

RECORDS

Lane Electric Co-op restores power to more than 10,000 following historic outages

Clean-up will continue for the next several months, with potential for isolated short-term outages

As of 7 p.m. on March 10, Lane Electric Cooperative had restored power to the majority of its 10,120 members that were without power since the onset of severe winter weather on Sunday, Feb. 24.

The 19.1 inches of snow that blanketed the Eugene area wreaked havoc on both transmission and distribution powerlines that carry power to Lane Electric's 13,079 members throughout 2,600 miles of rural Lane County.

With the help of other utilities and contract crews, Lane Electric added 95 more

linemen to its usual fleet of 16 to tackle restoration in its vast and significantly damaged service territory as quickly as possible.

"This was a historic event for Lane Electric Cooperative, both in damage to our service territory and in the human capital we recruited to get the job done," said Acting General Manager Debi Wilson. "We would still be working on the widespread restoration efforts if it weren't for our rural electric cooperative family and other generous utilities throughout the state and across state lines who were willing to help."

Other utilities not only sent linemen, but they also lent warehouse support, materials, vehicles and specialized equipment.

Behind the scenes, 27 Lane Electric staff coordinated the logistics with partnering utilities, ordered and managed materials, distilled information from the field for member communications, and organized meals, laundry and hotels for the additional crews.

"From the accounting department to the lineworkers in the field, it was an all-hands-on-deck operation for our entire team, and I

applaud everyone's commitment and endurance," said Wilson.

"We also could not have accomplished what we did without the collaboration of Lane County, Oregon Department of Transportation, and tree-trimming crews," added Wilson. "Much of the work on our infrastructure could not begin until roads were cleared of fallen trees, branches, and snow — and they did a fantastic job of making way for us as quickly and safely as possible."

Crews from other utilities have been sent home, but Lane Electric's crews are con-

tinuing restoration work in the aftermath of the storm. Isolated outages could still exist at individual homes with damage to service equipment — masts, weathereads and meterbases.

Crews are also still addressing hazard trees and branches that were partially damaged in the storm and could now fall into powerlines during inclement weather.

Finally, crews will be retrieving downed poles and wires that were covered by snow and fallen trees. This clean-up phase will last for the next several months, and

isolated short-term outages are possible during this time.

"Again, I'd like to thank our members for their patience and understanding during what we know was a difficult two weeks," said Wilson. "As the dust settles, we all — as a utility and as individuals — are thinking about how to prepare for another major weather event like this in the future, and we encourage our members to do the same."

"We've learned a lot from this experience that we will build into our plan for the next time. It's not a question of 'if' but 'when.'"

Lane County Sheriff's Office offers tip: What to do when you are stopped by police

When you are signaled to pull over by a police officer, you need to understand this can be a very dangerous time. Do not assume the officer knows you are a law-abiding citizen; officers must be cautious at all times. Follow these recommendations:

- Pull over as far to the right as safely possible.
- Turn on the interior light if the stop occurs at night.
- Place your hands on the steering wheel until the offi-

cer can make a safety evaluation of you, your passengers and your car.

- Avoid making any sudden or reaching movements.
- Remain in your vehicle unless advised by the officer to exit your car.
- If you are carrying a weapon, inform the officer about the weapon and its location without reaching for it or handling it.
- Always follow the officer's instructions.

Stopping at night, especially along a dark stretch of road, can heighten the tension for you and the officer. Officers do not object to a driver proceeding to the nearest well-lit area. Simply acknowledge the officer by turning on your flashers and driving at a reduced speed.

If you are concerned the person stopping you may be impersonating a police officer, contact the non-emergency dispatch line or call

911. Ask the officer for the name of his agency and tell them you are calling the police.

A real officer will not object to you verifying his or her identity and the stop location.

If you are asked to exit your car, walk to the rear of your vehicle to the side away from traffic, or as directed by the officer. Use the vehicle as a barrier between you and oncoming cars.

The officer will generally ask for three pieces of information: your driver license, proof of liability insurance, and vehicle registration.

Once the traffic stop is finished, walk carefully back to your vehicle keeping an eye out for traffic. When an opportunity exists, carefully

merge back into the flow of traffic.

Being stopped by a police officer is not always an unpleasant experience.

Remember that many times only a warning or other beneficial safety information is shared with a driver.

PeaceHealth names new CMO

PeaceHealth recently announced the appointment of a new medical leader in the Oregon network.

Dr. Andrea Halliday will serve in a dual role that combines her current responsibilities as PeaceHealth's system chief clinical officer with those of her new position as chief medical officer for the Oregon network.

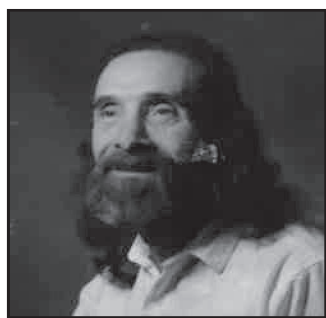
A board-certified neurosurgeon, Dr. Halliday began her career at PeaceHealth in 2010 as patient safety officer for PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Centers in Eugene and Springfield. She graduated from Harvard Medical School and trained in neurosurgery at Massachusetts General Hospital.

DEATH NOTICE

SHEPHERD—Candy Kay Shepherd, 61, of Cottage Grove, died Feb. 27, 2019. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

HARWOOD—Neil Welcome Harwood, 92, of Cottage Grove died March 18, 2019. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel.

Larry George Campbell 1943-2019



Larry George Campbell passed away January 10, 2019 in Curtin, Oregon in the loving arms of his daughter Sheila and his love Dorcas. He was born in Cottage Grove, Oregon on October 10, 1943 to Hulén Sylvester Campbell and Lucille Mae Willits. Larry graduated in 1962 and enlisted in the U.S. Army that same year. He served in the infantry moving on to the 68th Armor Defense Division, serving tours in both Korea and Vietnam. Larry is survived the love of his life/

best friend Dorcas McCutcheon, daughter Sheila Smith (Matt), step-daughters Roseanna Morgan-Kuntz, Nancy Fields, Heather Burzacott, Heidi Peschel, and Amber Quatier, step-son Steven Morgan, 3 sisters, 5 brothers, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Larry understood respect of elders. He taught reverence for the earth. He taught humility. He demonstrated how to work. He knew how to have self-respect. He understood that life isn't always fair, yet never let that deter him. He knew what it means for a man to really love a woman. Larry's life, he can surely call his own. He was a man of adventure, pure heart, talent, artistry and musicianship. We will miss you forever, Larry, LC, Dad, Uncle, Grandpa, Larry the Legend. There will be a Celebration of Life March 30th at 3PM at the Elks Lodge in Cottage Grove. POTLUCK.

BETTY ANN WILSON 1937-2019

Betty was born on January 25, 1937 in Grants Pass, OR, and lived in Culp Creek, OR. She passed away on February 19, 2019 in Eugene, OR.

She is survived by her brother Donald P. Jeffcoat; her children Warren H. Williams, Jr; Lucille A. Williams; Stanley E. Williams; her grandchild Michelle A. Garcia; great grandchildren Brianna E. Miles and Sydney R. Miles; and three step-daughters, Patricia Cantwell, Diane Ewing and Joanne Watson.

Betty and her late husband, Scott Wilson, owned Thornton Lane Nursery for many years and also raised and sold exotic birds. She enjoyed plants, horse's dogs and reading.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Betty at her home at 38181 Row River Rd, Dorena, OR at 1:00 pm, March 27, 2019. Instead of flowers, please bring your favorite memories to share with family and friends.

William Jesse "Jake" Martindale 1938-2019



William Jesse "Jake" Martindale passed away March 3, 2019 from cancer.

Jake was born October 30, 1938 in Searcy, Arkansas to Opal Brown and Wesley Martindale.

After graduating high

school Jake served 4 years in the United States Army. After his service, Jake for the railroad and he also worked for a chain grocery stores as a butcher.

Jake enjoyed cooking, watching old tv shows, trains and time at the Great Western Pub in Cottage Grove.

Jake is survived by his daughter, Laurey Leigh Manger of Cathedral City, CA; Granddaughter, Chelsea Marie Manger of Westwood UCLA; nieces, Jane, Kim and Lisa; nephews Bruce and Shane.

A private family service will be held. Arranges were handled by Musgrove Family Mortuary.

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Peter H. Koratschenko 1950-2019



Peter H. Koratschenko, 68 of Cottage Grove, OR passed away March 8, 2019. He was born on July 1, 1950 in Arolsen, Germany to parents Fedor and Marianne (Muller) Koratschenko. Peter graduated from Glendale High School. He was a natural born leader working in management for food service and the automobile industries. Peter married Harriet M. Troutman on June 20,

1976 in Las Vegas, NV. Peter enjoyed movies, experiencing new restaurants, camping, and petting zoos. He loved animals, visiting casinos to watch people at their worst and best behavior. Peter was easily entertained by people and found amusement in playfully antagonizing others. Peter is survived by his loving wife, Harriet Koratschenko; children, Vanessa Koratschenko, Albert O'Neil and Susan O'Neil; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Greenhill Humane Society, 3970 W 1st Ave, Eugene, OR 97402. A private family service will be held. Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

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