

- Three cell phones were turned into the police station after being found at Safeway.
- A suspicious vehicle was reported on Taylor St. when an individual saw someone sitting in the car wearing a hood over their head. The police ran the plates and found that there was a practice or game going on at the school and the parent was waiting for their student.

Nelson Wesley 1927-2019



He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years Val Jean Wesley, son Michael (Mitch)

Wesley, Mother Alice Watson (Choate), and Brother Buck Ishcomer both of Oklahoma.

He enjoyed early retirement traveling the U.S. visiting family, friends, camping, and fishing.

Nelson served in the US Air Corp from 1945 to 1948 as a Flight Mechanic/Staff Sargent on B17s and C47s. When the old planes came to town, he always went to see them. Nelson is survived by his sons Bryan and wife Cheryl, Mark and his wife Chana, and grandchildren Josh Wesley, Cassie Wesley and Michael Wesley, along with numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends.



RECORDS

New Oregon license plate to feature gray whales

egon Department of Motor and public outreach. Vehicles offices throughout

ence Center in Newport.

The plate will cost \$40 to order or renew — \$35 of of the specialized plates. The target marine mammal re- along the Oregon coast.

to support marine mammal those at DMV offices in lieu changes. conservation on a local and of this fee. Those transfereven a global basis," said ring new whale plates to an legislative effort was led by public outreach efforts, in-Bruce Mate, director of the existing Oregon-registered Marine Mammal Institute vehicle will have some small trict 10 on the central coast, based at Oregon State Uni- additional fees to transfer who championed the idea for OSU researchers annualversity's Hatfield Marine Sci- new month and year stickers several legislative sessions. to the new plates.

A new Oregon license that total will go to the OSU's first 20 numbered plates will search and education," Mate plate, with the image of a Marine Mammal Institute go to the people who sup- said. "The plates are a way gray whale mother and her for marine mammal re- port the coast, including Or- that citizens can support calf, will be available at Or- search, graduate education, egon's coastal caucus of state marine mammal research at senators, representatives, the a very modest biannual ba-People who have previ- governor and OSU Presi- sis and let other folks know the state beginning on Feb. 1. ously purchased vouchers dent Ed Ray, who each paid about their interests, support "This is a wonderful way for the plates may submit for their own vehicles' plate and concerns for the coast as

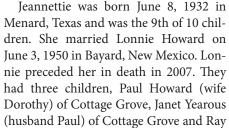
> The whale license plate Rep. David Gomberg of Dis-

DMV has ordered 10,000 from the plate sales will viewpoints on 22 headlands

they drive down the road."

The program will support cluding the notable "Whale Watch Spoken Here," where ly train more than 100 new "Some of the proceeds volunteers to staff coastal

Jeannettie Dean Howard June 8, 1932 - January 25, 2019



Howard (wife Marketa) of Prineville. They were also blessed with 6 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Nettie retired in 1995 from Klamath County School District where she worked as a bus driver and also in the school cafeteria. They moved to Cox Creek Road in Yoncalla where they lived until Lonnie's death. She moved into Magnolia Gardens shortly afterwards where she lived the last 9 years of her life. She very seldom missed a bingo game and spent her other free time reading and doing word search puzzles along with bible studies.

She was an avid crafter. She loved sewing, knitting and crochet as well as other numerous craft projects. She and Lonnie were very active in several black powder clubs. They spent much of their free time at black powder rendezvous camps competing in shoots. Nettie made all their costumes which were authentic dress for the time period. She was a very good shot as well, taking home many first place trophies.

A Visitation will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 PM on Friday, February 8, 2019 at Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR 97424. A Graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM at Yoncalla Applegate Cemetery, Yoncalla, OR. Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills.

1962-2019 Cathy (Rouse) Forgey of Cottage Grove

Cathy (Rouse) Forgey

died on January 12, 2019 at the age of 56. She was born in Denver, CO, on October 20, 1962, to parents Lynwood and JoAnn (Turvey) Rouse. She graduated from Creswell

High School, and later received her Clown College Certification. She was manager of the Sud-N-Shine Car Wash and was also a Farrier for horses. Cathy didn't know a stranger and enjoyed doing many things. She was a rock hound, enjoyed her critters, hunting, fishing, camping, and anything to do with the outdoors. She liked gardening, swimming and full moon swimming. Time spent at the coast was her favorite place to be. She was a spiritual being, had lots of energy, and loved to dance. Cathy is survived by her mother, JoAnn Guth; stepfather, Vernon Guth; and father, Lynwood Rouse. She is also survived by son, Tristan (Mallory) Wolf; daughter, Kacey (Mike) Wolf; son, Sam (Sara) Scott; son, Charles (Nita) Scott; brother, Michael (Shawna) Rouse; sister, Sue (Tony) Kirk; sister, Cyndi Scott; brother, Shane (Becky) Guth; brothers, Steve and Shawn Largent; 8 grandchildren and ex-husband, Raymond Wolf. A Celebration of Life will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Creswell Church of Christ. Please check Cathy's Facebook page for service updates. There is a Cathy Forgey Donation



Robert Joseph Venice 1937-2019

Robert Joseph Venice, 81, of Cottage Grove, OR, died January 20, 2019. He was born January 28, 1937 in Peru, Indiana, to parents Leonard and Mae Belle (Nelson) Venice. Bob graduated from Peru High School in 1955 and attended the University of Oregon. He served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps.

Bob was a retired mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. He married his high school sweetheart, Becky Lou Reineke on December 31, 1960, and they celebrated 58 years of marriage. Bob enjoyed gardening, cooking, fishing, hunting, and traveling. He learned and spoke Italian, spent time with his grandchildren, volunteered for Meals on Wheels and St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was a kind, generous and warm man with a fun-loving sense of humor. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Becky; daughter, Theresa Venice-Hollriegel (Kuno) of Seattle, WA; daughter Maria McCandless (Stan) of Beaverton, OR; daughter, Angela Venice-Simmons (Chris) of Cottage Grove; daughter, Monica Venice of Cottage Grove; son Nick Venice (Shanna) of Cottage Grove; daughter Gina Buckel of Milwaukie, OR; sister, Mary Jo Tully of Peru, IN; sister Barbara Hayes of Mesa, AZ; sister, Judy Owen of Peru, IN; 9 grandchildren, Ashley Perkins, Brandon Perkins, Kyle Corso, Hannes Hollriegel, Anton Hollriegel, Jaxon Simmons, Jason, Shaelyn and Cassandra Venice. He was preceded in death by brothers, Leonard Venice, Jr., James Venice and sister, Janet Dixon. A memorial mass will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at 11:00 am on February 2, 2019 in Cottage Grove. Donations may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society, 1025 N. 19th St., Cottage Grove. Arrangements are by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.





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