

On The Record

Statewide gas tax increases set to begin Jan. 1

The second of four planned increases in the gas tax goes into effect January 1, 2020. The increase is part of House Bill 2017, the "Keep Oregon Moving" legislation passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2017.

Gas Tax Increase Schedule:

- \$.04 — Jan. 1, 2018
- \$.02 — Jan. 1, 2020
- \$.02 — Jan. 1, 2022
- \$.02 — Jan. 1, 2024
- \$.10 Total

For the first time, Oregon lawmakers set requirements that ODOT and Oregon cities and counties must meet in order to trigger the increase.

The Oregon Transportation Commission sent the Legislature a report outlining how ODOT and local governments have met those requirements on November 26, 2019.

Two more 2-cent gas tax increases in 2022 and 2024 are also on deck — but only if ODOT meets additional accountability requirements.

Requirements met:

I-205 Projects

The gas tax increase was tied to ODOT completing two specific projects to help address congestion on I-205.

• I-205 Corridor Bottleneck (\$15.5M): ODOT paved portions of I-205 and constructed new lanes between interchanges in the Sunnybrook and Johnson Creek areas to improve safety and reduce congestion.

• I-205 Active Traffic Management (\$15.2M): ODOT installed signage giving motorists real-time information about travel times.

Road & Bridge Condition Reports:

ODOT worked with Oregon cities and counties to produce a website detailing the condition of the major roads and all Oregon bridges.

The site grades the ma-

see beginning next January as a result of ODOT's work will allow us to make important new investments, including projects to reduce Portland area traffic congestion. It will also allow us to build new and preserve existing transportation investments in every region of the state. We look forward to continuing the work we have been charged with undertaking to keep Oregon moving."

Project Reporting:

ODOT also had to provide a list of shovel-ready projects that could be constructed with additional funds and report on the agency's efforts to address congestion through a number of other important projects in the Portland metro region, including the I-5 Rose Quarter project, new lanes on OR 217, widening of I-205 between Stafford Road and the Abernethy Bridge and implementation of tolling.

How the money will be spent:

Of the nearly sixty million dollars this increase will raise, 20 percent goes to Oregon counties, 30 percent to Oregon cities and 50 percent to ODOT. ODOT will use its share (\$27.9M) of the funds for:

- Highway maintenance (\$1.7M)
- Bridge projects (\$11.2M)
- Seismic projects (\$8.4M)
- Preservation and convert projects (\$6.7M)

"Accountability ensures that our state and local transportation agencies are spending taxpayer dollars wisely," said Governor Brown. "In this report, Oregonians can see exactly how we are building a transportation system that supports economic development, reduces congestion and related vehicle emissions, and creates more sustainable, livable communities," Brown said.

"The Commission is proud of the excellent work ODOT has done to date to implement the 2017 transportation legislation," noted Oregon Transportation Commission Chairman, Robert Van Brocklin. "The additional funding that we will

ing made by Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove, OR.

DEATH NOTICES

FOSTER—Donna F. Foster, 66, of Cottage Grove, died Dec. 13, 2019. Arrangements are be-

Anna Lou Henry 1946-2019



Anna Lou Henry "Heffner" 73, of Cottage Grove passed away December 2, 2019.

Anna was born October 20, 1946 to Harvey and Verna (Reader) Heffner in Lyons Station, PA.

Anna became a Radiology Technician, a job she held for nearly 40 years. She retired in 2007 after 25 years with Peace-Health.

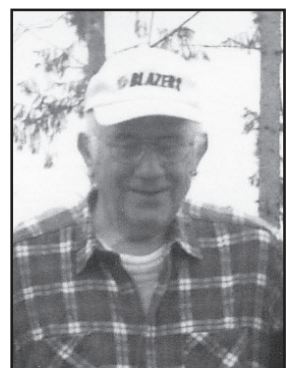
Anna enjoyed working in her garden and sharing its harvest, raising animals and knitting.

Anna was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove.

Anna is survived by her sons Justin Henry for Florence, OR; Jeremy Henry of Tillamook, OR; Jacob Henry (Rada) of Montesano, WA; sisters Gladys Reinert of Huffs Church, PA; Madelyn Spohn of Lyons, PA; Jeanette Winkler of Fleetwood, PA; Marie Wessner of Topton, PA; brother Paul Heffner of Tennessee; and 2 grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church 675 S. 7th Cottage Grove, OR 97424. Arrangements in care of Harrison Family Mortuary of Aberdeen, WA.

Lonnie "Lon" E. Harris 1933-2019



Lonnie "Lon" E. Harris, 86 of Cottage Grove, OR passed away at home on December 12, 2019 from cancer. Lon was born on June 4, 1933 in Smith River, OR to parents Fred E. and Nellie M. Harris. Lon graduated from Cottage Grove Union High School. He married Delsie Mae Roten on November 29, 1959 in Reno, NV.

Lon worked as a mill worker for Rosboro Lumber Company for over 30 years. He enjoyed logging and getting firewood, raising cattle and watching men and women's basketball. Lon is survived by his son, Randall Harris, Ketchikan, AK; daughter and son-in-law, Joni and Scott Wells; son, Mark Harris, Ketchikan, AK; sister, Dorothy Landers-O'Dell, Bonneville, WA; 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Lon was preceded in death by his loving wife of 52 years, Delsie Harris in 2012. A Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Smith Lund Mills Funeral Chapel, 123 S. 7th St., Cottage Grove, OR. Private Family Interment at Taylor Lane Cemetery.

POLICE LOG

Dec. 2

• Theft of property valued at \$2,214 was reported on East Hayes Ave.

Dec. 4

• Unknown persons applied graffiti on East Washington Ave. and East Main St.

Dec. 5

• A loaded firearm was found near Hillcrest Market on South Sixth St. The .22 caliber revolver was listed as a stolen firearm out of the Tualatin Police Department.

• Burglary was reported on Birch Ave.

Dec. 6

• Shoplifting of property valued at \$7.36 was reported at Grocery Outlet.

Dec. 8

• A vehicle was intentionally set on fire causing damage and later a sign in Coiner Park was also set on fire.

Dec. 9

• Criminal mischief was reported for more than \$1,000 of damage done to property belonging to Central Oregon Rail Road.

100th BIRTHDAY



Doris Rawlings

This Sunday, Dec. 22, Cottage Grove resident Doris Rawlings will celebrate her 100th birthday.

Rawlings' family is inviting anyone who cares for and loves Rawlings to celebrate "100 Years of Fabulous!" during a party being held in her honor in the dining room at Middlefield Oaks from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Cake, cupcakes and tea or coffee will be served.

No gifts please — your presence is present enough.

Ethel Elizabeth (Harrison) Deatherage 1929-2019



Ethel Elizabeth (Harrison) Deatherage died on December 11, 2019, at age 90 due to renal failure and complications ultimately related to treatment she received for cancer in 1977-78.

Ethel lived a remarkable life. She was born May 7, 1929, at Wilbur, Oregon near Roseburg to William and Ruth (Buxton) Harrison. Her father died when she was two years old, during the Great Depression. She grew up in a hand-built log house off the grid outside Canyonville, Oregon, and helped support her family as a very young child by picking prunes.

Ethel attended public schools in Canyonville, graduating as valedictorian of her high school class in 1948. During World War II, Ethel joined the Ground Observer Corps of the Aircraft Warning Service as a volunteer spotter as soon as she was eligible at age 14. During high school she did house cleaning and babysitting for local families, and worked at the Rexall Drug Store in Canyonville.

Ethel earned a scholarship and attended the University of Oregon in Eugene for one year before marrying Benson Deatherage in 1948 and returning to Canyonville. For the next several years she and her growing family lived in or near Milo, Myrtle Creek and Tiller in Douglas County before moving to Cottage Grove in 1962, where she resided the rest of her life.

She worked as a secretary at Lincoln Junior High during the late 1960s and early 1970s, then at the South Lane School District Office from 1979 until she retired in 1994. She was selected for Bohemia Mining Days Senior Court in 1994. She was a long-time member of the Calvin Funk Post 32 American Legion Auxiliary,

the Cottage Grove Genealogical Society and several local writing groups, including the Fortnight Society.

She was an avid and accomplished quilter and practiced other needlework arts, participating in many area exhibits and craft fairs. She also enjoyed writing, especially about her childhood, conducting genealogical research, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include Marie Deatherage (Ric Seaberg) of Pacific Beach, WA; Sarah Koss of Longview, WA; Denny Deatherage (Tammie) of Cottage Grove, OR; sisters Hannah Volkman and Frances Gitchel (Chuck) of Renton, WA; Charlena Gale of Corvallis, OR; Cecil Wolfer Jr. of Spokane, WA; four grandchildren Velvet Mission of Irvine, CA; Benjamin and James Deatherage of Cottage Grove; Jeffrey Koss of Austin, TX, 16 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, William Harrison and Ruth Wolfer; her husband of 50 years, Ben Deatherage; son Curt Deatherage; grandson Blaine Deatherage-Newson; son-in-law David Koss; and sisters Marion Harrison and Jane Tourville. She was the last remaining member of her generation in her husband's family.

Burial will take place at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. A private family gathering will celebrate her wonderful life at a later time.

During her remarkable life, Ethel's kind and gentle nature touched many in the community. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Her family members are especially heartbroken, though they are so proud of the exemplary life she led and grateful to have been part of her journey.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvin Funk American Legion Auxiliary, PO Box 4, Cottage Grove, OR 97424 or the Pete Moore Hospice House, 4010 County Farm Road, Eugene OR 97408, where she received loving care during her final days.

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