

On The Record

Voters reminded to review both sides of Special Election ballot

Ballots for the May 21 Special Election should have already arrived in the mail for all registered Lane County voters. But before turning in a ballot, voters should remember to review both sides of the ballot.

"Lane County Elections wants to remind regis-

tered voters to review both sides of their official ballot. Some registered voters will have additional voting opportunities on the back of their ballots," said Lane County Clerk Cheryl Betschart. "Once a ballot has been returned it cannot be amended or recast."

Registered voters anywhere in Oregon who have changed their address still have time to update their registration and qualify for a full ballot. Those with election-related questions should contact Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234.

Voters in Cottage Grove and Creswell can drop off their ballots at the Cottage Grove Community Center, 700 E. Gibbs Ave., or at the City of Creswell office in Creswell, located at 97426 on the north side of parking lot (corner of South First and C streets).

Other drop-off locations around Lane County are listed on Page 20-39 of the Lane County Voters' Pamphlet. Drop boxes are now open and will remain open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

The Lane County Elections is located at 275 W.

10th Ave., on the corner of 10th and Lincoln streets in downtown Eugene. Public office hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Election Day, May 21, the Lane County Elections Office will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

May proclaimed as Wildfire Awareness Month

The governors of 11 western states have signed a proclamation recognizing May as Wildfire Awareness Month. The chief executives of Oregon, Washington, Nevada, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota encourage all citizens to "take steps to better prepare their home and communities for wildfires and work toward becoming a fire-adapted community."

These states, in partnership with federal, state and local fire prevention agencies and organizations, are working together to increase awareness of

wildfires with programs, public service announcements, and opportunities for people to participate in community fire prevention projects.

When it comes to preventing wildfires, there's a lot at stake: lives, personal property, and the many values provided by Oregon's forests and rangelands.

During the 2018 wildfire season, Oregonians were responsible for starting 1,330 wildfires that consumed over 329,000 acres.

"It's incredibly important that all Oregonians work with their neighbors to plan and prepare for fire season now," said Kristin Babbs,

president of the Keep Oregon Green Association. "Educating yourself about how fires can get started will be key in reducing accidental wildfire ignitions this summer."

Wildfires in the wildland-urban interface are often started by human activity, such as debris burning or lawn mowing, and then spread to the forest. Once underway, a fire follows the fuel, whether it is trees or houses.

"Simple and inexpensive

prevention strategies can make your home, family and community much safer," Babbs said. "Spring is the perfect time to remove dead, flammable vegetation and limb up trees around the yard."

Join neighbors in reducing your community's wildfire risk by committing a couple of hours to raising wildfire awareness and working on projects that can protect homes and entire communities from the threat of fire.

Patricia "Patty" Ann Stout 1947-2019

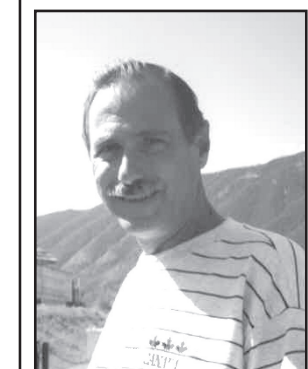


Patricia "Patty" Ann Stout, 71 of Eugene, OR passed away April 27, 2019. She was born July 2, 1947 in San Diego, CA to parents Glenn G and Evelyn M. (Dobbs) Pruitt. Patty attended Ukiah High School in Ukiah, CA and worked various jobs, most recently as the Maintenance Supervisor for a hotel.

She loved gardening, crafts and travel. She was a loving mother and dependable friend to many.

Patty married James "Jimmy" Alan Stout on December 23, 1981 in Eugene, OR. Patty is survived by brother James Pruitt; daughter, Theresa Dessano, Ellicott City, MD; son, Warren Naumann, Sebastopol, CA; daughter, Erika Pierce, Sacramento, CA; step-daughter, Jessica Stout, Cottage Grove, OR; and 6 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband James Stout (2018), brother Larry Pruitt, David Pruitt. No services are planned at this time. Arrangement in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

Ronald L. Crawford Feb. 21, 1943 – Feb. 28, 2019



Ronald L. Crawford 76, passed away peacefully on February 28, 2019 of pneumonia and COPD in Yuma, AZ. Ron was preceded in death by his parents Roy and Lila Crawford who were long time Cottage Grove Residents. He leaves behind his loving wife Brenda Shepherd, cousins Jack Stockton and Billie Rutledge of Texas, mother-in-law Irene Shepherd and friend Bob Atkinson of Canada, brother-in-law Warren Shepherd and wife Sheryl.

Ron graduated from Cottage Grove High School in 1961 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served until 1963. He spent much of his

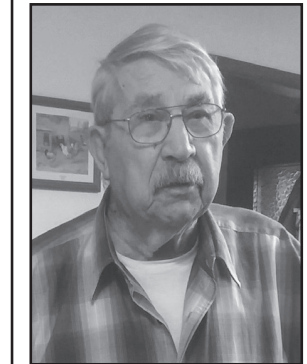
Navy time on Guam. After the Navy, he was recruited by the Oregon State Police and faithfully served as a Sergeant for the next 30 years until his retirement in Salem, Oregon.

As a retiree, Ron got a beautiful new motorhome and began traveling to the Arizona desert with his wife. They eventually bought a second house in Yuma, Az and became snowbirds. While there, they met many wonderful friends and enjoyed many "happy hours". Ron was a member of the Cottage Grove Elks, Moose, Eagles and American Legion.

Ron enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle through the Columbia Gorge and was saddened by the fire that devastated that area. He also was an accomplished pilot and received his certification in 1975.

In his earlier days, he played steel guitar in a country western band in Cottage Grove. He loved music and especially dancing, practical jokes and armadillos. He will be missed by all and his spirit will continue forever after.

Herbert Jay Coon 1929-2019



Herbert Jay Coon, 89, of Cottage Grove, OR passed away on May 7, 2019. He was born May 19, 1929 in Lake City, MI to parents James and Pearl (Wiggins) Coon. He served in the US Army at the end of World War II and the Korean War, earning the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal. Herb retired from Pacific Power and Light as a district foreman, was a 70-year member of the International Brotherhood of the Electrical Worker and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He and Phillis Palmerton were married in Lake City, MI in the Methodist Church on January 15th, 1949. Herbert enjoyed the outdoors with camping, hunting, and trips to the coast. He liked country and western music and, in his younger years, square dancing. He was an avid reader and loved western and history books. Herbert is survived by his loving wife of 70 years and lifelong companion, Phillis; daughter Sandi and Mike Carnahan; daughter Connie & and Terry Pershall; daughter Gloria & Richard Densmore; all of Cottage Grove; son Chris & Shari Coon of Salem, OR, 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter, Jackie Erikson and 11 siblings. A funeral service will be held at 1:00 pm on May17th, 2019 at the Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S 7th, Cottage Grove, OR.

Chauncey Erik Day 1984-2019



Chauncey Erik Day passed away on April 30, 2019, at the age of 34 in Bend, OR. He was born on Oct 2, 1984, in Cottage Grove to Karen S. Douglass and David R. Day, both of Cottage Grove. He attended La Salle and Marist High Schools, as well as Cottage Grove High School where he graduated in 2003. He received his Associates Degree from Lane Community College.

Chauncey was a one of a kind individual in the true sense that there is no other kind like that individual. He brought a lot of emotions to many people and impacted Every single person that came across him. If you met him, you would never forget him, the beloved and unforgettable Mr. Day. Chauncey was a dreamer. He thought big, worked hard & played harder.

He lived his life on his terms, never wanting to work for the man, he wanted to be the man, & that is what he was. He was legendary. In line with that thinking, he started his own business, Daytime Construction, Inc utilizing his artistic talents working with tile, granite, marble, wood, etc to build beautiful showers countertops, floors, kitchens & bathrooms. He recently added Epoxy Resin floors to his repertoire of talents. Chauncey is loved by many, many friends & family from all over, including Vietnam where he lived for a time, teaching English. He loved camping, boating, swimming, skiing, hiking, and generally being out of the city playing and having fun with his family & friends. His passing has left a hole in all our hearts.

He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Jayson Beebe of Springfield and Bjorn Day of Cottage Grove, a nephew Carter Beebe & niece Peyton Beebe, both of Springfield, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sat. May 18" at 1:00 at the Elks Lodge, 755 N River Rd, Cottage Grove.

Patricia May Akins 1938-2019



Patricia May Akins age 81 of Gold Beach, Oregon passed away May 8, 2019 of complications due to Parkinsons. Patricia was born January 2, 1938 in Ashland, Oregon to Leoon L. Beers and Idaleen (Simpson) Beers. Patricia married Jimmie Smith Akins July 5, 1955 in Cottage Grove, Oregon. Patricia attended college and business school and worked as a billing clerk and receptionist at the Eugene Clinic & Hospital and PeaceHealth. Patricia was an accomplished seamstress and enjoyed remodeling and decorating

her home. She enjoyed singing with the church choir and at the assisted living facility where she lived. Patricia is survived by son, Jim Akins of Creswell, OR; Dan Akins of Gold Beach, OR; Dave Akins (Patti) of Yoncalla, OR; Bob Akins (Sam) of Eugene, OR; Tom Akins (Janine) of Seattle, WA and daughter Becky Howlett (Mark) of Gold Beach, OR; sisters, Marilyn Lamm of Wichita, KS and Sharon Crosson of Redmond, OR; brothers John Beers of Capo Beach, CA and Doug Beers of Wasilla, AK; 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchildren. Patricia was preceded in death by her husband Jimmie Smith Akins. Graveside service was held on May 10, 2019 at Sunset Hills Cementary Arrangements in care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S 7th, Cottage Grove, OR.



Special Event
ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA SUPPORT
Guest speaker Tara Blount, Executive Director, Magnolia Gardens Memory Care will discuss important signs to watch for in those living with dementia during the upcoming summer heat.
Wednesday, May 22 – 6:30 p.m.
Questions or concerns, call: Linda LaZar (541) 942-0054

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