

On The Record

POLICE LOG

- March 21**
- A small dachshund/terrier with no collar or tags was impounded.
- March 22**
- A motorhome was reported stealing electricity by plugging into a church on Seventh Street.
 - A wallet made out of "a USPS envelope folded origami style" was reported lost.
 - Gunshots and a muzzle flash were reported coming from an abandoned house on Madison Ave. Responders were unable to locate anything suspicious.
 - A female suspect reportedly stole wine and multiple electronic items from Walmart, leaving in a gold sedan.
 - A male suspect was unable to be found after being

- ing reported stripping off his clothes in front of the water treatment plant and throwing rocks at cars.
- A yellow Labrador was reported running loose on E Van Buren Ave.

- March 23**
- A white female husky, which appeared to be blind, was lodged in city kennels.

- March 24**
- Theft of a red bag was reported from the steps of the Armory.
 - Multiple callers reported an intoxicated father at Bohemia Park inattentive to his toddler son.
 - Gun shots were reported on Tioga Ct.

- March 25**
- Attempted entry of a

- van by breaking a window while the owner was inside was reported on Hwy 99.
- A handgun was reportedly stolen from an address on Hwy 99.
 - A hit-and-run was reported in the Safeway parking lot.

- March 27**
- A suspicious subject going through trash was reported on Gateway Blvd.

with a brand new pink girls' bike, still bearing tags from Walmart.

- March 28**
- A welfare check was requested for a female lying on ground on Main St., flailing her arms and yelling.

• A complainant reported being attacked by his neighbor's dog on E Van Buren Ave.

Homeowners warned of scam claiming 'Imminent Property Seizure'

South Lane County residents may be targeted in a tax scam that has made its way across the country in recent months.

Letters claiming to be a "Notice of Warrant and State of Oregon Tax Lien Action" have been reported by some Eugene residents. The notice claims that property seizure is imminent and provides a non-local number for resolution.

"It's sick, but these con artists rely on creating enough panic that their victims will overlook all of the red flags," said Lane County Assessor Mike Cowles. "Who wouldn't panic at the thought of losing their home? The best thing people can do is take a breath and carefully re-

view the letter or email for signs of fraud before making any kind of payment."

Property seizure does not occur with a legitimate State of Oregon income tax lien.

For liens related to unpaid property taxes, real property seizure only occurs after five years and many notices to the property owner.

Claims of imminent property seizure with no prior notification are typically false.

Property owners can check the status of any legally recorded liens by visiting Lane County Deeds and Records at 125 E. Eighth Ave. in Eugene.

Other indicators that this letter is a scam:

- A full agency name is not clearly provided.
- No agency address is provided on the envelope or in the letter.
- The logo is a generic seal that does not properly identify any agency.
- Lane County does not have an "Office of Lien Filings."
- There is no "Bureau of Tax Enforcement" located in Eugene.

Suspected scams should be reported to your local law enforcement agency or the Oregon Department of Justice by calling 1-877-877-9392 or visiting www.oregonconsumer.gov.

"These documents are fake," said Ellen Klem, Director of Consumer Outreach and Education for

the Oregon Department of Justice. "Crooks impersonating the government cost people their time and money. The Oregon Department of Justice urges people to stay vigilant against schemes and scams and avoid becoming a victim."

Scam Safety Tips:

- Don't panic: Con artists will use aggressive tactics to rush you into making immediate payment to avoid legal action or prosecution.

When you panic, you may not be able to spot the signs of fraud as easily. If you have any doubt about the legitimacy of a notice, pause and look for signs of potential fraud.

Use terms or names in

the notice to conduct online research to see if a similar scam has been reported by others. You can also ask a friend or someone you trust for help researching the notice.

• Spot imposters: Con artists often pose as a government entity. If you are targeted by a con artist through the mail, phone or email, do not provide personal information or money until you are sure you are speaking to a legitimate representative.

Try contacting the agency directly through telephone numbers listed on the agency's official website rather than using phone numbers provided by the con artists.

• Look carefully at the letter or email: Fraudulent

notices are usually vague, so they apply to as many victims as possible.

Examine the notice for identifying information that can be verified. Look for blatant factual errors and other inconsistencies, such as a fake return address or fake logo. If the notice is unexpected and states 'This Is Your Final Notice,' take a moment and verify its legitimacy.

Agencies will send multiple letters to taxpayers if there is a legitimate liability owed.

• Avoid strange payment systems: Legitimate government agencies will not ask you to pay a debt with reloadable debit cards, gift cards or money wiring services.

PeaceHealth CNO earns national recognition with 'Tomorrow's Leaders' award

PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend Chief Nursing Officer Heather Wall, RN, has been named a national recipient of the Catholic Health Association's Tomorrow's Leaders award.

The national award honors dedicated, high-performing individuals who

have demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing the mission of Catholic healthcare. Wall will be presented with the award in June at the annual CHA Awards Banquet in Dallas, Texas.

Wall, a lifelong Lane County resident, has worked for PeaceHealth

for 14 years. Inspired by a desire to care for others in their time of need, she began her career as a neurology nurse at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center, University District. She then graduated to a variety of leadership roles including stepping into her current CNO po-

sition in 2018.

"Heather is the kind of chief nursing officer that leaders and caregivers not only want to work with, but aspire to be like," said Mary Kingston, Oregon network chief executive.

Wall has been instrumental in launching several successful initiatives,

including those that ensure PeaceHealth provides the highest level of patient safety and quality of care, empower bedside caregivers and support staff to make decisions and drive positive change, and support the physical, mental and spiritual health of our nurses.

Wall's dedication extends out into the community, as she has also been actively involved with nonprofit organizations that serve those in need, including the United Way, FOOD for Lane County and Lane Blood Bank.

For more information visit www.chausa.org.

DEATH NOTICES

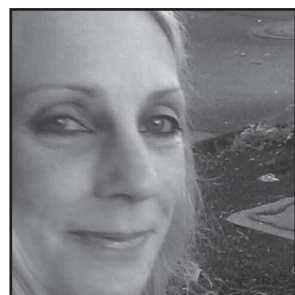
DAVIS—Julianne Francis Davis, 94, of Cottage Grove, died March 21, 2019.

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

PIERSOL—Patricia Lois Piersol, 90, of Creswell, died March 27, 2019.

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Donna I. King
May 23, 1959 to February 19, 2019



Beloved daughter of Donald I. King and Jacque L. (Futch) King. She is survived by her dearest loving friends, neighbors, true family and her

nephew Michael Simmons. She passed over in peace and grace surrounded with tender loving care in comfort, warm and safe in loving arms at the Pete Moore Hospice House. Donna was Brilliant in her beauty, quick witt, mad skills, courage and grace. She was tenacious. Donna's Wild Heart, Warrior Woman Spirit and Tender Loving Soul for all creatures will be missed by many. She was a Fierce and Loyal Friend! XOXOXO JDC

Gary Shannon Meekins
1953-2018



Gary Shannon Meekins, 65, passed away at Pete Moore Hospice Dec. 20, 2018 from ALS. In 1967, Gary moved to Cottage Grove where he lived the rest of his life. Gary loved cars and

frequented the Cottage Grove Speedway. He is survived by two brothers, Daryl of Halsey, Or and Wesley of San Diego, and two daughters, Angie of Eugene and Shannon of Cottage Grove. A celebration of life will be held in Cottage Grove at the Bohemia Park Pavilion from 2pm to 5pm on Sunday, April 7, 2019. Anyone who knew Gary is welcome. Food will be plentiful so if you wish to eat, please bring a dish to share.

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