

On The Record

Lane County Sheriff's Office issues new phone scam alert

Phone scammers are at it again. The Lane County Sheriff's Office has received several reports from community members who have received calls from scammers pretending to be Sheriff's Office employees.

Scammers are telling community members they have a warrant for their arrest and can pay a fine or fee to clear the warrant. These calls are a scam.

Scammers often ask for payment in the form of gift cards or cash cards to remedy a fictitious warrant for missing jury duty or unpaid parking tickets.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office does not make phone calls to community members regarding war-

rants and would never ask a community member to purchase "cash cards" to pay fees.

These calls are a scam, and community members should hang up immediately and not engage with the caller. Help us stop these scammers from victimizing others by telling your friends and family about these scam calls so they recognize the call for what it is and hang up.

If you are the victim of a phone scam and have lost money as a result of the scam, please report it to your local law enforcement agency. If you did not lose any money, you do not need to call and report it.

Below are some tips to decrease your chances of

becoming a phone scam victim:

- If you receive a call that you believe is a scam, stop and take a minute to think. If you are still unsure, hang up and call the person back at the publicly listed number for that agency.

- Never provide personal information to callers, including your name, address, or banking information.

- Be aware of callers who are unprofessional, pushy, or use scare tactics such as threatening arrest if payment is not made.

- Callers asking for payment through wire transfer, cash cards such as green dot cards, or other non-trackable methods are signs of a scam. Legitimate

government agencies will not ask you to provide payment using these methods.

- Do check the caller's information. If they claim to be from a law enforcement agency or other governmental agency, call the publicly listed phone number for that agency to verify the caller's authenticity. Scammers have used the names of actual Sheriff's Office employees in the past so simply verifying that the agency has someone with that name doesn't mean it isn't a scam.

Community members can also report fraud to the Oregon Attorney General's Consumer Hotline by calling 1-877-877-9392.

DEATH NOTICES

HALL—Wayne Hall, 87, of Cottage Grove, passed away July 19, 2019.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, July 27, beginning

at noon at the London Grange, 72746 London Rd., in Cottage Grove.

Arrangements are in the care of Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel.

Laurita Ann (Lundbom) Berg 1932-2019



Laurita passed away May 31st, 2019 at her daughter's home after a long battle with dementia. She was 87 years old.

Laurita was born February 20, 1932 in Cottage Grove Oregon to Einer and Elsie Lundbom. After graduating from Cottage Grove High School in 1950 she worked in Medford as a secretary for a dairy farm before returning to Cottage Grove. There she worked as a telephone operator and also worked in the bean and hop fields in the area.

On May 23, 1953 she married Robert "Bob" Berg of Drain Oregon.

Rita, as she was known, was a dedicated mother and navy wife who raised six children while frequently moving from coast to coast as Bob served as a submariner in the U.S Navy.

After Bob's retirement from the Navy, they settled in Oakville where she was an active member of the Oakville Grange serving as secretary. She also assisted in the annual fourth of July celebrations.

Rita loved gardening, baking, knitting, crocheting, sewing and could even occasionally be found fishing with Bob.

The high point of every summer was camping at Wickiup reservoir in Oregon where family and friends gathered around Grandmas kitchen.

She experienced much joy in her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by Bob who passed in 2012, her parents Elsie and Einar, brothers Richard and Gerald and half brothers Oscar, Roy and Gus as well as grandson Daniel.

She is survived by her sons Mike (Alyce) of Oakville, Joseph (Tammy) of Mystic CT, John (Sheri) of Oakville, Patrick (Donna) of Centralia, James (Carol) of Oakville, daughter Susan (Chris) Kinsman of Mill Creek, sisters Deanna of Oakville and Louise of Port Orchard, and her 18 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be held Aug 3rd, 2019 at 1:30 PM at the Oakville Cemetery with a celebration of life to follow at 2 PM at the Oakville Assembly of God Church 114 W. Cedar St. Oakville WA.

Remembrances may be made to Alzheimer research.



Community input sought for Wildfire Protection Plan update

For residents living in or near a forested area with concerns about the growing risk of wildfire, Lane County and its partners want to hear from you.

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.lanecounty.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 experience 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 prioritize 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 August. Residents living in the wildland-urban interface (typically in unincorporated

rated 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.

Learn more at www.lanecounty.org/fireplan.

Bob Noah 1957-2019



Bob Noah, 62, of Cottage Grove, Oregon, passed away, Monday, July 1, 2019 surrounded by loving family. He was survived by his daughter's, Bretlin Noah and Courtney Rowe.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, July 27th at the Cottage Grove Elks Lodge.

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