

On The Record

Community input sought for Wildfire Protection Plan update

For those living in or near a forested area who are concerned about the growing risk of wildfire, Lane County and its partners are seeking input on the county's Wildfire Protection Plan.

Lane County, Oregon Department of Forestry and other partners are updating the community wildfire protection plan to better reflect communities and resources at risk of wildfire.

The electronic survey aims to gather residents' perceptions of wildfire risk, what type of help is needed and ways to fund the work. Lane County residents in

the wildland-urban interface are encouraged to take the survey at www.lane-county.org/fireplan.

Results from the survey will help local officials better prioritize where to put scarce resources. The existing community wildfire protection plan was first developed in 2005.

That plan identified which places were most at risk for wildfire and helped direct grants and community-funded fuel reduction projects to lower wildfire risk around homes and property.

"We continue to expe-

rience hotter, drier and longer fire seasons across much of the Pacific Northwest," said Lane County Emergency Manager Patience Winningham. "Most of Lane County is forested. The updated plan will pri-

oritize where work to reduce wildfire risk should occur and survey responses will help us understand how to get the most bang for our buck."

The survey will be available through July and Au-

gust. Residents living in the wildland-urban interface (typically in unincorporated Lane County) are encouraged to respond to the online survey.

Printed copies of the survey are available by

contacting Lane County Emergency Management at 541-682-6999.

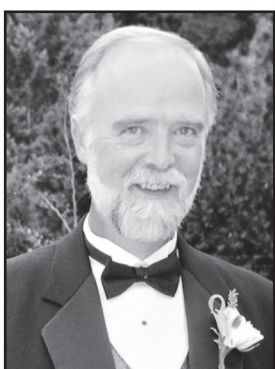
An updated CWPP is a requirement for receiving federal funds to reduce wildfire risk.

DEATH NOTICES

HELMS—Neida Lea Helms, 74, of Cottage Grove, died July 7, 2019.

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

Dennis Paul Flagg 1954-2019



to teach by example, gave voice without speaking, to many students, as well as his own children. Dennis and Kathie were blessed beyond measure with 6 grandchildren. While realizing that getting older isn't always easy, being grandparents took every one of those aches and pains away, fully. Dennis' life was filled with adventure outside of teaching as well. He was a licensed pilot, an avid guitar player in his youth, enjoyed scuba diving, taught skiing at Willamette Pass, and loved spending time skiing the diamonds in MT with his siblings.

While we were so richly blessed by Dennis in this life, we will continue to see him in his own children and grandchildren, in the students whose lives he changed forever, and in everything he touched to make better. A Celebration of Life will be at 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 21, 2019 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 675 S 7th St, Cottage Grove, OR. Memorial contributions may be made to CGHS scholarship fund with "London students" written in the memo line. Arrangements in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

Dennis Paul Flagg, passed away peacefully July 7th from complications due to ALS, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Dec 3, 1954 to Fred and Lillian (Sampson) Flagg in Kalispell, MT. He graduated from Flathead High School in 1973 and went on to MSU where he earned his teaching degree. He married Kathie Jones in 1979. Together they had 4 wonderful children; Matthew, Adam, Chelsie and Daniel. After several years of searching for the perfect place to call home and raise their family, they settled in the beautiful community of Cottage Grove, OR. Dennis retired from teaching middle school children after 37 years. His gentle, kind, and quiet nature, his calm demeanor, and belief

JOHN T. MILLS FEB. 22, 1963-JUNE 23, 2019

John T. Mills passed away on June 23 2019.

Come celebrate his life with us at Baker Bay on July 27, 2019 at 1pm

There will be a BBQ Potluck. Everyone is Welcome. (Bring your own lawn chairs)

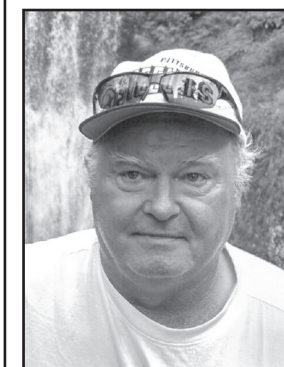
Dennis Devon Willian 1944 - 2019



Our beloved Uncle, Dennis Devon Willian went to be with the Lord on March 28, 2019 after a short and unforeseen illness at 75 years of age. Dennis was born on February 26, 1944 to John and Laura (Krisher) Willian. He was born in Cottage Grove, and attended the local schools in the area, and lived most of his life in the Cottage Grove, Walker area. Dennis went into the Army at a young age and served in the Vietnam War. Dennis was raised mainly with his older sister Charlotte due to the death of all his other siblings. He spent a lot of time as a young man with Charlotte

and her family, especially her two nieces. Dennis really enjoyed baking and cooking and became a cook for The Village Green Restaurant. Dennis' life was changed after going to a little Pentecostal Church and coming to know and serve the Lord. His happiest days were spent attending church services, listening to Christian music and spending time with his nieces. He also enjoyed being involved in the Sunday school and bus ministry at the church. Later on in his life Dennis moved from the Cottage Grove area to other parts of the state including Baker City and Cave Junction where he worked as a cook and lastly to the Hermiston, Umatilla area. Dennis is survived by his two nieces, Mary Cook, (Randal) of Creswell, Oregon and Candace Bermodes (Lucky) of Stockton, CA and two nephews. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Burkleo residence, 32834 England Rd., Creswell, OR on Friday July 26 at 2:00 p.m.

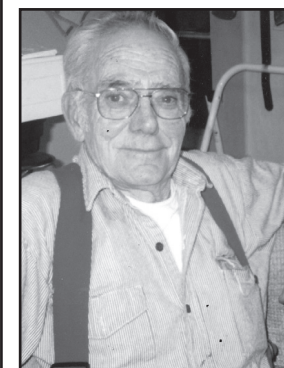
Steven Jay Miller 1956-2019



Steven Jay Miller, 63, of Cottage Grove, OR passed away on July 8, 2019. He was born in Cottage Grove on June 28, 1956 to parents Jay and Phyllis (Litrenta) Miller. Steven worked in the timber industry

and later was a self-employed mechanic. He enjoyed the outdoors, loved spending time with family, neighbors and friends and sharing with them the produce from his garden. Steven married Joyce Leopard, on June 2, 1979 in Cottage Grove. He is survived by his loving wife Joyce; sons, Jeremie Miller, Bradley Miller and Steven Olson; brother, Richard Miller; sisters, Nancy Shepherd and Sally Lassiter; and parents, Jay and Phyllis Miller. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove.

Richard "Duck" Paul Secord Sr 1930-2019



Richard "Duck" Paul Secord Sr, 88, of Cottage Grove OR passed away on June 20, 2019. He was born August 6, 1930 in Toledo, OH to parents Raymond and Mildred (McIsaac) Secord. He served his country as a marine in the Korean War from 1948 to 1951. He made a career in glass development working for Kimble Glass Company and Owens Illinois Development Center, both in his hometown of Toledo. Richard was interested in hard rock mining and belonged to

the Bohemia Mine Owners, Prospectors & Goldiggers Association and the Bohemia Gold Mining Museum. He married Ardella Joan Stockdale on August 19, 1948 in Toledo. Richard is survived by daughters Joy (Jeff) of Holland, OH; Joan (Randy) of Helena, OH; Jean (Bob) of Lorane, OR; and son Richard Jr (Laura) of Cottage Grove, 8 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, 5 great-great grandchildren and his special friend Joy Norman. Richard was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 58 years, Ardella; a sister; and great grandson Cole Pollard. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th, Cottage Grove, OR. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 1:00 PM at Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

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