

On The Record

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DAMIEN SHERWOOD/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

City workers flushed the water distribution system at the corner of S. 14 Street and E. Quincy Avenue on Oct. 24 to clear build-up of mineral deposits in the piping. Minerals like iron and manganese naturally accumulate in the system and, though still safe to drink, can cause a yellow tint to appear in residents' tap water. The city will conduct flushes on more than 400 hydrants through the city, a process that is expected to take about three weeks from Nov. 4 to 25. Residents will receive notices on their water bills when flushes are coming to their neighborhood.

CG resident thwarts robbery attempts

An attempted robbery on Oct. 24 near midnight at Lucky 7's, a convenience store in Cottage Grove, was deterred by employee Tristan Alexander Scott.

A video, caught by store camera, captured the moment three robbers attempted to remove items from behind the counter when Scott caught one perpetrator by surprise and single-handedly restrained another by the hair.

After a vicious struggle,

the thieves recoiled and escaped into darkness.

Later, around 1 a.m., Scott decided to talk to police about the incident outside his home on his cell phone when he noticed commotion at nearby CG Market & Deli that resulted in a break-in.

Scott identified the robbers as the same perpetrators and alerted police. Shortly afterward, four squad cars descended onto CG Market with officers

ready to arrest those inside.

A K-9 unit was sent into the store through a broken window to help recover the suspects, with two eventually caught and arrested on site.

One suspect was still at large as of Monday.

Video of the events and suspects can be seen online at www.facebook.com/%2Ftristan.wassem.7%2Fposts/%2F2441407702770003&width=500.

Marcia E. Allen 1923-2019



Marcia E. Allen passed away quietly at her home on October 17, 2019, at the age of 96. She was born in Eugene, Oregon, on May 25, 1923, to Andrew Brund, a Danish immigrant, and Grace Marsters Brund, a native-born Oregonian.

Except for a brief time in high school, Marcia lived her entire life in the Cottage Grove area. She married her high school sweetheart, Boyd Allen, on September 19, 1941. They were both lifelong members of the Methodist Church. She began playing the piano for church when she was about 12 years old and continued for many years. When the church purchased an organ, she learned to play it magnificently, and played for weekly services and special events until her retirement.

In addition to being active in the church for her entire life, Marcia was very involved in the community. In 1958, she went to work as a dental assistant with Dr. Dean Webb, and shortly after, with Dr. James Gant. She continued there, becoming a Certified Dental Assistant in 1968, for over 17 years. In 1975 she was hired to teach classes in dental assisting and dental hygiene at Lane Community College. Marcia became very involved with the

Lane County Dental Assistants Association and went on to become even more involved with the Oregon Dental Assistants Association, in which she held numerous offices, including President in 1977-1978. She was an Oregon delegate to 9 American Dental Assistants Association Conventions.

After retiring in 1980, she became an active member of the local historical society. She was the coordinator for research volunteers for the Cottage Grove Survey and Inventory Project for the National Historic Preservation Project. She was instrumental in preservation of the covered bridges and other structures in the area and was a tour guide for local bus tours. The Cottage Grove Historical Society's research library is named the Marcia E. Allen Historical Society Library in her honor. Among numerous other awards, in 2011, she received the Oregon Heritage Excellence Award for her efforts toward historical preservation. She truly believed that "history that is not written down is forgotten."

Marcia and her husband Boyd had 5 children; Carol Jean, Judy (Harvey), Jim (Donna), Steve (Earline), and Cheri (Steve). She had 7 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Boyd, infant daughter Carol Jean, grandson Scott, and great-granddaughter Madison.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, OR.

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'Beds for Freezing Nights' seeks site volunteers

Beds for Freezing Nights is preparing for its 12th season of offering a warm bed on the coldest of winter nights.

A shelter will open at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 1025 N. 19th St. in Cottage Grove, when the average temperature drops below 29 degrees from Nov. 15 through March 31.

Two volunteers are needed to staff the shelter during each of the following shifts: 6 to 11 p.m., 10:45 p.m. to 4 a.m., and 3:45 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Responsibilities include setting up/taking down shelter supplies, checking guests in and out and supervising the shelter. Volunteers are required to undergo a \$10 background check and attend the Saturday, Nov. 9 training meeting at OLPH from 10 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers will be assigned a shift according to their availability when the shelter is activated. To volunteer, or for more information, visit www.freezingnights.com.

Tax deductible cash donations may be sent to BFN (checks made out to Beds for Freezing Nights) at P.O. Box 1110, Cottage Grove, Ore., 97424.

Colleen Frances DeGroat 1935-2019



Colleen Frances DeGroat, 84, of Cottage Grove, OR passed away October 24, 2019 in Cottage Grove following a stroke. She was born in Sweet Home, February 20, 1935 to parents Clifford and Gladys (Howes) Groat. She attended and graduated from Cottage Grove High School, and attended Lane Community College studying psychology. Col-

leen was a wonderful painter and artist. She loved to crochet and read. But most of all raising her 8 children was her priority. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cottage Grove, OR. Colleen leaves behind her children; Patricia Roe Fowler, of Junction City; son David Roe, of the Oregon Coast; daughter Robin Kephart, of Cottage Grove; son John Roe of Springfield, OR; daughter Michelle Peters, of Wyoming; daughter Aysha Al Norri, of Creswell, OR; son Shawn Orcutt, of Yoncalla, OR; and daughter Willow Hurst, of Cottage Grove, OR; and numerous grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held in June 2020. Arrangements are in the care of Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, OR.

James (Bus) G. Shirley 1928-2019



James Gordon Shirley, best known as Bus, was an honorable man who lived his life with high character. He was born February 11, 1928 in Sutherlin, Oregon on the the family homestead. His long and well lived journey on earth ended on the evening of October 19, 2019 in Gresham, Oregon, due the effects of dementia.

The youngest of three, Bus was born to parents, James (Ed) Edgar Shirley and Henrietta Egretta (Redhead) Shirley. Sisters were Marie Louise Haines and Jean Carmen Rowntree. Throughout their childhood and adult lives, Bus and Jean shared a closeness that brought them much joy and comfort.

As a child, and after his father's heart attack, the family moved to Drain, OR. Bus graduated from Drain Union High in 1947. While in high school he fell in love with and dated Margaret (Jo) Joanne Roach.

They married October 22, 1949 and remained in Drain until Bus's enlistment into the Air Force in 1951. After four years, he was honorably discharged as a crew chief for a mid-air fighter jet refueling squadron and at the rank of Sargent. Bus and Jo's only child, Thomas Gordon Shirley, was born in 1954 in Merced, CA. In 1955, and after his discharge, Bus, Jo and Tommy moved back to Drain, Or, where Bus remained until 2016. His last move was to a memory care facility in Gresham, OR, nearby Tom and his family.

Upon Bus and Jo's return to Drain, he began his work life as a successful business owner, first by purchasing the Mobile Gas Station, then the Union Oil Gas Station and finally the Union Oil Bulk Plant.

Jo died of ovarian cancer in 1977. In 1982 Bus married Mary O'Brien who earned the title of the second love of his life. Many times, Bus voiced how blessed he felt to have married two wonderful women. Mary died of dementia in 2015.

Also preceding Bus in death are his parents, sister Marie Haines, sisters-in-law Arlene Ogelsby and Rozelle Vogler; brother's-in-law Bob Thomas, Milo Haines and Monte Rowntree; niece Terry (Thomas) Ben-

nett and grandson Ian Guinto.

Surviving him are his son Tom Shirley, wife Debbie Oleachea-Shirley, Fairview, Or; step-son William Haroun, wife Nadia, Ontario, Canada; step-daughters Marci Fairchild, Genene Johnson, wife Edie Jacobsen, San Diego, CA; grandchildren Jasmin (Shirley) Wright, husband Chris and their children, Logan and Josie; Justin Shirley, wife Stacey Foreman Shirley and their children Skylar and Jackson, all of Troutdale, OR, Lindsay Guinto, San Diego, CA and Alex Haroun and Catherine Haroun of Ontario, Canada; nephews Rick Haines, Vancouver, BC, Gordon Rowntree, Yuma City, CA; niece Darla Abbott, Sparks, NV

Bus was well known as a man of great integrity and with much admired work ethic. As a caring person he would help anyone and everyone, not just in time of need, but simply to be able to help. And the jokes... he always had one, along with a good story.

His legacy will live on on through Tom, Jasmin, Justin and his great grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St, Cottage Grove, OR on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 1:00.

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